

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Living Word of God!
Thanks be to God!

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

The Day of Resurrection!

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Receiving the Offering

*Thank you for supporting the ministry of First Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, April 11

This Week at FPC

Tuesday - April 13

10:00 am Quilters Guild
10:30 am Congregation Care
12:00 pm Book Study
3:00 pm Montana Woman
Foundation
5:30 pm WE Team
6:30 pm Resource Team
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday - April 14

12:00 pm Scripture & Prayer
1:00 pm My Glacier Village
3:30 pm Outreach Team

Thursday - April 15

10:00 am Ruth Circle
1:00 pm Naomi Circle
1:30 pm Martha Circle

Friday - April 16

11:00 am Montana Woman
Foundation

Sunday - April 18

10:00 am Worship



Flathead Food Bank
*Thank you for helping to
feed the hungry!*
April's Request
Tomato Products

Presbyterian Women's Circles ~ April 15

Ruth 10:00 am in the Fireside Room
Hostess—Mary Gibson Study—Sandy Manno
Martha 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room
Hostess and Study—Sharon Chase
Naomi 1:30 pm in the parlor
Hostess—Rhudi Miller

Cowboy Up 14th Annual Auction

Virtual Fundraiser for the Samaritan House



April 10-20, 2021

Place your bids at:

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Auction packages with live bidding and

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www.samaritanhousemt.com 406-257-5801

St. Matthew's Catholic Church

invites you to a **SPRING BENEFIT CONCERT**

Held at St. Matthew's Church Friday, April 16—7:00 pm

To support scholarships for St. Matthew's School and the final phase of St. Matthew's campus restoration. No charge, however a freewill offering will be collected.

Adult Education Opportunities

Tuesday Noonday Book Study

Our new study is *Kneeling With Giants* by Gary Hansen. This guide to prayer is rooted in centuries of Christian tradition. All are welcome to join us. Books are available in the office.

The Psalms Wednesdays at 12:00 pm

Join us in-person or via Zoom as we gather to study the Psalms and pray together. Links will be emailed each week. There is much laughter and love to go around as we read the Psalms gleaning insights into the Word of God from Pastor Glenn and each other.

TIM (Theology In Ministry) Talks

Mark your calendar — coming April 25-27 at Glacier Camp! See your newsletter for more information!

Gathering

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Holy God, it is a privilege to be gathered for no other purpose than to worship you.
We honor you as Creator,
and thus remember that we are part of your story and your history.
We praise you as Sustainer,
and thus renew our gratitude for all you provide
and the abundance of blessings you give,
as well as recall our responsibility to share generously and joyfully with others.
We bless you as Redeemer, and thus rejoice that we live as forgiven people.
Thank you that you continue to speak,
to make yourself known to us and to reveal your purposes for this world.
Thank you for inviting us to be part of what you are doing,
and as we encounter you this morning,
impress upon our hearts the response you desire from us.
Amen.

Prelude

Call to Worship

In the beginning . . .
In the beginning God created.
In the beginning was the Word.
Darkness was in the beginning.
Then God said: "Let there be light!"
God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.
The Word was God.
In the Word was life and that life was the light of all.
We have seen the Word of life and he is the light of the world.
If we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another.
Whoever claims to live in the light must walk as Jesus walked.
We are people of the light!
Let us walk in that light by obeying the Word.

Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

Confession of Sin

Beloved, we are God’s children because of the love God has for us,
yet we sometimes fail to respond to God’s outpouring of love.
Let us come to God in prayer as we confess our sin.
Merciful and loving God, your love for us is unconditional,
yet our love for you, for others and for ourselves is often marred.

We allow prejudice and pride to blind us;
our brokenness remains unhealed;
we cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation.
Forgive us, we pray,
for failing to trust you,
for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of your Spirit,
for withholding forgiveness and grace from ourselves and others.
Let your love renew us yet again.
Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead
rekindle creative life within us and restore right relations among us.
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us.
Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

God of all who doubt and believe,
by the gift of your Holy Spirit enable us to hear with your ears,
to see with your eyes, and to touch with our hands
your Word of life ~ Jesus Christ ~ our Lord and our God. Amen.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have
seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the
word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to
you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — we declare to you
what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly
our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these
things so that our joy may be complete.