

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
 8 the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
 9 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
 10 the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
 11 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
 12 the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
 13 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
 14 sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.
 Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.
 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,
 "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Meditation

Prayers of the People & The 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; and lead us not into
 temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the
 power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending

Hymn of Praise

Lift High the Cross

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Receiving the Offering



This Week at FPC

Tuesday - March 9

10:00 am Quilters Guild
 12:00 pm Bible Study
 3:00 pm MT Woman
 Foundation
 5:30 pm WE Team Mtg.
 6:30 pm Resource Team Mtg.

Wednesday - March 10

12:00 pm Scripture & Prayer
 1:00 pm My Glacier Village
 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner
 6:15 pm Worship Service

Thursday - March 11

9:00 am Outreach Team Mtg.

Friday - March 12

10:30 am Sabbatical Team Mtg.
 11:00 am Women Who Read

Sunday - March 14

10:00 am Worship

Women Who Read

Friday, March 12
 11:00 am @ Wheat Montana
 All ladies are welcome! We'll
 discuss the book *Have You
 Seen Luis Velez* by Catherine
 Ryan Hyde. See you there!

Lenten Gatherings ~ Wednesdays through March 24

Join us as we journey with Jesus to the cross. You are invited to participate each Wednesday in the following gatherings:

12:00 pm: Prayer and Scripture Service

We gather in person or ZOOM with the login information emailed each week

5:30 pm: Soup and Bread Dinner

A light meal is offered with rich fellowship taking place around tables on the lower level. COVID protocol is followed through masking and cordial spacing.

6:15 pm: Worship & Communion

Our Taize worship includes Lectio Divina scripture readings which allow for times of contemplation and reflection. Individual plates of bread and cup are provided for communion.

Tuesday Book Study

Beginning Tuesday, March 30, our noon time study we will studying *Kneeling With Giants* by Gary Hansen. This guide to prayer is rooted in centuries of Christian tradition. We will learn how each of these spiritual giants uniquely connected to God through prayer. Books are available in the church office for a suggested cost of \$15.

Spring Community Outreach Projects

We're providing bakery treats to our four neighborhood schools the week before Spring Break. Before leaving this morning please stop and sign the "Thank You" posters! We are so grateful for all their hard work during this difficult school year: administrators, teachers, paraeducators, librarians, and custodial staff!

We will also be delivering 12-15 Easter baskets to three homeless shelters for youth this year. If you'd like to participate, we need toiletries, small games or toys, and gift cards (\$10-\$20) to places like Starbucks, Target, and Subway. And, of course, individually wrapped Easter candy and plastic eggs! Thanks for your help! If you have any questions, contact a member of the Outreach Team (Barb Nelson, Sandy Smith, Heidi Long).

Housing Needed

Barb Crump is a member of FPC Chinook and is moving to Kalispell at the end of this month. Barb is looking for a 2 bedroom/2 bath apartment or house to rent with a garage or carport. It can be in town or out of town. Barb does not smoke, have pets, or kids. If you know of available housing, call her at (740) 851-0461. Thank you for helping out!



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Gathering

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, whose power is made perfect in weakness,
whose wisdom appears as foolishness in this world,
we thank you for the scandal of the cross.
In Jesus Christ, you overturn all our usual ways of behaving and believing.
You scatter our false notions of discipleship
as easily as coins are spilled from a box.
You correct our notions of piety and order with fierce passion.
Do not let your church become content or contained as an institution.
Raze to ruins what is distorted in us and raise us to new life as a community
so that we may be the body of Christ in and for the world.
With fear and joy we ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Prelude

Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
We gather together to sing our praise to God's glory.
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
We gather with open hearts and souls,
to receive the comforting presence of the Lord.
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.
The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
O God, as we gather in gratitude,
may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer.
To you we lift our voices in praise! **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

Confession of Sin

Lent is a time of reflection, preparation and repentance.
As we fix our gaze upon Christ's great sacrifice,
let us examine ourselves and confess our sin before God and one another.
Let us pray.

Merciful Savior, we have been a wayward people.
We were dead in our sin, and you gave us life.
We wandered away from you, becoming exiles,
and you rescued us and carried us home.
We have been sick, broken and needy, and you healed and restored us.
We deserve none of this.
We deserve the penalty you bore on our behalf.
Yet, your love is so deep, your mercy so wide, your embrace so all-enfolding
that you have done for us what we could never do for ourselves.
You have made us your own.
You have forgiven us and loved us.
We receive this gift with gratitude, joy and awe.
For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

Song of Confession

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

~ Sing twice and hum third time ~

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news!
The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen!

Hymn of Praise

God of Grace and God of Glory

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding of your law
that I may observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. **Amen.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.