

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**

**December 2, 2018**

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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DECEMBER 2, 2018

*Lay Liturgist – Art Bumgardner*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE:

## WE GATHER

WELCOMING THE LIGHT

**Silent night, Holy night!**

**All is calm, all is bright ‘round yon virgin mother and child!**

**Holy Infant, so tender and mild,**

**sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*PREPARING OUR HEARTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: It was the night when peace was born

**People: (whisper) *Silent night***

Leader: And just as now, the world was torn

**People: (whisper) *Holy night***

Leader: But all was calm and all was bright

**People: (speak) *Silent night***

Leader: The star above gave out its light

**People: (speak) *Holy night***

\*GATHERING HYMN:

**“Still, Still, Still”**

**See screen**

\*THRESHOLD MOMENT

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**I invite you to pass the peace of Christ with your neighbors,  
for each time we connect with one another, peace grows.**

GLORIA PATRI

CHOIR:

**“I Shall Know Him When He Comes”** *by Douglas Wagner,*

*adapted by Charlotte Lee from 15th Century text*

## WE PROCLAIM

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:	<b>Isaiah 2: 1-4</b>	<b>Page 1062</b>
SECOND READING:	<b>Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7</b>	<b>Page 1072</b>
SERMON:	<b>“Calm and Bright: Peace”</b>	<b>Rev. Scott Wipperman</b>

## WE RESPOND

RESPONSE HYMN: **“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”** **See screen**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*let us sing what we believe*)

**“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”** **See screen**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

## WE GO FORTH

\*SENDING HYMN: **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** **See screen**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE:

POSTLUDE:

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3</b>	4:30 pm	Worship Committee meeting
		5:30 pm	Education Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4</b>	10:00 am	Sarah Circle meeting
		11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		5:30 pm	Personnel Committee meeting
		5:30 pm	Young Women’s Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Elizabeth Circle meeting
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5</b>	10:00 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6</b>	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		6:30 pm	AA - Group District #11
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7</b>	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
		5:30 pm	Special Olympics Dinner
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:30 am	Deacons’ meeting
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group

### DEACONS-ON-CALL

<b>Need a ride, a meal or a home repair? Call a Deacon on Call:</b>	Art Bumgardner	(406) 468-8341
	Rose Leavitt	443-4783

### USHERS

#### **Ushers Today**

Linda Bench, Karen Witte  
Mary Wright

#### **Ushers Next Week**

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord  
John & Carol Gneckow

### **FPC FINANCIALS**

Attendance last week:	62
Giving last week:	\$2,081.66
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
Joyce Berry	Toston LaFournaise
Donna Carey	Heather Voeller Waters
Elroy Letcher	Rick Armstrong – Mary Stiles son
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

This week, let us pray for those who are living amidst strife, discord, struggle, conflict, and despair. Let us pray that the peace of this season will push aside their worries and doubts and still their hearts.

*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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## 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 pm** 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.)

# Calm & Bright

Join us for our Advent  
and Christmas services  
praising the “light of  
life”!

Sundays: 10:00 am  
Christmas Eve: 7:00 pm



TODAY we are hosting Family Promise. This is a mission of the church and we will be serving dinner this evening, December 2 and Monday, December 3.

Questions or to volunteer, call Elaine Gingery at 461-0561 or email at [megingery@bresnan.net](mailto:megingery@bresnan.net)

(Lucille Letcher is taking a month off and welcomes prayer and notes.)

## Memory Verse

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

- Psalm 9:9

## Thought of the Week

"Your life and my life flow into each other as wave flows into wave, and unless there is peace and joy and freedom for you, there can be no real peace or joy or freedom for me. To see reality—not as we expect it to be but as it is—is to see that unless we live for each other and in and through each other, we do not really live very satisfactorily; that there can really be life only where there really is, in just this sense, love."

Frederick Buechner: The Magnificent Defeat

Tuesday, December 11th

7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

512 Logan St.

A Benefit For Family Promise of Greater Helena



# John Floridis

An Evening Of Acoustic Guitar Carols  
And Songs Of Darkness and Light  
With Special Guest Percussionist Ed Stalling



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# 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](http://www.fpchelena.com), 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 Craigle - 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 PM & Saturdays at 9 AM

