

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

## “Coffee, Tea, or ...”



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

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

**February 21, 2021**

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, we lift up our souls and put our trust in you.

Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

O God, lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.

God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble God's way.

(Psalm 25)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess our complicity in the divisions that have wounded our country and our world. We have turned aside from your way. We have failed to love you and our neighbor, neglected justice and ignored your truth. Forgive us, and restore in us your Spirit of compassion and justice-seeking love. (time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SPECIAL MUSIC

**"BE STILL MY SOUL"**  
(Lyrics are included, you may sing long.)

Performed by Libera (choir from London)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Craigle, Liturgist

READINGS:

**Psalm 25:1-2a, 4-10**

**Psa. 25:1** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
**2** in you I trust, O my God.

Do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**3** No one whose hope is in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but they will be put to shame  
who are treacherous without excuse.

**Psa. 25:4** Show me your ways, O LORD,  
teach me your paths;

**5** guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

**6** Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.

**7** Remember not the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you are good, O LORD.

**Psa. 25:8** Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.  
<sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.  
<sup>10</sup> All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful  
for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

## **1 Peter 3:18-22**

**1Pet. 3:18** For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison <sup>20</sup> who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

## **Mark 1:9-15**

**Mark 1:9** At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

**Mark 1:12** At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

**Mark 1:14** After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “**The time has come,**” he said. **“The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”**

SERMON

**“Coffee, Tea, or ...”**

Rev. Scott Wiperman

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Mission Project:** Willis Cruse House

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 the glory forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

# 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, join us again for our next worship service!

## STAFF

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Scott Wipperman
CLP of Pastoral Care	Arlyn "Butch" Plowman
Director of Christian Education	Ashley Burke
Director of Music and Media	Les Cramer
Administrative Assistant	Bruce A. Luke
Accounting Services	Atwood Accounting
Keyboardist	Liz Adler
Nursery Care Attendant	Aleigha Drynan

## **ELDERS**

## **DEACONS**

John Coefield - 2021	Julie Chaffee - 2021
Joe Steffens - 2021	Candace Coefield - 2021
John Warren - 2021	Corky Lord - 2021
Mary Wright - 2021	Jim & Charlotte Meyer - 2021
Linda Bench - 2022	Rena Bumgardner - 2022
Kathy Chambers - 2022	Louise Cramer - 2022
Karen Witte - 2022	Elaine Gingery - 2022
Sheryl Eriksen - 2022	Arlyn "Butch" Plowman - 2022
Mary Craigle - 2023	Patti Borsberry - 2023
Carol Gneckow - 2023	Art Bumgardner - 2023
Rose Leavitt - 2023	BJ Burns - 2023
Carol Stebbins - 2023	Pearle Plowman - 2023
Elaine Gingery, Clerk	

# DEACONS-ON-CALL

**Deacon-on-Call:** Jim & Charlotte Meyer 449-3030

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## FPC Financials

Average weekly giving needed to meet 2021 budget: \$5,392.

For January, FPC received \$13,971 in income against \$17,805 in expenses for a net of -\$3,834. Your continued support of the ministries of FPC is needed and greatly appreciated.

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## PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

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Sally Luke  
Joyce Berry  
Betty Brown  
Elroy Letcher  
Joyce Andrews  
Steve Granzow  
Linda Granzow  
Yvonne Moody  
Newell Anderson  
Jennifer Massman  
Toston LaFournaise

Heather Voeller Waters  
Rick Armstrong, Mary Stiles son  
Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son  
Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother  
Susan Byasson, Sister of Rose Leavitt  
Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law  
Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law  
Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law  
Kristi Armstrong, Mary Stiles daughter-in-law  
Kimberly Krugman, Newell and Bonnie  
Anderson's daughter

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## PLEASE KEEP THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**PRAYER REQUESTS** - please let us know how we can help.

If you have PRAYER NEEDS, please:

- Send an email to our prayer chain coordinator, Pearle Plowman- pearlynp@msn.com, phone number 449-8705 -- cell 459-6332, or
  - 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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## PRAYER OPPORTUNITY:

The almighty and everlasting God, hates nothing he has made and forgives the sins of all who are repentant. May we be created and made new and within us be fashioned anew and contrite heart, that we, worthily lamenting our sins may obtain from God perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

## MEMORY VERSE:

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- **Ephesians 2:10**

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The will for health of the individual must take also the form of the will to improve, raise, and perhaps radically transform the general living conditions of all."

- **Karl Barth** (from *Church Dogmatics*)

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## **WILLIS CRUSE PROJECT**

**Date: February 21<sup>st</sup>. 1 – 2:30.** In case the weather is bad (imagine that in Montana!) our alternate plan will be: same procedure as above. A committee member will come out from the church foyer and receive your items. Please pull up close to the stairs. **Dates: Feb. 23 and 25, 1:15 – 2:30.** These days are **only** if we cannot hold the event on Sunday. (major snow storm and/or temperature below zero)

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### **If You Need to Come Into the Church...**

We are in Phase 2 of the "Reopening of the Big Sky" state plan. If you do need to come into the church we ask that you wear a mask for everyone's protection. If you do not have a mask there is a limited supply on the mantel of the fireplace just inside the door.

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