

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

“Self-help Title: *Making yourself Nothing*”

**One of the greatest
challenges in life is
being yourself in a
world that’s trying
to make you like
everyone else.**

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

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

October 1, 2017

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 1, 2017

Lay Liturgist – Praise Team

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“All The World” *Jason Ingram and Sam Mizell*
“Pour My Love on You” *Dan Dean and Gary Sadler*

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

a time of silence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let every tongue confess the good news:

People: Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!

* GATHERING HYMN:

“Here in This Place”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Lord, we know we matter to you. But sometimes we don’t believe that is sufficient. We want to make a name for ourselves; we want to be influential and have power. Help us to rest in your knowledge of us - your *complete* understanding of us - and to see that nothing could be more powerful. *(time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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 PATRIA

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 21:23-32

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EPISTLE READING:

Philippians 2:1-13

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SERMON:

“Self-help Title: *Make Yourself Nothing*”

Rev. Scott Wipperman

*RESPONSE HYMN

“When the Poor Ones”

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THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Offering” by Paul Baloche

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG

“Come Share the Lord”

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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*From “A Brief Statement of Faith”*)

In life and death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God ... We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. ... We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. ... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*SENDING HYMN

“Make Me a Blessing”

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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“He's Got the Whole World In His Hand”

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	1	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	2	10:00 am	Education Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	3	9:30 am	Abigail Circle meeting
		9:30 am	Esther Circle meeting
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		5:30 pm	Personnel Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Elizabeth Circle meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	4	9:30 am	Willing Workers
		11:30 am	Congregational Fellowship Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	5	9:30 am	Rebekah Circle meeting
		11:00 pm	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band
		6:30 pm	AA - District #61 meeting
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book - AA Group
Friday	6	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Sunday	8	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

Deacons-On-Call

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

Carol Gneckow (442-9309)
Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4953)

Ushers

Ushers Today ⁽¹⁾

Linda Bench, Judy Birch
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week ⁽⁸⁾

John & Carol Gneckow
Sheryl Eriksen

Come and enjoy a low-impact exercise that’s easy, free and available to EVERYONE!



Each Tuesday & Thursday, at 10:00 am in Centennial Park by the flagpole next to the YMCA, a group from our church family ventures out into the fresh open air (*now that there is no forest fire smoke*) to enjoy a time of exercise and fellowship as they walk along the park walking path. Come and join them if you’re looking for walking partners...or even if you’re not, because *EVERYONE* is welcome to join and it’s **FREE!!**

Prayers for Strength and Healing

Bob Burns	Gale Johnson
Sally Luke	Newell Anderson
Linda Bench	Toston LaFournaise
Donna Carey	Heather Voeller Waters
John Gneckow	Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son
Doris Casebolt	Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother
Mazie Radcliffe	Susan Byasson, Rose Leavitt's sister
Yvonne Moody	Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law
Steve Granzow	Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law
Linda Granzow	Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter
Louise Cramer	Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law
Jennifer Massman	

Please keep the Military in your Prayers

Dan Boyer	Rick Kosticki
Barry Mattson	Robbie McCain
Grant Demaree	

Prayer Request Cards

If you have PRAYER NEEDS, please take advantage of our Prayer Chapel after worship, a peaceful place to commune with God. And, should you desire, Prayer Request Cards are available in the Prayer Chapel (leave the card in the chapel, and it will be picked up), as well as in the back of the pews (place card in the offering plate). If you would like someone to pray with you, please see the pastor or any deacon or elder.

Adult Studies

Friday Noon at the Church: The Coefields will be resuming their Bible study sessions on the book of Acts very soon. All are welcome to join. Contact John at 465-5308 for the starting date.

Sunday Evening: Marsha Davis will be leading an 8-session study called "The Prayers of the Old Testament" beginning October 1st. Location is to be determined based on the size of the group. Contact Marsha to reserve a book and indicate your interest at 443-1287.

Sunday before Worship: There are a couple people who have expressed interest in a Bible study before worship. A group of 6-8 would be ideal to facilitate discussion. Contact Marsha at 443-1287 to indicate your interest to go forward with setting something up. Time would probably be 8:30 - 9:30 so choir members could attend.

Heavenly Harvest Bazaar!

If anyone has or knows anyone who has, a dress form or mannequin and would be willing to loan it to the Presbyterian Women (P.W.) for the Bazaar, please call Lucille Letcher at 465-0467 or Rena Bumgardner at 468-8341. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUEST

We are continuing to be in prayer for our denomination's six agencies that work on behalf of the whole church.

