

Philippians 4:1-9 Warrior




October 11, 2020
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*Dear Jesus, show me who needs a special reminder of your love today,
and help me share it.*

“O LORD...[we] will exalt you, [we] will praise your name.” (Isaiah 25:1, NRSV)
Welcome, friends, as we gather to exalt and praise God. 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.

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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

Adoration, Louis LeFebure-Wely

Welcome

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

You have been called to the banquet.

This is the feast.

You have been summoned to the wedding.

This is the feast of life and light.

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

We have come to the banquet that has no end.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Hymn of Praise #821**

How Can I Keep from Singing

***Call to Confession**

Let us come before the throne of God,

The mercy seat,

With all of our humanity,

Open to the peace of promised forgiveness.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

You invite us to your feast, O God,

And we do not come.

You beg us to give thanks for life,

And we fail in our thanksgiving,

You have made for us a wonderful earth,

And we neglect the gift.

Forgive us for what we have done

And for abandoning the pathway you desire for us.

Be our guide and conscience.

Turn our feet and hands to your will,

That all we do might give glory to you...

(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity,
hears our plea.

In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving,
in the mercy of Almighty God,
We are forgiven!

For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior,
who died and rose from the dead
to destroy the shroud of despair,
Rejoice!

*Praising God for God's Forgiveness #654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* (France)

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Message in Music

He Looked Beyond My Fault, Dottie Rambo

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture & Message

Philippians 4:1-9
Warrior

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*Affirmation of Faith (Leader **People**)

The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.116

Why do Christians need to pray?

**Because prayer is the most important part
of the thankfulness God requires of us.**

**And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit
only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly,
asking God for these gifts
and thanking God for them.**

*Hymn of Response #472

Kum ba Yah

Offering

Air (from *Concerto No. 12*), G.F. Handel

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 #804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

*Charge

*Blessing

*Postlude

Walk in the Light, Healey Willan

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.

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.

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).

Upcoming **Adult Education** opportunities:

“What It Means to Be Presbyterian” If you have been wondering what it means to be a Presbyterian in the Presbyterian Church (USA), or desire a refresher course, join Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. as we discover what makes us unique as Presbyterians. (Eventually, we’ll discover which method of making coffee best describes the PC(USA)!) This class will begin meeting on Zoom. When Midweek Ministry begins, there will be limited seating available in the church library. Let John or the office know if you need the Zoom link sent to you, and videos of all sessions will be posted to our YouTube page.

“Creeds and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA)” Join us for a study of the *Book of Confessions*, the first part of the Constitution of the PC(USA), on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. or Sundays at 8:15 a.m. It will be helpful to have a copy of the Book of Confessions. We have several copies available, or a free pdf can be downloaded from www.pcusastore.com. This week we’ll learn about the history and purpose of The Second Helvetic Confession. Next week, we’ll focus on The Westminster Confession of Faith, The Shorter Catechism, and the Larger Catechism. Let John or the office know if you need the Zoom link sent to you, or if you would like a physical copy of the *Book of Confessions*. Videos of all sessions will be posted to our YouTube page after the Sunday class.

COMING WORSHIP THEMES

Next Sunday, October 18, 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:15-22

The Question about Paying Taxes

October 25, 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reformation Sunday

Matthew 22:34-46

Reformed and Always Reforming

November 1, 2020

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints’ Day

Communion

1 John 3:1-7

Children of God

November 8, 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 25:1-13

Faithful Preparation

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom Unless Noted

Today, Sunday, October 11		John is on Vacation through October 15
	8:15 a.m.	Creeds & Confessions Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Monday, October 12	6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee
Tuesday, October 13	4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wednesday, October 14	7:00 a.m.	Men's Group
	6:00 p.m.	MidWeek Ministry
	6:30 p.m.	What It Means To Be A Presbyterian Class
Thursday, October 15	10:00 a.m.	Creeds & Confessions Class
Next Sunday, October 18	8:15 a.m.	Creeds & Confessions Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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Tuesday, October 20	Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27	Board of Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 5.....	Worship Committee, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 10	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
	Property Committee, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 12.....	Spiritual Life Committee, 12:00 noon
Saturday, November 14	PW, 9:30 a.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

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Keyna Myers, Office Manager	Kari Rosenleaf, Bell Choir Director
Faith Janes, Publications Secretary	Johnny Ritchie, Music Assistant & Praise Band Director

Learning from Autumn Leaves Every fall, I marvel at the beautiful leaves, studying the intricate shapes and God's creative, colorful displays. Despite its deterioration, the foliage reveals splendor — mere months after bursting out in spring and providing summer shade. I often think I'm like an autumn leaf. Through many seasons, God has transformed me from a self-absorbed person to one who trusts his steadfast promises. Winter is approaching for me too. Yet the Holy Spirit keeps molding me to reflect God's goodness and beauty. During the autumn of my life, I pray that God helps me embrace changing seasons while reflecting his love and light to all.

—MaryAnn Sundby