

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11
GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT




January 31, 2021
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Presbyterian Church

1315 Central Avenue
Great Falls, Montana 59401
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Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Jesus our Teacher, Healer and Savior:

May your authoritative teaching move all people to live in love.

Welcome! We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. 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 works of the Holy Spirit give you life? How did the Spirit meet you in prayer? How did the Spirit move you to praise God? When did the Holy Spirit affirm and confirm your testimony about Jesus? To where did the Spirit lead you? How did the Holy Spirit help you in your times of weakness?

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

Sonata (First Movement), Beethoven (Opus 10, No. 1)

Welcome

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

Psalm 36:5-10, adapted

The steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
God's faithfulness to the clouds.

The Lord's righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
God's judgments are like the great deep;
The LORD saves humans and animals alike.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

**For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.**

The steadfast love God continues to those who know the Lord,
and God's salvation to the upright of heart!

*Hymn of Praise #410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

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

In the light of Christ,
we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts.

**Trusting in God's saving love,
we confess our sin...**

*Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

Holy Spirit of the Living God,

you alone enable us to recognize and profess Jesus as Lord,

and by your grace alone are we able to share our gifts for the common good.

You have given each of us a gift meant to benefit your Church.

Yet we insist on being able to worship and serve you individually and separately.

Your gifts are many and the Church is meant to be diverse,

yet we tend to seek out only those who have the same gifts we have.

All gifts are equally important to you,

but to us some are better than others.

Forgive us Lord.

May we change our ways;

using our gifts and abilities to serve in ways which bring you glory...

(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)

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

Hear the good news:

Jesus unmasks the idols of our world

and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.

In the name of Jesus,

we are forgiven.

*Praising God for God's Forgiveness #581

Glory Be to the Father

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Message in Music

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing, Backer, Davis et al

Prayer for Illumination #288

Spirit of the Living God

Scripture & Message

1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gifts of the Holy Spirit

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*Spoken Affirmation of Faith (**Unison**) The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.055, adapted
What do we understand by “the communion of saints”?

First,

**that believers one and all,
as members of this community,
share in Christ
and in all his treasures and gifts.**

Second,

**that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts
readily and joyfully
for the service and enrichment of the other members.**

*Hymn of Response #730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Offering

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 #302

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

*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

Deo Gracias, Healey Willan

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.

If you would like the **Annual Report** mailed to you ahead of the Annual Meeting, please let the office know.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.; and Fridays at 4:00 p.m.

The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation and corporation will be Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. To join from your computer, tablet or smart phone use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4911010646?pwd=azRJamU5dFRFdTdXU3R5Um1UZ09wZz09>. You can type it into your browser, or if you would like it emailed to you let the office know. Then just click on the link. To call in on a landline or non-smart cell phone use any of these phone numbers. (346-248-7799) (669-900-6833) (253-215-8782) (312-626-6799) (929-205-6099) (301-715-8592) They are not toll free, and while you can hear and speak, there will be no video. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID (491 101 0646) and the Passcode (406884).

COMING WORSHIP THEMES

Next Sunday, 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

February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

February 21, 2021

1st Sunday in Lent

2 Peter 1:16-21

Listen: Praying in a Noisy World – This Is

My Son, Listen to Him

February 28, 2021

2nd Sunday in Lent

John 17:2-24

Listen: Praying in a Noisy World – Pray

Like This

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom Unless Noted

Today, 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
Monday, February 1	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 28 9:30 a.m. Sailboat Church Crew 2
Tuesday, February 2	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 29 12:00 noon Souler Energy Committee 2:00 p.m. “Stepping Up” Bible Study by Beth Moore 7:00 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 3
Wednesday, February 3	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 30 7:00 a.m. Men’s Group 2:00 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 4 6:00 p.m. Mid-week Ministry
Thursday, February 4	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 31 10:00 a.m. Sailboat Church Crew 5 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee
Friday, February 5	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 32 4:00 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 6
Saturday, February 6	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 33
Next Sunday, February 7	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 34 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 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 (in the alley), 7:00 a.m. Imposition of Ashes (in the alley), 11:30 a.m. Imposition of Ashes (in the alley), 5:00 p.m. Worship, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 18	Listen: Praying in a Noisy World Class Begins, 11:15 a.m. Listen: Praying in a Noisy World Class Begins, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 20	Glacier Presbytery Meeting
Sunday, February 21	Listen: Praying in a Noisy World Class Begins, 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday, February 23.....	Board of Deacons Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 28	Children & Youth Committee, 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 2.....	Souler Energy Committee, 12:00 noon
Thursday, March 4	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)	Liza Nosich, Accounts Payable/Payroll Financial Secretary
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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	

Sufficient For The Day John Newton (1725-1807), author of “Amazing Grace,” wrote: “We may easily manage if we will only take, each day, the burden appointed for it. But the load will...be too heavy for us, if we carry yesterday’s burden over again today, and then add tomorrow’s.” This maxim might be easy to dismiss unless we knew about Newton’s troubled life. Having been pressed into naval service and then slavery, Newton was finally rescued but became a slave-ship captain. He faced abuse, contemplated murder-suicide, suffered a stroke and was caught in a storm. When he cried out to God, the waves subsided, prompting a spiritual conversion for Newton, who became a priest and abolitionist. We never know how God will transform our sinful past into future good, but we can trust God will. That adds power to Newton’s advice, which echoes Jesus’ words: “Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34, ESV).