

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

**“Truth Out Of This World”**



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

535 North Ewing Street  
Helena, MT 59601

**November 25, 2018**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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*Lay Liturgist - Rose Leavitt*

\* Please stand if you are able

PRELUDE                    **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation”** by Jan Bender (1909-1994)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING OUR HEARTS                    **a time of silence**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: Who made heaven and earth. - Psalm 124:8, NRSV**

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God.

**People: Who has sent us a mighty savior.**

Leader: Blessed is the Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Who reigns in Glory forever.**

Leader: Let us pray.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*GATHERING HYMN                    **“Jesus Shall Reign”**                    **See screen**

LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION: (*responsive*)

*based on Romans 3:23, Isaiah 1:18; Romans 5:8;1 Timothy 1:15,17; Hebrews 4:16*

Leader: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**People: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us.**

Leader: The Spirit of Jesus brings forgiveness, hope, peace.

**People: Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.**

Leader: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool.

**Unison: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. *Moment of personal confession and reflection***

Leader: Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, “Your sins are forgiven.”

**People: In Christ we are forgiven! Praise be to God.**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

*GLORIA PATRI	“Glory Be to the Father	See screen
CHOIR ANTHEM	“With Joy and Music” <i>by Eugene Butler</i>	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
OLD TESTAMENT READING	<b>Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14</b>	<b>Page 1210</b>
	<i>The Ancient One gives all dominion to a human, coming in clouds.</i>	
EPISTLE READING:	<b>Revelation 1:4-8</b>	<b>Page 1913</b>
	<i>Jesus is coming with the clouds; The Lord is Alpha and Omega</i>	
GOSPEL READING:	<b>John 18:33-37</b>	<b>Page 1683</b>
	<i>Pilate asks: Are you a king? Jesus answers: I came to show the truth.</i>	
SERMON	“Truth Out Of This World”    CRE Arlyn “Butch” Plowman	
AFFIRMATION	<i>PC(USA) Study Catechism Question 47</i>	
Leader:	What do you affirm when you say in the creed that "he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father"?	
People:	<b>First, that Christ has gone to be with the Father, hidden except to the eyes of faith. Second, however, that Christ is not cut off from us in the remote past, or in some place from which he cannot reach us, but is present to us here and now by grace. He reigns with divine authority, protecting us, guiding us, and interceding for us until he returns in glory.</b>	
*RESPONSE HYMN	“Joy to the World”	See screen
INVITATION TO OFFERING		<i>based on 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, Message</i>
OFFERTORY	“Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him” <i>by Jan Bender</i>	
*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God”	See screen
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		<i>Sharing Joys, Concerns and the Lord’s Prayer</i>
*SENDING HYMN	“I Danced in the Morning”	See screen
*BENEDICTION ( <i>Responsive</i> )		
Leader:	Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.	
People:	<b>We go with the assurance of God’s blessing.</b>	
Leader:	Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.	
People:	<b>We go with the assurance of God’s grace.</b>	
Leader:	Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.	
People:	<b>We go with the assurance of God’s love.</b>	
Leader:	In The Name of the Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit go with peace to love and serve the Lord.	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	“God Be With You”	See screen
POSTLUDE:	“Praise to the Lord” <i>by Hans F. Micheelsen (1902-1973)</i>	

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Sunday Camp
		11:30 am	Hanging of the Greens
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>26</b>	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>27</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:00 pm	Young Women’s Bible Study - Library West
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting - Richardson Hall
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts - Noah Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28</b>	10:00 am	Willing Workers - Potters House
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29</b>	11:00 pm	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>30</b>	12:00 pm	Noon Small Group Bible Study - Library West
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Sunday Camp
<i>December</i>		12:30 pm	AA Study Group

## DEACONS-ON-CALL

**Need a ride, a meal or a home**

**repair? Call a Deacon on Call:** Art and Rena Bumgardner (406) 468-8341  
Candace Coefield (406) 458-5831

## USHERS

### **Ushers Today**

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman  
Corky Lord

### **Ushers Next Week**

Linda Bench, Judy Birch  
Mary Wright

## **FPC FINANCIALS**

Attendance last week: 87

Giving last week: \$2,862.00

Average weekly giving to meet budget: \$5,406.00

Through the end of October, we have received \$217,620 in income, and our expenses have been \$234,135 for a shortfall of -\$16,515.

