



**Knights of North Castle**

**We Have the Armor:**

**How 'bout you?**

**July 18, 2021**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

1315 Central Avenue  
Great Falls, Montana 59401  
(406) 453-1411

[secretary@firstpresgfmt.org](mailto:secretary@firstpresgfmt.org)

[www.firstpresgfmt.org](http://www.firstpresgfmt.org)

 firstpresgfmt

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” (Psalm 24:1, NIV)  
On this midsummer day, we can’t help but rejoice in God’s creation!*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is a joy to gather with you for worship! Please take a moment to **greet** those around you in the name of the Lord. With voices full of excitement, attitudes full of enthusiasm, and spirits full of joy let us actively give our worship to God.

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.

All music copied, projected, and live streamed with permission, CCLI #2716126, OneLicense A-722348, CSPL 104723.

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 Others  
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

Processional Prelude

*Knight-time Hype*

Welcome, Announcements

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

Peace to you, my sisters,  
peace to you, my brothers -  
**and peace to you also.**

Love to you, my church, with faith -  
**and love to you also.**

Faith to you, from God the Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ -  
**and faith to you also.**

Grace to you, and grace to all  
who love our Lord Jesus with undying love -  
**and grace to you also.**

\*Hymn of Praise  
(*GTG 188*)

*Jesus Loves Me*

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

Lord,

Hear our prayers of confession,

**Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. <sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; <sup>10</sup>he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:8-12**

## **HEARING THE GOOD NEWS**

Message in Music

*Hot Hot Burnin' Up*  
*Andrew Wilson*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture & Message

Ephesians 6:10

We are the Knights of North Castle

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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  
(GTG 39)

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory

Jonas Myrin, et al.

Prayer of Dedication (Leader **People**)

Our God

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives  
we offer these gifts to you.

**Through your blessing and our willingness to share,  
may these offerings become a source for hope and love  
in this church family, and in the community beyond us,  
in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

Lord, I want to Be a Christian

(GTG 729)

\*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

\*Sending Music

*Knights of North Castle*

*Andrew Wilson*

*May our service be pleasing to God!*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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).

<b>Financial Update:</b>	June	July to Date	Year to Date
Income	\$16,927.51	\$1,443.05	\$210,854.40
Expenses	\$37,691.96	\$15,039.59	\$263,994.89
Difference	(\$20,764.45)	(\$13,596.54)	(\$53,140.49)

**Tithes and Offerings** may be mailed to the church office or made online through our website, [www.firstpresgfmt.org](http://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).

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

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).

## Announcements:

Thank you to all who were involved with making VBS such a success. I could not have asked for a more faithful group of volunteers to help pull everything together. There was definitely a wind of the Spirit blowing, dancing and singing through our church this week. May God be with all of you, you are all truly servants at heart.

Blessings, Alissa Brown

**August 1, 2021**

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Communion

**August 8, 2021**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**July 25, 2021**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Beth McCaw, Presbytery Leader for  
Glacier Presbytery, will be preaching while  
John is on study leave

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

Now through Saturday, July 31 ..... John is on Vacation  
Thursday, July 22..... Spiritual Life Committee, 12:00 noon  
Monday, July 26..... Prayer Partners, 1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 27 ..... Board of Deacons, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 3 ..... Souler Energy Committee, 12:00 noon  
Thursday, August 5..... Worship Committee, 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 10 ..... Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.  
Property Committee, 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, August 13 – Sunday, August 15 ..... Presbytery of Glacier PW Retreat



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			

**Staff**

Rev. John E Ritchie, Pastor (906-322-9490)	Liza Nosich, Accounts Payable/Payroll
Alissa Brown, CE Director	Financial Secretary
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



“No one has ever seen the wind. We've only experienced the effects and the results of the wind. And none of us have ever seen God. Just like the movement of a pinwheel makes us sure that the wind exists, we have ways to be sure that God exists.”  
— Amy Fenton Lee, [Leading a Special Needs Ministry](#)