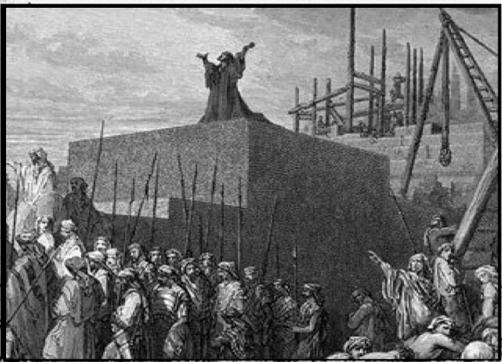


haggai
"Feast"



Judah 520 B.C

Haggai served as a prophet while a small remnant of Jews were struggling to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. His message was encouragement and hope—God was still with His people, though they had fallen from the glorious days of David and Solomon

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TOTAL CHAPTERS 2

Haggai 1-2

Life in the Minor Key: Haggai

June 27, 2021

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Your faithfulness is great, O God!

Thank you for your steadfast love and new mercies this day.

(from Lamentations 3:22-23)

We're so glad you joined us, for your presence expands and enlivens our worship. Let us praise God together! 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 well did you live God's message from Zephaniah 1-3? As we wait for the return of Jesus, how did you live out your Christian faith? When did you celebrate and live your new life through Jesus?

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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If you are comfortable standing, please do so when you see an asterisk "*". There are **hearing enhancement** devices and **large print** bulletins available from the ushers. Please join us after the service for **fellowship** downstairs in the Social Hall.

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

Time of Silence

Welcome

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

Come,

you who are burdened.

Be strong!

We have come to worship God,

who sets us free.

The Lord is with us.

Come,

you who are weary.

Be strong!

We have come to follow the Spirit,

who gives us strength.

The Spirit is present among us.

Come,

you who are seeking.

Be strong!

We have come to listen to Jesus,

who teaches us the way.

Jesus will fill all of creation with glory.

Come,

you who are you willing.

Be strong!

We have come to worship God!

***Song of Praise #775**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

***Our Confession and God's Forgiveness (Leader People)**

The psalmist assures us:

the LORD is near to all who call on God
in truth.

Psalm 145:18

**With that assurance of God's presence,
along with God's steadfast love,
and with God's overwhelming mercy,
we confess our sins before God and one another...**

**O God of Grace, Mercy, and Love,
we come before you a broken people
in a broken world.**

**O God of Righteousness,
we confess that when you call us,
then send us out to do what you desire,
we easily give up,
claiming the time is not right.
We become frozen by fear,
and forget the traditions that you have taught us:
to obey your voice
and to be amazed by your life-giving power.**

**O Lord of Life,
we know that you have chosen us,
and that you are always with us.
We confess we often ignore your assured presence.
We forge our own paths
and chart our own waters.**

**O Spirit of Truth,
in the name of independence
we have ignored your aid,
your comfort,
and your peace.**

**Forgive us
for each time we have exalted ourselves
rebelled against you,
and not loved our neighbor.**

**Hear our cry:
forgive and save...**

(Silent Personal Prayers of Confession)

The psalmist declares that God hears the cry of the beloved
and saves them.

Psalm 145:19

Indeed,

we take courage

knowing the Lord is with us!

Haggai 2:4

Do not fear

God's spirit abides among us!

Haggai 2:5

God has chosen us

to be the sign and symbol

of God's love for the world.

Haggai 2:23

Be assured of this:

by the power of the Resurrection of Jesus,
we are forgiven.

Praise the Lord,

and may God's holy name

be blessed forever.

Amen.

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Message in Music

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture & Message

Life in the Minor Key: Haggai
Haggai 1-2

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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

Psalm 105:1-10, 42-45

Psalm 105

Refrain
Capo 1

(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
Eb Eb/G Ab Bb7sus Bb

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's

(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus)
Eb Eb/G Ab Bb7sus

mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are

(G) (A) (F# m7) (Bm7) (Em7)
Ab Bb Gm7 Cm7 Fm7

new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your

(A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#) (Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)
Bb7sus Bb7 Eb Bb/D Cm7 Fm7 Bb7sus Bb7 Eb

faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

Refrain: Edith McNeill (b. 1920)

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Refrain

¹O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,
make known the LORD's deeds among the peoples.

