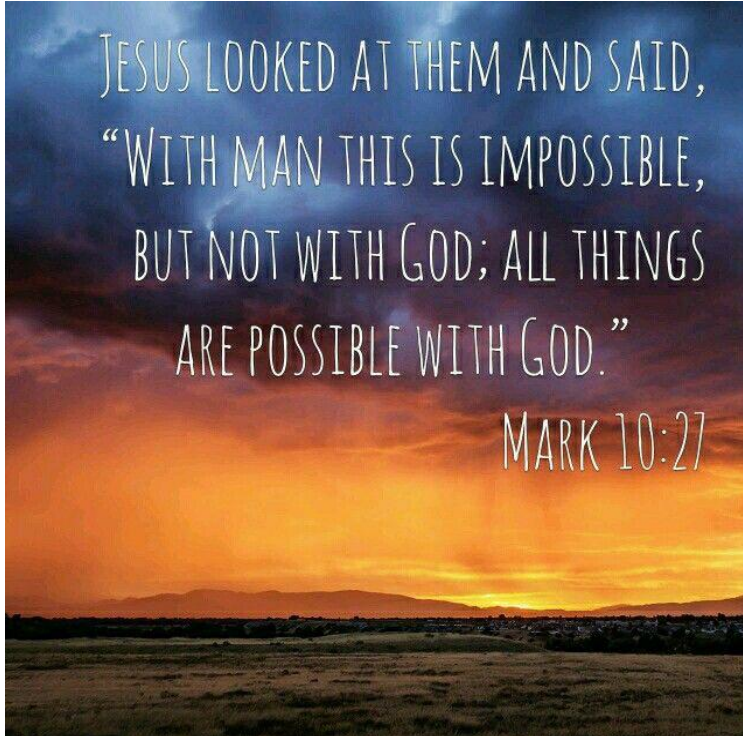


Spreading the Good News of Christ  
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

**“... but not with God ...”**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

**535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601**

**October 14, 2018**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2018**

*Lay Liturgist – Marsha Davis*

*\* Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS     *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:             Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People:             God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader:             How can a mortal receive eternal life?

**People:             For God all things are possible.**

\*GATHERING HYMN:     "Since Our Great High Priest"                             (On Screen)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION     *(unison)*

**OK, God, I admit I only seek your will some of the time. You show me what is good, but I remain enthralled by evil. You have offered me abundance, but I am satisfied with wealth. Forgive me, God of grace. By the power of your Word cut away all that is false, and open my heart to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader:     May the peace of Christ be with you!

**People:     And also with you!**

Leader:     Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

\*GLORIA PATRI

CHOIR ANTHEM

“To Everything There Is A Season”

by Ed Harris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

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*Replying to the third friend's admonitions, Job complains bitterly about the absence of God in his suffering.*

EPISTLE READING:

Hebrews 4:12-16

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*The living word of God is our judge; Jesus is our great high priest.*

GOSPEL READING:

Mark 10:17-31

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*The rich getting into heaven; for God all things are possible; the last will be first in the kingdom.*

SERMON:

“... but not with God ...”

**Rev. Scott Wipperman**

\*RESPONSE HYMN:

“Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now I Come to You”

(On Screen)

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. Amen.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*SENDING HYMN:

“O Jesus, I Have Promised“

(On Screen)

\*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“God Be With You”

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POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:30 am	Scott's General Assembly presentation
		11:30 am	Deacons meeting
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
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<b>Monday</b>	<b>15</b>	11:00 am	Staff meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16</b>	10:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:00 pm	Young Women's Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Session meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17</b>	10:00 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		7:00 pm	"It's In the Book" - AA Group
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>19</b>	12:00 pm	Small Group - Jeremiah study
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
		2:00 pm	"Lost Soles" hike

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## DEACONS-ON-CALL

**Need a ride, a meal or a home repair? Call a Deacon on Call:**

Arlyn "Butch" & Pearle Plowman (449-8705)

## USHERS

### Ushers Today

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord  
John & Carol Gneckow

### Ushers Next Week

Eloy & Lucille Letcher  
Matthew Richards

## FPC FINANCIALS

Attendance last week: 81  
Giving last week: \$7,458.00  
Average weekly giving to meet budget: \$5,406.00  
Through September we have received \$197,749.00 in income, and our expenses have been \$212,683.00 for a shortfall of \$14,934.00.

## PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

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Bob Burns

B. J. Burns

Donna Carey

Elroy Letcher

Doris Casebolt

Joyce Andrews

Yvonne Moody

John Gneckow

Steve Granzow

Linda Granzow

Newell Anderson

Jennifer Massman

Toston LaFournaise

Heather Voeller Waters

Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son

Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother

Susan Byasson, Rose Leavitt's sister

Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law

Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law

Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law

Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter

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## PLEASE KEEP THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Dan Boyer

Rick Kosticki

Barry Mattson

Robbie McCain

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### **PRAYER REQUESTS** - please let us know how we can help:

If you have PRAYER NEEDS, please take advantage of our Prayer Chapel after worship, a peaceful place to commune with God. If you would like to have someone pray with you, please seek out an Elder, Deacon or the Pastor, and they will join you or find someone who will pray with you. Other options to make your prayer needs known are:

1. Prayer request cards are found in a small holder attached to the back of each pew in the Sanctuary, or in the Prayer Chapel.
2. Online prayer requests - go to [fpchelena.com](http://fpchelena.com) and select the button for "prayer" OR send an email to our prayer chain coordinator, Pearle Plowman- [pearlynp@msn.com](mailto:pearlynp@msn.com), phone number 449-8705 -- cell 459-6332.
3. Call the church -- Anyone who answers the phone can either pray with you, direct you to the Deacon on call, and/or pass on the prayer request to the prayer chain coordinator.

