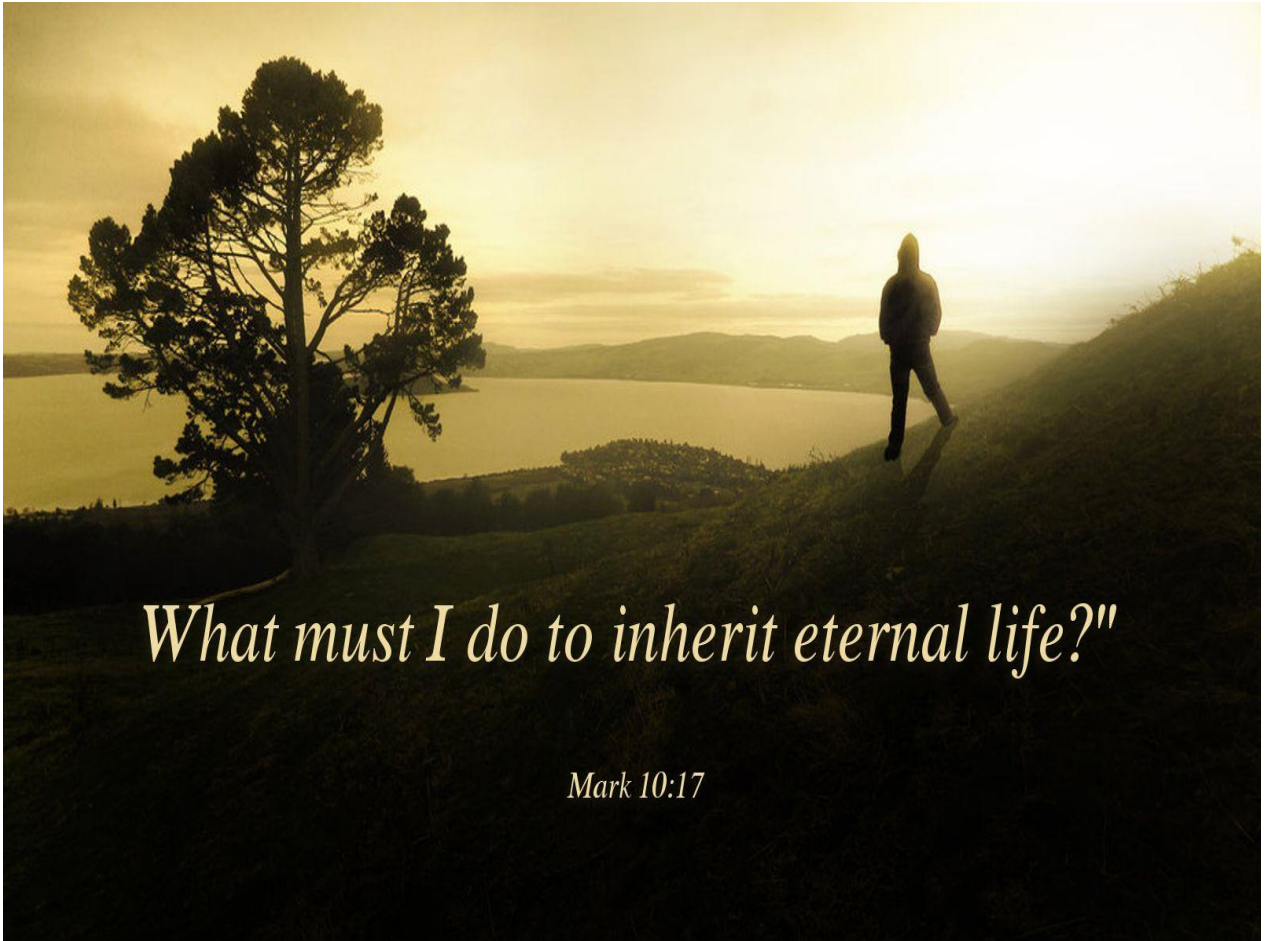


Spreading the Good News of Christ
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

“The Delightful Task of Faith”



What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Mark 10:17

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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**535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601**

October 28, 2018

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Lay Liturgist – CRE Arlyn “Butch” Plowman

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” by Jan Bender (1909-1994)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*unison*) (*adapted from Psalm 96: 1-6, 10-16*)

Sing a new song; Sing, all the earth. Sing and bless God’s name; Tell of salvation from day to day. Declare God’s glory among the nations. Declare God’s marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is God, and greatly to be praised; For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but God made the heavens and all creation. Honor and majesty are before God; strength and beauty are within this sacred space.

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. God will judge the peoples with equity. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

*GATHERING HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” See screen

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

L: O God we bring our broken selves, confused and closed and tired;

P: Then through your gift of healing grace, new purpose is inspired.

L: We bring our broken hopes for lives of dignity.

