

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



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

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

**September 9, 2018**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

*Lay Liturgist – PRAISE TEAM*

*\* Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE:

**“Our God”**

**“Ever Lasting God”**

**“Come Worship”**

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

*a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

\*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

Leader: Be strong; do not fear! God is with us.

**People: The Lord will come to save us.**

\*GATHERING HYMN:

**“As the Deer”**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action; 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Glorious Day”**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

**Proverbs 2:1-2, 8-9**

LEARNING WITH THE CHILDREN

EPISTLE READING:

**James 2:1-10, 14-17**

GOSPEL READING:

**Mark 7:24-37**

SERMON:

**“Christianity 101”**

**Rev. Scott Wipperman**

\*RESPONSE HYMN:

**“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

**“I Surrender”**

\*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:

**“Your Are My All In All”**

\*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**“God Be With You”**

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POSTLUDE:

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>10</b>	10:00 am	Education Committee meeting
		4:30 pm	Worship Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11</b>	10:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		5:30 pm	Administration Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Young Women's Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Mission Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	Building & Grounds Committee meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts

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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12</b>	10:00 am	Willing Workers
		11:30 am	Congregation Fellowship Committee meeting

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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		6:30 pm	AA - District #11
		7:00 pm	"It's In the Book" - AA Group

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<b>Friday</b>	<b>14</b>	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</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:

Ward & Mary Stiles (443-4953)

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### USHERS

#### Ushers Today (9)

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord  
John & Carol Gneckow

#### Ushers Next Week (16)

Elroy & Lucille Letcher  
Matthew Richards

## PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

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Bob Burns	Newell Anderson
B. J. Burns	Jennifer Massman
Donna Carey	Toston LaFournaise
Elroy Letcher	Heather Voeller Waters
Doris Casebolt	Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son
Joyce Andrews	Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother
Yvonne Moody	Susan Byasson, Rose Leavitt's sister
John Gneckow	Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law
Steve Granzow	Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law
Linda Granzow	Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law
Mazie Radcliffe	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.
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**Bruce will be taking vacation from October 8 - 12, we are looking for volunteers to fill in during that time to greet people and answer the phones. If you can step in during that time, please contact the church main office at 442-4775 and let either Pastor Scott or Bruce know what times and dates you would be willing to do so. Thank you so much.**

## Prayer Opportunity

This week we are continuing to praying for one of Glacier Presbytery's partners – San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS). For several years, they have been sending professors to us to teach classes at our camp. We are so grateful for their partnership! In particular, this week we will include Chris Ocker who will be coming here on Sept. 9 - 11 to lead a class on the Reformation (click here for more info). Please keep SFTS and Chris in your prayers this week.

You can learn more about SFTS at: <https://sfts.edu/>

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## FPC FINANCIALS

Attendance last week:	61
Giving last week:	\$9,760.00 (\$4,500 given to Lona's Legacy/Long Term Building designated fund)
Average weekly giving to meet budget:	\$5,406.00

Through July we have received \$147,525 in income, and our expenses have been \$156,524, for a shortfall of \$8,999.

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## Upcoming Events

September 16th. Meet in the church parking lot at 2pm and join in the fun of an easy hike to someplace in the Helena area. Exact hike location TBA.

\*Please plan on attending our **Church potluck -- Sunday, September 30th** following the Church service. It's a fun time for good food and fellowship! And, those who are interested in learning more about our Church and about what it means to be a Presbyterian, are invited to stay for the **Inquirer's Class**, following the meal.

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**, the Presbyterian Women would like to invite everyone to our **Annual Mission Luncheon**. Lunch will be \$5 and served at 12:00 Noon with a program following, and we also will be recognizing the Fellowship of the Least Coin and Thank Offering. **Reservation Deadline is October 4**. If you would like to attend, please call Rose Leavitt at 443-4783 to make your reservation. We extend a warm invitation for your gentlemen to join us also.

## Short Term Proximate Mission Project Opportunity

You need not endure endless hours stuffed like a sardine in an airliner traveling to a faraway continent spending months away from those you love just to complete a mission project. You can go “over the hill” to Basin for a few hours or a day or more to contribute your energy and gifts to the Merry Widow Mine New Worshipping Community’s effort to provide housing for Pastor Ok-Ke Kim. No doubt you have a skill appropriate for this effort: sweeping, cleaning, painting, sawing, nailing, holding, lifting, carrying etc. Sign up; let us know whether you’re available during the week, weekends or both.

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**Farm Bundle Update:** as our gardens grow and we approach harvest time, please remember to support our Farm Bundle project. To date, we have collected \$565 toward the purchase of a \$1300 package. We will continue to collect funds thru the end of September. Thank you for your generosity.

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We are looking for volunteers to assist with **Sunday Camp** on Sunday mornings as well as our Youth Group on Thursday evenings. Please contact **Pastor Scott Wipperman** at the church at **442-4775**.

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***Sunday Camp*** is coming, beginning  
**September 16, get ready  
for an adventure!**

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### Memory Verse:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.

- Hebrews 11:1

### Thought for the Week:

"Don't listen to those who say, you are taking too big a chance. Michelangelo would have painted the Sistine floor, and it would surely be rubbed out by today. Most important, don't listen when the little voice of fear inside you rears its ugly head ..."

- Neil Simon