

**LUKE 1:41-42, 67**  
**JOHN 15:26**  
**ACTS 20:28**  
**ROMANS 8:26-27**  
**WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**




**January 24, 2021**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**First Presbyterian Church**

1315 Central Avenue  
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Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

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## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

*God, thank you for your mercy to Jonah, Nineveh and us.*

*May we learn from them to follow your will. Amen.*

We gather to worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Welcome** to all, dear family of Christ. 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 attributes of the Holy Spirit give you life? Reveal to you truth? Guide you in your life?

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

Gathering Music

*Above All  
Shine, Jesus Shine  
Breathe*

Welcome

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

We gather around the words of Jesus:

**“Come, and follow me.”**

We gather around the voice of the Spirit:

**“Come, and follow me.”**

Let us worship God together

**and follow Christ into the world,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

**\*Song of Praise**

*Wind, Wind Blow on Me*

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

see Psalm 62:8

Trusting in the promise of grace,

**we pour out our hearts before God  
who is a refuge for us.**

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**O Holy God,**

**you called the disciples to drop what they were doing and follow you,  
yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives.**

**We distract ourselves from your call with busyness,  
stress,  
and worry.**

**We tangle ourselves in webs of racism,  
sexism,  
and hatred**

**that disguises itself as fear.**

**Forgive us, O Lord,**

**and by your forgiveness,**

**open our ears to hear your voice saying to us,**

**“Follow me”...**

*(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)*

\*Assurance of Forgiveness (Leader **People**)      see Matthew 9:22, Mark 2:5, Luke 7:19, John 8:11

This is the word of the Lord:

**“Take heart...your faith has made you well.”**

**“Your sins are forgiven.”**

**“Your faith has made you well.”**

**“Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”**

in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life.

\*Praising God for God’s Forgiveness

*Holy Spirit Rain Down*

### **HEARING THE GOOD NEWS**

Message in Music

*Holy Spirit, Torwalt*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture & Message

Luke 1:41-42, 67

John 15:26

Acts 20:28

Romans 8:26-27

Works of the Holy Spirit

### **RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS**

\*Affirmation of Faith (**Unison**)      The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.052, adapted

**The Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, everywhere present, and is the source of all good thoughts, pure desires, and holy counsels in people. By the Spirit, the prophets were moved to speak the Word of God, and all the writers of the Holy Scriptures inspired to record infallibly the mind and will of God. The dispensation of the gospel is especially committed to the Spirit. The Spirit prepares the way for it, accompanies it with persuasive power, and urges its message upon the reason and conscience of people.**

\*Song of Response

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Offering

*Spirit of the Living God*

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 Song

*Sailing on the Promises (Standing on the Promises)*

\*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)*

\*Sending Music

***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](http://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!

**Listen: Praying in a Noisy World** is our Lenten theme this year. This 40-day experience will assist us in knowing how to pray, and how to hear and respond to God’s guidance. Together, each week, we will experience different prayer practices or habits, a daily prayer pattern for each week, daily scripture readings, a weekly story or reflection, and thought-provoking quotations. Beginning Thursday, February 17 there will be 3 times each week you can participate in a video-based small group discussion on each week’s theme: Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 pm, and Sundays at 8:15 a.m. Sign up by contacting John or the office so we can get you a book and Zoom connection information. Come and listen to God with us!

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.

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

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).

**These Days, Bulletins, Sermon Manuscripts** If you would like any of these mailed to you on a weekly basis please let the office know

### **COMING WORSHIP THEMES**

#### **Next Sunday, January 31, 2021**

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

#### **February 7, 2021**

5<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **February 17, 2021**

Ash Wednesday

#### **February 21, 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Listen: Praying in a Noisy World – This Is My Son, Listen to Him



## **MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK**

*All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom Unless Noted*

- Today, 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
- Monday, January 25      Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 21  
9:30 a.m.      Sailboat Church Crew 2  
7:00 p.m.      Sailboat Church Crew 3
- Tuesday, January 26      Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 22  
2:00 p.m.      “Stepping Up” Bible Study by Beth  
                                 Moore  
6:30 p.m.      Board of Deacons Meeting
- Wednesday, January 27      Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 23  
7:00 a.m.      Men’s Group  
2:00 p.m.      Sailboat Church Crew 4  
6:00 p.m.      Mid-week Ministry
- Thursday, January 28      Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 24  
10:00 a.m.      Sailboat Church Crew 5
- Friday, January 29      Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 25  
4:00 p.m.      Sailboat Church Crew 6
- Saturday, January 30      Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 26  
1:00 p.m.      Sailboat Church Crew 7
- Next Sunday, January 31      Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 27  
10:00 a.m.      Worship (Limited seating in the  
                                 Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m.      Fellowship Time  
11:30 a.m.      Sailboat Church Crew 1

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

*All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom Unless Noted*

- 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.  
Thursday, February 11.....Spiritual Life Committee, 12:00 noon  
Saturday, February 13.....PW, 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday, February 14.....Ordination/Installation of Officers During Worship  
Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, February 16.....Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 17.....Ash Wednesday  
Imposition of Ashes, 7:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.  
Worship, 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, February 18.....Listen: Praying in a Noisy World Class Begins, 10:00 a.m.  
Listen: Praying in a Noisy World Class Begins, 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, February 21.....Listen: Praying in a Noisy World Class Begins, 8:15 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  
Alissa Brown  
Jan Brown

Sara Buley  
Rees Davies  
Dave Dobbs

Mary Fagenstrom  
Kathy Herman  
Randy Houtz (Clerk)

Scott Royce  
Dean Schamp

**Deacons**

Stuart Brown  
Bruce Buer (Mod.)  
Kitty Cornwell

Shirley Davis  
Tom Hazen  
Dave Herman

Chris Pfof  
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Robb Sparks  
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Butch Steele, Worship Video Coordinator

Alex Rosenleaf, Choir Director

Kari Rosenleaf, Bell Choir Director

Johnny Ritchie, Music Assistant & Praise  
Band Director

**Truth + Love** I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

—Martin Luther King Jr.