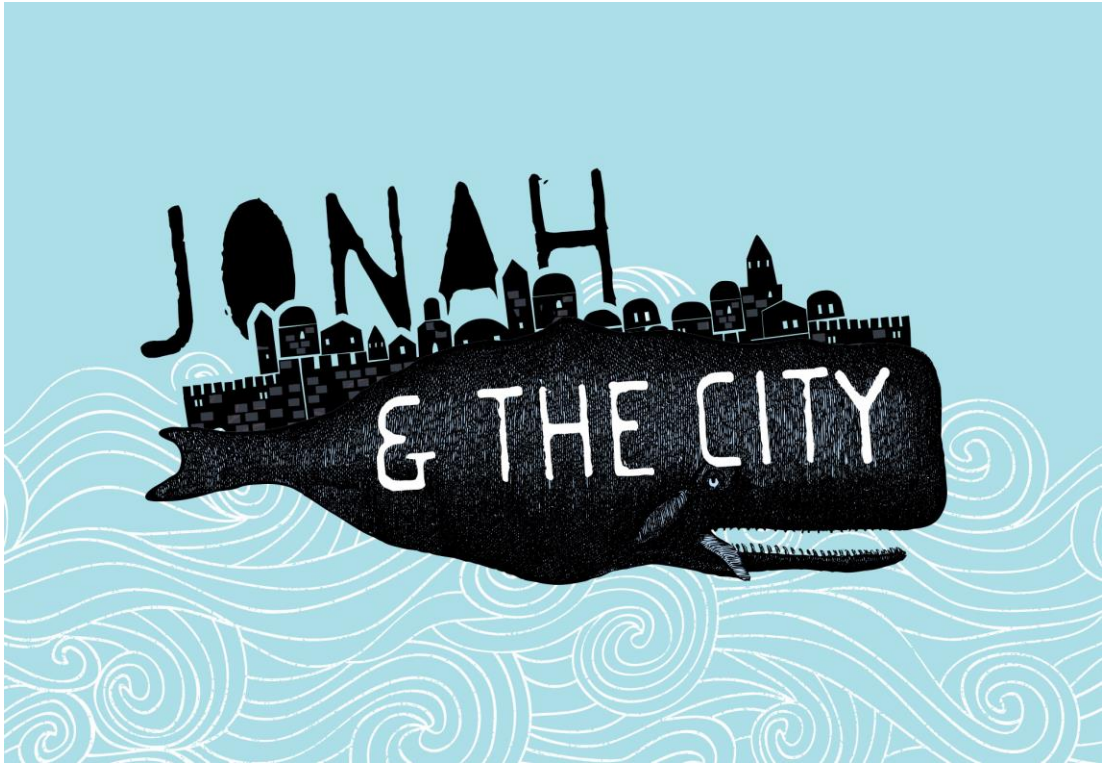


Jonah 3

The Conversion of Nineveh




August 30, 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*At the end of summer, we are a mix of melancholy and excitement.
Holy Spirit, inspire our trust in you even as seasons and schedules change.*

Jesus calls us to deny self and follow him in the way of the cross. May this worship strengthen us to serve our neighbors in love. **Welcome.** With voices full of excitement, attitudes full of enthusiasm, and spirits full of joy let us actively give our worship to God.

Be sure to check-in through **Social Media** or text message to let your family members, friends and followers know you are here to praise God. And like us on Facebook.

Please use the time before worship begins to prepare yourself for your **offering of worship** to God. Feel free to listen to music; read and meditate on the Scripture reading for today; or silently meditate on God's grace, emptying your mind of all distractions.

Those who helped to prepare and lead worship this morning are Butch Steele, April Hansen, Deb Skinner, Joan Schmidt, Dave Dobbs, Alex Rosenleaf, Johnny Ritchie, and John Ritchie.

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* Please stand as able

*We are the Body of Christ
Joyfully Worshiping God
Compassionately Caring for One Another
Humbly Serving God
Continually Growing Together in God's Word
And Actively Sharing the Good News of Christ

May our worship be pleasing to God!*

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone the Glory), Camil Van Hulse

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Leader **People**)

Psalm 1:1-3

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

*Hymn of Praise #10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

*Call to Confession #695

Change My Heart, O God

*Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

Forgiving God,

we repent of all the ways we turn from you.

You call,

but we do not listen;

you show us your path,

but we prefer our own way.

You give us good news to share,

yet we often remain stubborn and silent.

Forgive us,

heal us,

and lead us back to you,

that we might show mercy to others.

In Jesus' name we pray...

(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)

*Assurance of Forgiveness (Leader **People**)

Friends, hear the good news:

Jesus has broken the power of sin and evil
and has opened to us the way of eternal life.