# 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
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

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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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## PDA in Action

Want to help the victims of the fires in CA? You can do so confidently through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). 100% of what you give goes to the victims. The PDA is staffed largely with well trained volunteers, and the administrative expenses of the agency are covered through the PC(USA) budget. Just write "PDA - Wildfires" in the note section on your check made out to FPC. Or, you can go the PDA website (<http://pda.pcusa.org>) and donate there. This is what being a "connectional church" is about. Thanks for your support and help to those in need.

Pastor Scott

## Prayer Opportunities

We pray for all our pastors, congregations, our synod, our PC(USA) national agencies and our partners in ministry.

*Pastor Scott*

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### **Glory - Gratitude - Praise**

Tim Lanham, formerly the pastor of Sunrise PC in Great Falls, is the new director of Glacier Camp (as of 11/19/2018). The camp is hosting a “Celebration of New Beginnings” on Sunday, December 2, at 5:30 pm. The evening will include dinner, fellowship, and a celebration of the new start at the camp. This is the first time we have had a pastor as the director of the camp, and Tim is excited to share some of his thoughts, hopes, and directions for the camp. He is using Isaiah 58:8 “Your light shall break forth like the dawn” as a theme for the evening.

RSVP to either (406) 844-2114 or [info@glaciercamp.org](mailto:info@glaciercamp.org).

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### **Giving Tuesday and Year End Giving**

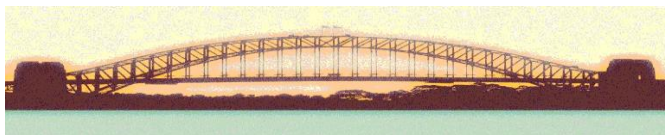
There’s Thanksgiving, and then Black Friday, leading to Cyber Monday, concluding with Giving Tuesday. We move from giving thanks, to shopping, and more shopping, and back to giving. If you are considering giving on Giving Tuesday—then consider First Presbyterian Church! Consider giving to support the life changing message of the Good News of Christ.

You can come into the church on Tuesday and drop off your gift. Or, still in your pajamas on Tuesday morning, then just login into ***fpchelena.org***, hit the “Online Giving” button, and you can make your contribution without leaving your home. Going to be fishing on Tuesday with no internet access? Then do your Giving Tuesday generosity on Monday or Wednesday!

While the Session practices good stewardship of the church and its finances, our ministries require funding. November is a big month for expenses with quarterly and semi-annual payments for insurance and property fees both hitting in this month. Your support is appreciated and needed.

And, if you are planning some year-end giving, we again urge you to include FPC. Help FPC finish the year in the black!

# Bridges



*...building bridges to purposeful aging*

The Helena Community Connections welcomes you to the December Bridges events. Here's what's happening in December:

**Bridges Buffet**--Monthly Lunch and Program series. December 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00 - 1:30 at Covenant Methodist Church 2330 E. Broadway. A catered lunch is provided. We ask that you bring a \$5 donation to offset the cost of the lunch. We are grateful to AARP for its sponsorship. For our Christmas program, you will be entertained by the Express Singers, enjoy local musicians and participate in a sing along of Christmas favorites led by Les Cramer. Register at [bridgeshcc.org](http://bridgeshcc.org) by November 30<sup>th</sup> or contact Marsha for more information 443-1287. Food items for Food Share are encouraged.

**Gentle Ways**--A free weekly workshop led by practitioners who lead gentle stretching, balancing and strengthening exercises tailored to all ages and abilities. Every Tuesday, 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Bring a mat, no registration required. Covenant Methodist Church, 2330 E. Broadway. For more information contact Sandee at 442-1685. Food items for Food Share are appreciated.

**Cranium Café**--A free brain health workshop. December 19<sup>th</sup> 12:00 - 1:30 at Covenant Methodist Church, 2330 E. Broadway. Participants learn and practice brain exercises and gain an improved understanding of the aging brain and how to keep it healthy as one ages. Nanette Whitman-Holmes, Life Enrichment Director at Touchmark, facilitates the session. Bring a sack lunch, other refreshments provided. Register at [bridgeshcc.org](http://bridgeshcc.org) or contact Marsha for more information 443-1287.

(Bridges programs are sponsored by Helena Community Connections, a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.)

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## Memory Verse

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

- Galatians 6:2

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## Thought of the Week

Compassion constitutes a radical form of criticism, for it announces that the hurt is to be taken seriously, that the hurt is not to be accepted as normal and natural but is an abnormal and unacceptable condition for humanness.

- Walter Brueggemann

# 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	Aleighta Rosencrans-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**

