

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Biblical Practices for Faithful Living: Baptize – Unity in the Community



January 30, 2022
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*We praise you, O Lord, that even before you formed us in the womb,
you knew us and had plans for our lives! (Jeremiah 1:5)*

As Jesus told his hometown listeners (Luke 4:21-30), God's care reaches beyond all borders. Whoever you are and wherever you come from, you are **welcome** here. 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 Romans 6:1-11? When did you live dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus? How were the action in your life different because of your baptism?

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

All **scripture** passages quoted or refereed to are from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), unless noted.

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 worship 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

*Gathering Music

*Come Now is the Time to Worship
Open the Eyes of My Heart
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

Time of Silence

Welcome

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

Friends,

we gather this day to celebrate life—

**the life we have been given by God,
the life we share with one another in community,
the life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

Let us be grateful

for the joy of life,

and let us worship God.

*Song of Praise#323

Sound a Mystic Bamboo Song

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

We are afraid to join hands with others;

we want to listen to those who speak falsely;

we glibly offer silliness to those we love the most.

We share now with God

how we have not been that Body we are made for,

so that God might reshape us

into that holy community,

even as we pray together...

Do we make you laugh or weep,

Gracious God?

We sing that we are one in your Spirit,

but cannot tolerate those who disagree with us.

We talk of being one Body,

but fight over music

or Bible versions

or carpet colors.

We affirm the giftedness of each person,

but we heap honor on just a special few.

**Forgive us,
Creative God,
that we dismember your Body so easily.
May the words of our mouths
speak peace
to the brokenness in our world;
may the hopes of our hearts
bring wonder
to those in despair;
and may our love
embrace all
who are around us.
May we welcome
as we have been welcomed
by your grace in Jesus,
our Lord and Savior...**

(Silent Personal Prayers of Confession)

God's word does not come to condemn us,
but to make us wise,
**reviving our souls
and rejoicing our hearts.**

Psalm 19:7-8

God's word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus,
who sets us free
to live in unity
with God's will.

Luke 4:18-21

Forgiven,
we are filled by God's Spirit,
commissioned to be Christ's hope,
Christ's people for the world.

**Anointed,
we can care for one another,
weep with one another,
serve one another,
and live with one another.**

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Amen.

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture & Message

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RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*Song of Response #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

*Affirmation of Faith (**Unison**)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Message in Music

Make Us One

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Invitation to Offering (Leader **People**)

Each one of us is essential
to the life and well-being
of the whole body of Christ.

**So, we come now
to share our gifts and resources
in order to care for one another
and for the world
Jesus came to save.**

Offertory

Give Thanks

Prayer of Dedication (Leader **People**)

God of life

and of new life,

 bless these gifts that we have given

 that they may further your reign in this world.

May the different amounts

and ways that we give to you,

become a food pantry,

a rebuilt life,

medicine for children,

a caregiver to the lonely.

In love and thanksgiving

We offer these gifts

And our very lives

to be your grace in action.

With thanksgiving

and in the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer #464

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven

SENDING FOR SERVICE

*Sending Song

Oh Praise Him

*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.

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Blessing

*Sending Music

May our service be pleasing to God!

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ordinary Time The Christian year, sometimes referred to as the liturgical year, includes two seasons identified as ordinary time. The first runs from January 7th (if not a Sunday) to Ash Wednesday. The second goes from Trinity Sunday (which can be as early as May 17 and as late as June 20, depending on the date of Easter) through Christ the King Sunday (the Sunday before Advent begins). The word “ordinary” as used here comes from the ordinal numerals by which the weeks are identified or counted, from the 1st week of Ordinary Time in January running up to, at times, the 34th week toward the end of November. Ordinary Time is the part of the liturgical year that falls outside the seasons of Advent/Christmas and Easter. Themes usually focus on the teaching of Jesus and growth as disciples of Jesus. The liturgical color is green, representing growth and life.