In the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

*Praising God for God's Forgiveness #654

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Message in Music

Nineveh!, Kathie Hill

Scripture & Message

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RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*Affirmation of Faith (**Unison**)

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Hymn of Response #805

Come Sing to God (Psalm 30)

Offering

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing, Arr. Dale Wood

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:2-4)

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

Amen.

SENDING FOR SERVICE

*Sending Hymn #772

Live into Hope

*Charge

*Blessing

*Postlude

Trumpet Tune, Henry Purcell

May our service be pleasing to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our times of worship are now **live-streamed** on our YouTube channel; search for “First Presbyterian Church Great Falls MT” on the YouTube website. Recordings of previous live-streams will remain on our YouTube channel. Links to both live-streams and recordings will be posted to our Facebook page.

Jonah: A Prophet on the Run Join us for a study of the book of Jonah Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. (or Sundays at 8:15 a.m.) What are the messages of judgment and grace to us today from this rebel prophet? Let John or the office know if you need the Zoom link sent to you. Videos of all session will be posted to our YouTube page after the Sunday class.

Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to the church office or made online through our website.

If you are not receiving **emails**, please send your current email address to the office, secretary@firstpresgfmt.org.

Due to a scheduling error, our **Gates of the Mountains** boat trip has been rescheduled to today. We will leave the church at 12:00 noon, take the 2:00 p.m. cruise, and return to the church around 6:00 p.m. If you do not already have a ticket, you may purchase one online at www.gatesofthemountains.com (make sure you purchase for August 30 at 2:00 p.m.). Please bring your own lunch and drinks, there is a restaurant on site.

Upcoming **Adult Education** opportunities beginning in September include “What It Means To Be Presbyterian” and “Creeds and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA)”. Stay tuned for more information.

Souler Energy, our weekly Sunday Worship broadcast, can be viewed every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on KFBB TV Channel 5 (cable channel 9).

COMING WORSHIP THEMES

Next Sunday, September 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 4

Jonah's Anger & Jonah is Reproved

Communion

September 13, 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Nicene Creed – Is Jesus God or

Human?

September 20, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Beth McCaw will be Preaching while John

is on Vacation

September 20, 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~~The Nicene Creed – Is Jesus God or~~

~~Human?~~

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom Unless Noted

Sunday, August 30	8:15 a.m.	Jonah Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Tuesday, September 1	12:00 noon	Gates of the Mountain Boat Trip
	12:00 noon	Souler Energy Committee
Wednesday, September 2	7:00 a.m.	Men's Group
Thursday, September 3	10:00 a.m.	Jonah Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Next Sunday, September 6	8:15 a.m.	Jonah Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom Unless Noted

Tuesday, September 8.....	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
	Property Committee, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 10	Spiritual Life Committee, 12:00 noon
Tuesday, September 15	Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 22	Board of Deacons Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 1.....	Worship Committee, 5:00 p.m.

The Officers and Staff of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to this time of worship and invite you to join us in ministry!

Head of the Church

Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior

Session

John Ritchie (Moderator)

Ginger Blevins	Sara Buley	Mary Fagenstrom	Scott Royce
Alissa Brown	Rees Davies	Kathy Herman	Dean Schamp
Jan Brown	Dave Dobbs	Randy Houtz (Clerk)	

Deacons

Stuart Brown	Shirley Davis	Chris Pfof	Robb Sparks
Bruce Buer (Mod.)	Tom Hazen	Deb Skinner	Marla Wilckens
Kitty Cornwell	Dave Herman		

Staff

Rev. John E Ritchie, Pastor (906-322-9490)	Butch Steele, Worship Video Coordinator
Alissa Brown, CE Director	Alex Rosenleaf, Choir Director
Joan Schmidt, Ministry of Music	Kari Rosenleaf, Bell Choir Director
Craig Anton, Facilities Manager	Laura Jerome, Praise Band Director
Faith Janes, Secretary	Brittany Collins, Nursery
Liza Nosich, Treasurer	

Learning – and Laughing - On the Fly Faced with the sudden move to livestreamed church services, many pastors and worship leaders had to learn new technology quickly during the pandemic. As they were “winging it,” bloopers and bobbles added levity to the tense time. For instance, a fake tree fell on a drummer while a worship song was being broadcast from Georgia. After getting too close to a candle, a vicar in England had to pause to extinguish flames from his sweater. And several preachers appeared on screen with cartoon-like features after inadvertently turning on social media filters. “This wasn’t planned,” wrote the pastor about the falling ficus, which didn’t cause injury but quickly went viral. “But God used it to bring laughter to the hearts of many. For that, we are thankful.”