

Psalm 104:30
John 16:13
Acts 13:1-4
Attributes of the Holy Spirit



January 17, 2021
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

As we prepare our hearts for worship today, we pray like young Samuel: “Speak, for your servant is listening.” (1 Samuel 3:10)

Welcome as we thank and worship God for God’s wonderful works and listen for God’s word to us today. With voices full of excitement, attitudes full of enthusiasm, and spirits full of joy let us actively give our worship to God.

Last week, how did the Holy Spirit breathe life into you? When did the Holy Spirit breathe renewed life in you? How did the Holy Spirit breathe empowerment in us to do God’s mission?

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

Cantilena, Josef Rheinberger (Opus 148)

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Leader **People**) see 1 Samuel 3:1-20

God calls us by name, and we answer, “Here I am!”

God calls us by name, and we say, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Let us worship the God who calls us, and claims us.

*Hymn of Praise #280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

*Call to Confession (Leader **People**)

see Isaiah 40:27-28

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth,

whose wisdom is endless,

whose mercy is great.

Trusting in God’s grace,

we confess our sin...

*Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

God of abundant mercy,

you embodied love for us in the life of Jesus.

You ate with sinners and shared with outcasts.

You loved with boldness and healed with grace.

Forgive us, O God,

when we do not trust your love:

when we doubt whether we are worthy of your care.

Forgive us, O God,

when we try to cheapen love:

when we limit love to shallow feelings instead of bold actions.

Help us, O God,

when we cannot feel your love,

when we are isolated, afraid, and unable to see your presence.

Forgive us, O God,

of the ways we fall short.

Free us to try again,

and let your Spirit lead the way...

(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)

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

see Isaiah 40:31

Those who trust in the Lord
will renew their strength.

**They will rise up to fly like eagles,
they will run and not be weary,
they will walk and not grow faint.**

In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Praising God for God's Forgiveness #581

Glory Be to the Father

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Message in Music

Free at Last, Roger Miller

Prayer for Illumination #288

Spirit of the Living God

Scripture & Message

Psalm 104:30

John 16:13

Acts 13:1-4

Attributes of the Holy Spirit

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*Affirmation of Faith (**Unison**)

The Apostles' Creed, 2.3

**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 #293

Loving Spirit

Offering

Offrande, Flor Peeters

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

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 #840

It Is Well with My Soul

*Charge (Leader **People**)

We are the Body of Christ;

Joyfully worshiping God,

compassionately caring for one another,

humbly serving others,

continually growing together in God's Word,

and actively sharing the Good News of Christ.

*Blessing

*Response #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (refrain)

*Postlude

Finale (from *Concerto No. 5*), G.F. Handel

May our service be pleasing to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

As the session continues to discuss the budget for 2021, be on the lookout for the 2021 **Stewardship** Brochure and Pledge Card coming soon!

Our times of worship are **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 upcoming live-streams can be found on our website and in the weekly Saturday morning email.

Mid-Week Ministry has been eating take-out pizza and sandwiches. If individuals, committees or groups would like to help with dinners, they could provide full or partial meals. A group could provide most of the items on the menu, or individuals could bring cooked hamburger in 1-pound bags, ready to use or be frozen for future use. Menu suggestions are available. This would be a BIG help! Questions?? Call Sara Buley, 406-788-3370, or Alissa Brown, 406-231-2348. Thank you!

If you are not receiving **emails**, including the Saturday morning “Church Update”, please send your current email address to the office, secretary@firstpresgfmt.org.

Our **Sailboat Church** journey is under way. But it is not too late to climb aboard and join us on a journey that will help us rethink our mission and practice as a congregation. The Sailboat Church is a time for us as a congregation, as well as individuals, to open ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, giving us the power to move into the future as the disciples of Jesus God is calling us to be. The more of us who participate, the better. Let the office know if you have not received a book. It's also not too late to join a small group discussion crew, call the office to do so. Crews are scheduled for Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Mondays at 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.; Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.; Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.; Fridays at 4:00 p.m.; and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

While we welcome those who wish to join us for worship in the **sanctuary** on Sunday mornings, please be reminded of the precautions the session has put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic: seating in the sanctuary is limited as we honor the 6 feet of social distancing; everyone's temperature will be checked upon entering the building; masks are required while in the building; pew supplies have been removed; singing is prohibited; bulletins will be available after worship when exiting the building; prolonged socializing in the building is discouraged; gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer are readily available.

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, January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Works of the Holy Spirit

January 31, 2021

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gifts of the Holy Spirit

February 7, 2021

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Galatians 5:16-26
Fruit of the Holy Spirit
Communion

February 14, 2021

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
Representations of the Holy Spirit

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom Unless Noted

Today, Sunday, January 17	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 13 10:00 a.m. Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time 11:30 a.m. Sailboat Church Crew 1
Monday, January 18	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 14 9:30 a.m. Sailboat Church Crew 2 7:00 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 3
Tuesday, January 19	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 15 2:00 p.m. “Stepping Up” Bible Study by Beth Moore 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting
Wednesday, January 20	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 16 7:00 a.m. Men’s Group 2:00 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 4 6:00 p.m. Mid-week Ministry
Thursday, January 21	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 17 10:00 a.m. Sailboat Church Crew 5
Friday, January 22	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 18 4:00 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 6
Saturday, January 23	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 19 1:00 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 7
Next Sunday, January 24	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 20 10:00 a.m. Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time 11:30 a.m. Children & Youth Ministries Committee 11:30 a.m. Sailboat Church Crew 1

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom Unless Noted

Tuesday, January 26.....	Board of Deacons Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 2.....	Souler Energy Committee, 12:00 noon
Thursday, February 4.....	Worship Committee, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 9.....	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m. Property Committee, 5:30 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

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

Waiting Until God Is Heard We're often taught that prayer is speaking to God. And of course, that's part of it. It's good to pray for the well-being and needs of others – even Jesus prayed for his disciples. It's okay to pray for our own growth in faith and love. It's a wonderful, powerful thing, modeled especially by the Psalmists, to give God thanks and praise. And God welcomes our cries of pain and sorrow, offering the Spirit's help when words fail us. (Romans 8:26) But through the ages, many deeply faithful followers of Christ have practiced contemplative prayer, centering prayer and other forms of stillness before God. Danish theologian Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) expressed it this way: "To pray does not mean to listen to oneself speaking. Prayer involves becoming silent, and being silent, and waiting until God is heard."