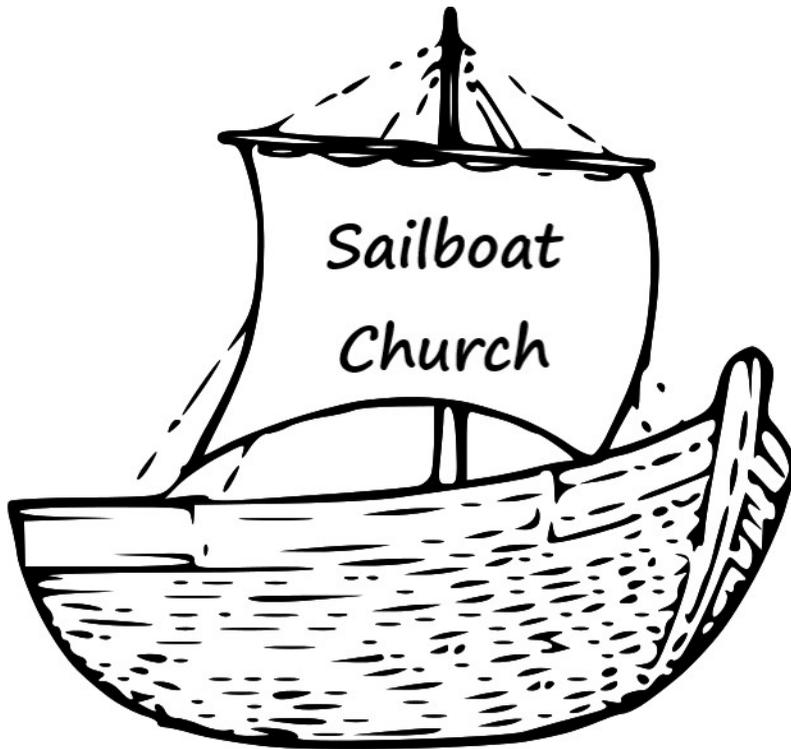


**GALATIANS 5:16-26**  
**FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**February 7, 2021**  
**5<sup>th</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

*Creator, we rest in your strength that never wearies; we trust in your understanding that reaches beyond all our searching. (Based on Isaiah 40:28)*

**Welcome** to worship, dear family of Christ. May the peace of Christ be with us as we worship. 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 gifts of the Holy Spirit connect you to the body of Christ? What different gifts did you see being utilized by different people? How did your particular gift of the Holy Spirit enhance the body of Christ?

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.

May you be renewed and strengthened this morning through our celebration of **Communion**. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has an open communion table. We welcome all who are Baptized "in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" by any Christian denomination to join us in communing with our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. If you are joining us at home, be sure to have something ready for the bread and juice at the appropriate time. You will be instructed when to eat and drink.

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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                    *Komm, Gott Schopfer, heiliger Geist (Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost)*  
J.S. Bach

Welcome

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

We call to mind the deeds of the Lord.

**The way of God is holy.**

We remember the wonders of creation,

**how God brought order out of chaos.**

We recall God leading us to freedom,

**how God led God's people like a flock.**

God, who rules the universe, calls us;

Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;

Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

**We faithfully answer God's call  
by worshiping the triune God.**

### \*Hymn of Praise #308

*O God in Whom All Life Begins*

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

Clothed with the mantle of baptism

and protected by God's promise of forgiveness,

**we confess our sins to God and to one another...**

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

Holy God,

you call us to bear with one another in love.

**Forgive us when we cannot love our neighbors.**

**Forgive us when we cannot love ourselves.**

You call us to bear fruits of humility, gentleness, and patience.

**Forgive us when we choose self-doubt over humility,**

**quietness over gentleness,**

**or resignation over patience.**

Far from walking in the Spirit,

**we stumble on paths that lead to death.**

Forgive us, Holy God,

**for each time we have opposed your Spirit**

**or wandered from your way.**

Hear our prayers,  
God of grace,  
**and draw us into the unity of your Spirit...**  
*(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)*

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

The crucified Jesus has set us free  
**to live in the Spirit of life.**  
Hear the good news of the gospel.  
**In Jesus, we are forgiven.**

\*Praising God for God's Forgiveness #581

*Glory Be to the Father*

### **HEARING THE GOOD NEWS**

Message in Music

Prayer for Illumination #288

*Spirit of the Living God*

Scripture & Message

Galatians 5:16-26  
Fruit of the Holy Spirit

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

\*Affirmation of Faith (**Unison**)

The Westminster Confession of Faith,  
6.054 (6.186), adapted

**By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit all believers being vitally united to Jesus, who is the Head, are thus united one to another in the Church, which is his body. The Holy Spirit calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the Church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members. The Holy Spirit gives value and ability to the Word and to the ordinances of the gospel. By the Holy Spirit, the Church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God.**

\*Hymn of Response #137

*He Came Down*

*He came down that we might have love (3x)  
Hallelujah forever more.*

*He came down that we might have joy (3x)  
Hallelujah forever more.*

*He came down that we might have peace (3x)  
Hallelujah forever more.*

*He came down that we might have life (3x)  
Hallelujah forever more.*

Offering

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen (All Depends on our Possessing God's  
Free Grace and Constant Blessing), Arr. Dale Wood*

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and *The Lord's Prayer*

Malotte

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of God's People #688 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (1, 3, 5)*

Prayer after Communion (**Unison**)

**Holy One, we have tasted your goodness and savored your bounty. You have quenched our thirst and filled us with good things. We pray that your life and love in us will overflow, filling the earth with your justice, joy, and peace. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

### SENDING FOR SERVICE

\*Sending Hymn

*Go Now In Peace*

\*Charge (Leader **People**)

We are the Body of Christ;

**Joyfully worshipping 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

*The Rejoicing*, 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](http://www.firstpresgfmt.org).

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

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](mailto: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 18 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 next Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Use this link to join from your computer, tablet or smart phone:

<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 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

**February 28, 2021**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

John 17:2-24

Listen: Praying in a Noisy World – Pray  
Like This

**March 7, 2021**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Psalms 139:1-10

Listen: Praying in a Noisy World – A  
Trusted Mentor

## **MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK**

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

Today, 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
Monday, February 8	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 35 9:30 a.m. Sailboat Church Crew 2
Tuesday, February 9	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 36 2:00 p.m. “Stepping Up” Bible Study by Beth Moore 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee 5:30 p.m. Property Committee 7:00 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 3
Wednesday, February 10	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 37 7:00 a.m. Men’s Group 2:00 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 4 6:00 p.m. Mid-week Ministry
Thursday, February 11	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 38 10:00 a.m. Sailboat Church Crew 5 12:00 noon Spiritual Life Committee
Friday, February 12	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 39 4:00 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 6
Saturday, February 13	Sailboat Church Guide to 40 Days of Prayer – Day 40 9:30 a.m. PW
Next Sunday, February 14	10:00 a.m. Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation 12:15 p.m. Sailboat Church Crew 1



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		

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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	

**An Interlocking Community** Jesus distributes courage through community; he dissipates doubts through fellowship. He never deposits all knowledge in one person but distributes pieces of the jigsaw puzzle to many. When you interlock your understanding with mine, and we share our discoveries, when we mix, mingle, confess and pray, Jesus speaks.

—Max Lucado, *Fearless*