²**Sing to the LORD, sing praises to the LORD;
tell of all God's wonderful works.**

³Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴**Seek the LORD and God's strength;
seek God's presence continually.**

Refrain

⁵Remember the wonderful works the LORD has done,
God's miracles, and the judgments God has uttered,

⁶O offspring of God's servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

⁷**The LORD is our God;
the LORD's judgments are in all the earth.**

⁸The LORD is mindful of God's covenant forever,
of the word that God's commanded, for a thousand generations,

⁹**the covenant that God made with Abraham,
God's sworn promise to Isaac,**

¹⁰**which the LORD confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant.**

Refrain

⁴²For the LORD remembered God's holy promise,
and Abraham, God's servant.

⁴³So God brought the LORD's people out with joy,
God's chosen ones with singing.

⁴⁴**The LORD gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,**

⁴⁵**that they might keep God's statutes
and observe God's laws.**

Praise the LORD!

Refrain

*Song of Response #39

Great Is thy Faithfulness

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (Leader **People**)

Holy God,

thank you for giving us a joy for generosity
and a genuine love for those who are in need.

For the gifts offered this day and every day
we give you thanks.

Make us good stewards of all you have entrusted to our care.

**Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
and upon our lives.**

Accept these offerings

and use them to your glory,

**that even now we might imitate your coming reign
of justice, peace, and love,**

bringing healing and hope to the world.

Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (**Unison**)

Matthew 6:9-13, The Message

Our Father in heaven,

Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;

Do what's best—

as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

SENDING FOR SERVICE

*Sending Song #39

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*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

*Postlude

May our service be pleasing to God!

Psalm 105

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Through our experience with the book “Sailboat Church” we learned that prayer is crucial to being open to the power of the Holy Spirit as we follow Jesus’ call to be his body in the world. Through our experience with the book “Listen: Praying in a Noisy World” we learned there are many prayer patterns that can enhance our prayer life as we communicate with God. In response to the influence these two books are having on our congregation, **Living the Practice of Prayer**, is one way to enhance your personal prayer life while making the act of prayer a critical part of our life as a congregation. Join us Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. for an hour of focused and guided prayer as we listen for God’s voice and discern God’s will for our lives and for our congregation. We’ll gather in the Library and on Zoom.

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.

Upper Room, Bulletins, Sermon Manuscripts If you would like any of these mailed to you on a weekly basis please let the office know.

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).

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

All **church meetings**, classes, and events (including worship) held at the church are hybrid events, which means you can attend in person, or online through either YouTube or Zoom, depending on the event. Please respect the comfort and safety level of others, including honoring social distancing and potentially wearing a mask. Also, if you are not feeling well, please stay home and join us online (either on YouTube or Zoom).

Financial Update:	May	June to Date	Year to Date
Income	\$28,456.75	\$8,682.63	\$201,166.47
Expenses	<u>\$42,741.82</u>	<u>\$36,885.02</u>	<u>\$248,148.36</u>
Difference	(\$14,285.07)	(\$28,202.39)	(\$46,981.89)

Prayer Partners Prayer requests may be made by calling Jane Snowberger (761-0518) or Marla Wilckens (452-0226).

During the pandemic, some folks turned to cooking. Perhaps they were bored, or finally had enough time to tackle that complex recipe their mother made for special occasions, or to try out five-alarm chili or five-layer chocolate cake. That led Presbyterian Women to decide it's time for a new **church cookbook**. Between now and July 16, the women ask that you share some of your favorite recipes. Whether it's 100-year-old directions for filled cookies or newly updated Pandemic Popovers, recipes of all sorts are welcome. Submit as many as you like. There is no guarantee all will be selected, but feel free to include all you like. If the recipe has a history, or a story about why you chose it, include that, too. Paper forms for submitting recipes are available in the church office and may be returned to the church office. It is also possible to submit recipes online at morriscookbooks.com. Click on typensave, then on login (upper right corner).

User name or group login: PresbWomen1PC

Password: butter487

To type in the recipe, click on submit, edit (lower left corner), then on the next page, choose what action you want to take. That's it! The cookbooks will be ready to give as holiday gifts to friends and family. If you have questions, contact Marla Wilckens.