The **Time of Silence** is an opportunity for you to clear yourself from what might distract you from fully giving your worship to God; for you to sit in the presence of God with nothing to do but simply be there; and to open yourself to the power of the Holy Spirit.

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise is our “Song of Response” during our look at the biblical practice of Baptism. Written by Ronald S Cole-Turner in 1980 it was first published in *Everflowing Streams* in 1981. Addressed to a newly baptized child each stanza begins with an aspect of the child’s identity, culminating in “child of God”. By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the “songs of encouragement”. Ronald Stephan Cole-Turner was born in 1948 into a minister’s family in Logansport, IN, and grew up in Ohio. He was educated at Wheaton College, IL (BA 1971), and Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv 1974; PhD 1983). He was ordained a United Church of Christ minister in 1974 and served several pastorates before becoming campus minister for Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI. Presently, Cole-Turner is professor of theology and ethics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The tune KINGDOM was written by V Earle Copes in 1959 and used at the National Convocation of Methodist Youth in 1960. It was written as a setting of *For Bread, Which Thou Hast Broken* and appeared in anthem form before being published in *The Book of Hymns* in 1964 for the Methodist Church. Copes was born in 1921 in Norfolk, VA and educated at Davidson College, NC (BA 1940) and Union Theological Seminary, New York City (MSM 1944; BD 1945). An ordained Methodist minister, he served as minister of music in several churches and on the faculty of several colleges.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are currently looking at the biblical practice of “Baptism”. We will focus on”

- ~**Remember Your Baptism**
- ~**Cross the Divide**
- ~**Die and Rise**
- ~**Honor the Body**

Next week we start looking at the biblical practice of “Live in Community”. We will focus on

- ~**Gather Across Differences**
- ~**Feast and Listen**
- ~**Uplift Those in Need**
- ~**Support Those Who Depart**

Following Jesus is a lifelong journey where we learn and do what Jesus said and did. And it takes practice. And practice. And more practice. Not so we main obtain perfection, but rather to open and honestly put our faith and love into action. Learning about and following these different practices will help form our worship, adult education classes, children and youth education classes, even some congregation events. Adult Classes begin Thursday, January 6 and meet every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (Zoom only) and Sundays at 8:15 a.m. (in the library and on Zoom).

Presbyterian Women is sponsoring a “**Sweetheart Tree**” (formerly known as the “Mitten Tree”) for donations of warm winterwear items. They are asking for new or gently used mittens, scarves, socks, hats etc. to be donated. These items can be pinned to the tree in the Social Hall through February 18. The items will then be donated to the Rescue Mission.

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

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).

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

Remember: articles for the PRESS, or eblast, are to be e-mailed directly to Faith at publications@firstpresgfmt.org. If you use her personal email address, or the office email of secretary@firstpresgfmt.org, there is no guarantee they will be noticed for inclusion in a timely manner.

Our times of worship are **live streamed** on our YouTube channel and Facebook page. Search for “First Presbyterian Church Great Falls MT” on either site. Recordings of previous live streams will remain on both sites. Direct links to upcoming live streams can be found on our website and in the weekly Saturday morning email. If for some reason, the live stream fails, we will establish a new stream connection. Return to our YouTube channel home page, or Facebook page, to find the new link.

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

Pictorial Directory We will be finalizing our inhouse production of an updated pictorial directory in January. To help us, please send us an individual picture of everyone in your household, as well as a group picture. If you prefer, we can arrange for someone to take the pictures at the church, or in your home. If it is convenient for you, today there will be an opportunity to have pictures taken after worship.

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

Mark your calendars now. The Deacons’ **Spring Follies** will be March 20.