# Fall Bazaar



Friday & Saturday, October 26 & 27 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00

PW of First Presbyterian Church of Helena

knitted & crocheted items for babies, children & adults including caps, scarves, blankets & “cocoon”.

Our ever popular Cookie Walk will feature a variety of homemade cookies & there will also be breads & candies available for purchase. There will also be a Silent Auction featuring a limited number of selected items. A successful Bazaar requires the support & participation of our entire church family. So we ask that you help by contributing your handcrafted seasonal & gift items, as well as other homemade items such as jams, jellies, & baked goods.

If you wish to volunteer your time to work on one of our Teams, you may contact Mary Stiles at 443-4953. If you have questions about craft items you wish to donate you may contact Rena Bumgardner at 468-8341. Sign-up sheets for those who wish to donate pies &/or cookies will be posted outside the sanctuary. We ask that any craft or gift items you wish to donate be brought to Potter's House on any Wednesday morning no later than Oct. 17 between 10:00 & noon. If getting your donations to the church is difficult you may contact Carol Gneckow at 422-9914, Lucille Letcher at 465-0467 or Mary Stiles at 443-4953 to arrange to have your items picked up.

We appreciate your support & look forward to seeing you shopping &/or working at the Bazaar!

## Prayer Opportunity

This week we are praying for the wonderful congregation in Dayton. Dayton is located about half way up the west side of Flathead Lake. They are a part of the Flathead Cluster. They are the only church in Dayton.

### Memory Verse:

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

- 1 Corinthians 12:26

### Thought for the Week:

If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.

- Lilla Watson (an Indigenous Australian visual artist, activist and academic)

For over 20 years the Dayton congregation has been reaching out to their community by hosting a Thanksgiving meal for the entire community. This event is highly anticipated by the whole community.

Dave Anson serves as their Pastor. Dave Waterman serves as their clerk.

**P.S. Attn: Quilters** - The Camp still needs about 20 quilts for twin-size beds. The Camp could also use a hutch (4 – 6 ft. long). The hutch will have pride of place in the dining room and will be repurposed as a coffee station. If you know of a hutch that could be donated, please call or email me.

Peace be with you,

~Marsha

## **Called Congregational Meeting - 10/21/18**

We will hold a short Called Congregational Meeting after worship on October 21, 2018. The two purposes of this meeting are:

- To elect a replacement congregational member to the Nominating Committee, and
- To vote on modifications to the First Presbyterian Church's bylaws to bring them in compliance with the Presbyterian Book of Order.

The Nominating Committee has eight members. Two are active ruling elders appointed by Session, one is an active deacon appointed by the Board of Deacons, and the remaining five are elected from the congregation (but cannot be elders currently serving on Session, salaried employees of the church, or the immediate families of such employees.) One of these "at-large" members elected at our February Congregational Meeting has become unable to serve at this time, and so the congregation needs to elect a replacement.

Our bylaws detail "term limitations" for elders and deacons. The Book of Order states that elders and deacons may not serve more than six consecutive years, which differs from the bylaws' definition. Updated language for our bylaws will be presented that will bring them into compliance with the Book of Order. The congregation must approve modifications to the church's bylaws.

**Lost Soles Hike** -- Sunday, October 21. Meet in the church parking lot at 2pm. (event is "weather permitting")

**Scott Wipperman's second General Assembly Review** -- today -- upstairs after the church service. If you missed his first report, you'll want to make it to this one -- very interesting and informative! Light lunch will be served.

# Welcome, Guests!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us. We pray for all of us a spiritually satisfying and challenging encounter with the Living Christ. If you would like to know more about the people and programs of this church, be in touch with our pastor, Rev. Wipperman, 442-4775, visit our website: [www.fpchelena.org](http://www.fpchelena.org), or take a copy of our monthly church newsletter, *The Mustard Seed*. If possible, return next Lord's Day!



## STAFF

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Scott Wipperman
CRE of Pastoral Care	Arlyn "Butch" Plowman
Director of Christian Education	Nicole Carpenter, Pro tem
Director of Music and Media	Les Cramer
Administrative Assistant	Bruce A. Luke
Accounting Services	Jill Lloyd
Organist	Ann Swisher
Nursery Care Attendant	Aleigha Rosencram-Drynan

## ELDERS

Linda Bench - 2019  
Kathy Chambers - 2019  
Marvin Carpenter - 2019  
Dianna Goodman - 2019  
Judy Birch - 2020  
Marshall Gingery - 2020  
Matthew Richards - 2020  
Mary Craige - 2020  
John Coefield - 2021  
Joe Steffens - 2021  
John Warren - 2021  
Mary Wright - 2021  
Elaine Gingery, Clerk

## DEACONS

Rena Bumgardner - 2019  
Joy Edgar - 2019  
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman - 2019  
Ward & Mary Stiles - 2019  
Art Bumgardner - 2020  
Patti Borsberry - 2020  
Rose Leavitt - 2020  
Judy Patton - 2020  
Pearle Plowman - 2020  
Julie Chaffee - 2021  
Candace Coefield - 2021  
Corky Lord - 2021  
Jim & Charlotte Meyer - 2021

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**Weekly Sermon on HCTV Cable Channel 189**  
**Wednesdays at 6:30 PM & Saturdays at 9:30 AM**