This week we are praying for those who work at our [Board of Pensions](#) (BoP) which administers the health care and retirement plan for our church. The dues-based plan is grounded in the biblical understanding of responsibility to community, and lower-paid members of the plan and their families receive subsidized pension, death, disability, and medical benefits. BOP traces its roots to the Fund for Pious Uses which was created in 1717 at the first synod meeting in Philadelphia. They have provided 300 years of care for ministers and other church workers.

The BoP also manages the Assistance Program, which helps with specific needs of Presbyterian pastors and other church workers at various stages of their lives. Gifts, legacies, endowment income, and half of the Christmas Joy Offering support the work of the Assistance Program.

Please pray for the good people who help us and serve God through their ministry at the Board of Pensions. You can learn more about the BoP at <http://www.pensions.org>

Heavenly Harvest Bazaar

Our annual “**Heavenly Harvest Bazaar**” will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 20th and 21st. Thanks to all of you who have been so generous in contributing to the bazaars in the past. As you know it takes the entire church to make a successful bazaar. **We need your help and donated items.**

Wednesday Willing Workers spend much of their time throughout the year working on a variety of Mission sewing projects which include sewing baby layettes, making stuffed dolls, knitting prayer shawls and lap robes for nursing home occupants and making quilts, just to name a few. We would greatly welcome any sewing or crafts that **you** might have been working on at home.

Be thinking about what you could contribute to the Bakery. (Bestsellers are: pies, candy, bread, rolls and **LOTS** of cookies)! We need at least 50 pies for lunch to go along with the homemade soups that the kitchen crew will be preparing. Extra pies will be sold in the bakery.

If you have been making jams, jellies, pickles, etc., in your own home, they would certainly be welcome.

Thanks to all for your help!

Lucille Letcher
Bazaar Chair

ATTENTION!!

Starting October 9th we will be defrosting, cleaning and cleaning out the refrigerators and freezers in the church. If you have anything you want to save, be sure to have it clearly marked with your name and date. It may disappear. Also, we will be cleaning all the counter space in the kitchen, because we will be using 6 roasters to make soup and will need the space.

PW Mission Luncheon

Tuesday, October 10, 2017, is the date that the Presbyterian Women will have their Annual Mission Luncheon & EVERYONE IS INVITED! Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon & a program will follow. Pastor Scott will talk about the many mission activities that our Church Family is involved with in the community that are not budgeted for at budget time & that you may not even know about.

We will be celebrating Presbyterian Women's contributions to Local, National, & World Wide Missions & we also will be recognizing the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Reservation Deadline is October 5. If you'd like to attend, please call Rena Bumgardner at 468-8341 or Marie Fuhrmann at 495-9154 to make your reservation. We extend a warm invitation for you gentlemen to join us.

Lost Soles

We'll close out the fall hiking season (unless November turns out to be unusually warm and dry) with a hike and a picnic in the Elk Horn Mountains on Saturday, October 7. We will meet at the church at 9 am and carpool to the trailhead. We will hike into Elk Horns about 3 miles, 1.5 miles gradual uphill and 1.5 miles gradual downhill, to Willard creek. There are some picnic tables there ("naturally occurring" picnic tables I'm sure). We will enjoy a picnic of cheese, bread, fruit and anything else you want to pack in.

After enjoying the picnic and the creek, we will hike back out to the trailhead encountering the reverse up 1.5 miles and down 1.5 miles. The trail is well maintained, and there is a very good chance of spotting wildlife. Bring your own water or drink. This is a scenic hike and you are guaranteed of getting in your 10k steps for the day (along with fantastic fellowship)! Come enjoy and be awed by God's creation.

Memory Verse

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings, I will take refuge until the destroying storms pass by.

- Psalm 57:1

Thought for the Week

Compassion is a verb.

- **Thich Nhat Hanh** (Vietnamese Buddhist monk and peace activist living in France)

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.com, or take a copy of our monthly church newsletter, *The Mustard Seed*. If possible, return next Lord's Day!



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CRE of Pastoral Care
Director of Christian Education & Financial Coordinator
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Kelly Craigle
Ann Swisher

ELDERS

Marsha Davis - 2018
John Gneckow - 2018
Melissa Stiles - 2018
John Warren - 2018
Linda Bench - 2019
Kathy Chambers - 2019
Marvin Carpenter - 2019
Dianna Goodman - 2019
Judy Birch - 2020
Marshall Gingery - 2020
Matthew Richards - 2020

Elaine Gingery, Clerk

DEACONS

Carol Gneckow - 2018
Corky Lord - 2018
Carole Massman - 2018
Jim & Charlotte Meyer - 2018
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

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