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). The normal Zoom meeting ID is 491 101 0646 and the passcode is 406884 or type the following into your web browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4911010646?pwd=azRJamU5dFRFdTdXU3R5Um1UZ09wZz09>

Financial Update:	December	2021 Total	January to Date
Income	\$86,252.58	\$481,130.78	\$19,237.00
Expenses	<u>\$66,506.26</u>	<u>\$513,814.34</u>	<u>\$33,745.51</u>
Difference	\$19,746.32	(\$32,683.56)	(\$14,508.51)

WOW (Worship on Wednesday) has programs for children, youth, young adults, and adults. Our hope is to attract community members as well as congregation members. Childcare will be available for all under 3. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m., with programs/classes to follow. Invite a neighbor and join us!

COMING WORSHIP THEMES

February 6, 2022

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 20:1-20

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

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in Community – Gather Across Differences

February 13, 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 13:3-10

Matthew 14:1-21

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in Community – Feast and Listen
Ordination/Installation of Officers

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 24:14-22

Acts 6:1-7

Biblical Practices for Faithful Living: Live
in Community – Uplift Those in Need

February 27, 2022

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Acts 15:36-41

Biblical Practices for Faithful Living: Live
in Community – Support Those Who
Depart

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK

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

Today, Sunday, January 30	8:15 a.m.	The Biblical Practice of Following Jesus Adult Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Tuesday, February 1	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:00 noon	Souler Energy Committee
Wednesday, February 2	7:00 a.m.	Men's Group
	6:00 p.m.	WOW (Worship on Wednesday)
Thursday, February 3	5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	6:30 p.m.	The Biblical Practice of Following Jesus Adult Class (Zoom only)
Saturday, February 5		Presbytery of Glacier Meeting in Kalispell
Next Sunday, February 6	8:15 a.m.	The Biblical Practice of Following Jesus Adult Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Seeking God Together</i> Listening Group Informational Luncheon

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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Tuesday, February 8.....	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m. Property Committee, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 13	Children & Youth Ministries Committee, 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, February 15.....	Session Meeting
Saturday, February 19.....	Presbyterian Women, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 22.....	Board of Deacons, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 24.....	Spiritual Life Committee, 12:00 noon
Sunday, February 27	Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 1.....	Souler Energy Committee, 12:00 noon
Thursday, March 3	Worship Committee, 5:00 p.m.



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Prayer Requests for the Week of January 30, 2022

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. (Psalm 25:1)

This week's staff/officer:	Randy Houtz, Clerk of Session
This week's elder:	Scott Royce
This week's deacon:	Deb Skinner
This week's ministry:	Children & Youth Committee
This week's mission support:	Early Risers
This week's home bound/care center:	Joan Green
This week's families	Glen Floerchinger Kaela Fuller Linda Fuller

Other prayer requests:

Thelma	Kevin Hicks	Bob
The Family of Lee Pate	Rhonda Grindeand	Donna and Family
Bill & Rosanne Davis	Beth & Family	Lucy

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If an update on prayer requests has not been received after three weeks, the request will be removed from this list. Please call the church to update the prayer list.

Notes from Worship – January 30, 2022

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Biblical Practices for Faithful Living: Baptize – Unity in the Community

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

(1 Corinthians 12:12-13, New Revised Standard Version)

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
Mary Fagenstrom

Randy Houtz (Clerk)
Sharon Lindstrom
Gary McFerrin

Scott Royce
Jane Snowberger
Jennie Yates

Deacons

Bruce Buer (Mod.)
Shirley Davis

Barb Flaherty
Tom Hazen

Dave Herman
Chris Pfof

Deb Skinner
Marla Wilckens

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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

Be of Good Cheer Near the end of every January, stories circulate about “Blue Monday,” supposedly the year’s most depressing day. Factors include broken New Year’s resolutions, Christmas debts and cold weather. But this phenomenon actually originated as a PR gimmick. U.K. marketers invented Blue Monday as “the best day to book a summer holiday,” and a psychologist they enlisted to help later admitted the saddest-seeming day became a self-fulfilling prophecy. January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn’t have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but Jesus isn’t! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God’s promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, “In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”