Next Sunday we will celebrate communion. If you will be joining us from home, please have something ready for the bread and juice.

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 float for the 4th of July Parade will include items for the **food bank** as part of our decorations. After the parade, all the food will then be donated to the food bank. Items may be brought to the church any time before July 3rd. Talk to Alissa for more information.

Faith Formation & Spiritual Growth Events

Life in the Minor Key Thursdays 10:00 a.m. (hybrid) and 6:30 p.m. (Zoom only), and Sundays 8:15 a.m. (hybrid), from through July 11. This study, in parallel with Sunday worship themes, will look at the 12 books of the Bible known as “the minor prophets”. Often these books are left out of the worship lectionary rotation because of the harsh nature of the words and ideas they contain. As Israel is being devastated by war and is in the grip of idolatry, God sends these prophets to plead with Israel so they will denounce evil and turn back toward God. Amid the sorrow we find God’s great grace: an unconditional love for God’s people and a desire to save them from their own wickedness and the wickedness of the world around them. Through the entire Old Testament, we see the world’s need for a Savior. The books of the minor prophets represent the pinnacle of that need. Alongside (and inseparable from) some of God’s harshest judgments are God’s greatest promises of mercy.

COMING WORSHIP THEMES

Next Sunday, July 4, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zechariah 9:9-12

Life in the Minor Key: Zechariah – The
Coming Ruler of God’s People
Communion

July 11, 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Malachi 3:1-4

Life in the Minor Key: Malachi – The
Coming Messenger

July 18, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
VBS Celebration

July 25, 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK

Unless noted, all events are hybrid (in person and live-streamed or via Zoom)

Today, Sunday, June 27	8:15 a.m.	Life in the Minor Key – Haggai Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:30 a.m.	VBS Training
Monday, June 28	9:30 a.m.	Sailboat Church Crew 2
Tuesday, June 29	5:30 p.m.	Living the Practice of Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday, June 30	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Group
	6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee
Thursday, July 1	10:00 a.m.	Life in the Minor Key – Zechariah Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Life in the Minor Key – Zechariah Bible Study
Next Sunday, July 4	8:15 a.m.	Life in the Minor Key – Zechariah Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	4 th of July Parade – Come see our float

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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Monday, July 5.....	Office Closed
Tuesday, July 6	Souler Energy Committee, 12:00 noon
Friday, July 9	PW, 10:00 a.m.
Monday, July 12 – Friday, July 16	VBS, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Monday, July 12 – Saturday, July 31.....	John is on Vacation
Saturday, July 17.....	PW Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.
	VBS Picnic, 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 18.....	VBS Celebration, 10:00 a.m.
	Children & Youth Ministries Committee, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 22.....	Spiritual Life Committee, 12:00 noon
Tuesday, July 27	Board of Deacons, 6:30 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

Ginger Blevins	John Ritchie (Moderator)	Scott Royce
Alissa Brown	Randy Houtz (Clerk)	Jane Snowberger
Mary Fagenstrom	Sharon Lindstrom	Jennie Yates
	Gary McFerrin	

Deacons

Bruce Buer (Mod.)	Barb Flaherty	Dave Herman	Deb Skinner
Kitty Cornwell	Tom Hazen	Chris Pfof	Marla Wilckens
Shirley Davis			

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Rev. John E Ritchie, Pastor (906-322-9490)	Liza Nosich, Accounts Payable/Payroll
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Joan Schmidt, Ministry of Music	Butch Steele, Worship Video Coordinator
Craig Anton, Facilities Manager	Alex Rosenleaf, Choir Director
Keyna Myers, Office Manager	Kari Rosenleaf, Bell Choir Director
Faith Janes, Publications Secretary	Johnny Ritchie, Music Assistant & Praise Band Director

True, Needful, Kind

If you are tempted to reveal
a tale to you someone has told
about another, make it pass,
before you speak, three gates of gold;
these narrow gates.

First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind
give truthful answer. And the next
is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"

And if to reach your lips at last
it passes through these gateways three,
then you may tell the tale, nor fear
what the result of speech may be.

—Beth Day, "The Three Gates" (1835)