P: Overworked or unsure you love, and call us to be free.

L: We bring our broken love, friends parted, and families torn;

P: Then in your life and your death we see that love must be reborn.

L: We bring our broken towns and cities, our neighbors threatened, frightened, and angry

P: You show us how brokenness for new life can be used. O Spirit, on us breathe with life and strength anew; Find in us love, and hope and trust, and lift us up to you. (*time for silent confession*)

CONFESSION RESPONSE (*singing*) “Breathe on me, breath of God” See screen

PASSING THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

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

*GLORIA PATRI

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Is There Room For a Sinner?" *by Pepper Choplin*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING:

Psalm 22: 1-15

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GOSPEL READING:

Mark 10:17-31

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SERMON:

"The Delightful Task of Faith"

Rosemary C. Mitchell

Senior Director, Mission Engagement & Support, Presbyterian Mission Agency, PC(USA)

*RESPONSE:

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

See screen

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him" *by Jan Bender*

*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:

"Let Us Build a House"

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*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"God Be With You"

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POSTLUDE:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *by Wilbur Held (1914-2015)*

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, 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	

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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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM
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Weekly Sermon on HCTV Cable Channel 189
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM & Saturdays at 9:30 AM



CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	28	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	29	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	30	10:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:00 pm	Young Women’s Bible Study
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	31	10:00 am	Willing Workers
		1:00 pm	PW Planning meeting
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	1	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		6:30 pm	AA - Group District #61
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
Friday	2	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Sunday	5	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group

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 (28)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman
Mary Wright

Ushers Next Week (29)

Linda Bench, Judy Birch
Mary Wright

Bruce will be taking vacation from November 5 - 14, we are looking for volunteers to fill in during that time to greet people and answer the phones. If you would like to 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.

Don't forget our Pumpkin Patch!

It's open Today 12 noon - 6 pm

Monday - Wednesday 2 - 6 pm.



PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

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
Marilyn Fisher	Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law
Steve Granzow	Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law
Linda Granzow	Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter

PLEASE KEEP THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 and select the button for "prayer" OR send an email to our prayer chain coordinator, Pearle Plowman- 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.

FPC FINANCIALS

Attendance last week:	70
Giving last week:	\$2,861.00
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.

Prayer Opportunity

This week please pray for the congregation in Conrad.

Conrad is located about an hour from Great Falls. They are a part of the Hi-line/Missouri River Cluster. One way this energetic congregation reaches out to their community is by hosting the mid-week LOGOS program which is attended by youth from throughout their community. Every Wednesday night the LOGOS program incorporates recreation, Christian nurture and a family style dinner to help the youth build and strengthen their relationship with Jesus.

They are served by pastor Kirk Kestler and clerk Marla Bruner. Please keep this wonderful congregation in your prayers this week.

Peace be with you,

~Marsha

Memory Verse:

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

-Matthew 9:9

Thought for the Week:

"The way of Jesus cannot be imposed or mapped - it requires an active participation in following Jesus as he leads us through sometimes strange and unfamiliar territory, in circumstances that become clear only in the hesitations and questionings, in the pauses and reflections where we engage in prayerful conversation with one another and with him."

- Eugene H. Peterson

Another Prayer Opportunity:

"In my end is my beginning." ~T.S. Eliot

Monday, October 22, The Year of our Lord, 2018

Dear friends:

The lantern that has been burning brightly on the shore of Flathead Lake all last week - a sentinel witness to the life-light of Eugene H. Peterson - was extinguished today at 6:30 am Mountain Time soon after Eugene took his final breath and commended his spirit to Christ his creator, his beautiful savior, and the forever lover of his soul.

During the previous days, it was apparent that he was navigating the thin and sacred space between earth and heaven. We overheard him speaking to people we can only presume were welcoming him into paradise. There may have even been a time or two when he accessed his Pentecostal roots and spoke in tongues as well. Among his final words were, "Let's go." And his joy: my, oh my; the man remained joyful right up to his blessed end, smiling frequently. In such moments it's best for all mortal flesh to keep silence. But if you have to say something say this: "Holy, Holy, Holy."

It feels fitting that his death came on a Monday, the day of the week he always honored as a Sabbath during his years as a pastor. After a lifetime of faithful service to the church—running the race with gusto—it is reassuring to know that Eugene has now entered into the fullness of the Kingdom of God and has been embraced by eternal Sabbath.

We wish to express our profound gratitude for the ways you have entered into solidarity with us in vigil these days; we felt sustained by the prayers of the Body.

His funeral will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, MT. We are planning to live-stream the service for those who are out of the area. Once we have set a date and time we will let you know.

With full and overflowing hearts, we give thanks for the gift of his life, knowing that his joy is now complete.

Grace and peace,

The family of Eugene H. Peterson