

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 9, 2018**

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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*Lay Liturgist – Carole Massman*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE:

## WE GATHER

WELCOMING THE LIGHT

*Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!"  
Christ, the Savior is born,  
Christ, the Savior is born.*

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THRESHOLD MOMENT

\*GATHERING CAROL:                      **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**                      See screen

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader:        It was the night when joy 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**

\*CAROL OF CONTEMPLATION: **“While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks”**        See screen

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*GLORIA PATRI



## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		11:30 am	Deacons' meeting
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10</b>	12:00 pm	Elizabeth Circle - Steve's Café on Montana Avenue by Safeway
		6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11</b>	10:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		11:00 am	Administration Committee meeting
		5:30 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
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12</b>	10:00 am	Willing Workers
		7:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13</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>14</b>	1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
		5:30 pm	Special Olympics Dinner
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>15</b>	11:00 am	Choir practice - Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:30 pm	AA Study Group

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon, Elizabeth Circle will meet for lunch at Steve's Café by Safeway**

**Attention members of Sarah Circle. Since our January meeting day falls on New Year's Day, we will meet on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM at the church. We will be studying Lesson 4.**

### 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**

Sheryl Eriksen, Corky Lord  
John & Carol Gneckow

#### **Ushers Next Week**

Elroy & Lucille Letcher  
Matthew Richards

### **FPC FINANCIALS**

Attendance last week:	81
Giving last week:	\$7,930.49
Average weekly giving to meet budget:	\$5,406.00

Through the end of November, we have received \$236,920 in income, and our expenses have been \$260,231 for a shortfall of -\$23,311.

## 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

## Caroling!

If you's like to do some Caroling, meet at the church at 6:30, Friday, December 14. We'll go out and Carol around town and come back for some hot chocolate and cider!

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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:

**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 19th 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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## Help Us Finish Strong

Over the last few years FPC has been catching up on building maintenance that had been differed for some time. Building and Grounds has replaced heaters, water heaters, added A/C to the sanctuary, resurfaced the parking lot, fixed and upgrade outside lighting, secured appropriate storage for outside B&G and Education, repaired the rock wall, capstone, and pillar footings, and much more. This year we have also enhanced our children's' and youth programs, attracting larger participation with both groups. Many exciting things are happening at FPC. And to support all this Session manages the budget very well. In spite of repairs made this year (which are significantly greater than what is budgeted for "building repairs") we are still on track with our overall budget for the year. Unfortunately our receipts are not keeping up with the "faith budget" Session adopted for 2018. Through the end of November our expenses of \$260,231 have exceeded our income of \$236,920 by \$23,311.

Help FPC finish the year meeting our faith budget! Your year-end giving to FPC is greatly appreciated, and will help us close our shortage gap. Additionally, if you had pledged a 2018 Per Capita donation, and have yet to offer it, this would be a great time to make that gift too. Help us end the year in a sound position.



## ANGEL TREE GIVING

Please bring the **Angel Tree gifts** that you have purchased and place them in **the box in the church office**. There is an envelope on the side of this box for gift cards. Your gifts should be **wrapped** and the **tag attached** to the top of the gifts. They need to be in the box on or before **December 16th**. **Thank you** for sharing Christmas with others.

## Calm & Bright

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

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

## Prayer Opportunities

This week let us lift up prayers of joy. Joy over Lucile Letcher’s successful hearing surgery. Joy over the imminent birth of Jaclyn Haven’s first child. Joy over Linda Bench becoming a Great-grandmother in recent months. Joy over finding Charlotte Dike, a wonderful pianist/organist/accompanist, whose first week will be next Sunday. Joys for all those who lent skills they had (and some skills they may not have realized they had) in creating a home for Ok-Kee Kim, his family, and his church in Basin. Joys over our expanding children’s and youth programs, and the staff and volunteers creating this excitement. Joys over Maggie Steffens’ approaching wedding in the new year. And prayers of joy for all the other wonderful, exciting, and amazing things taking place in our church and congregation.

Pastor Scott

### Memory Verse

Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy.

- 1 Corinthians 14:1

### Thought of the Week

The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us.

- 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.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

