

...joyfully worshipping God...

(An * indicates “please stand if you’re comfortably able.”)

...GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE *Jesu, meine Freude (Jesus, Priceless Treasure)* J.S. Bach

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader, **People**) —Psalm 150

Praise the Lord.
Praise God in His holy temple.
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His powerful acts.
Praise Him because he is greater than anything else.
Praise Him by blowing trumpets.
Praise Him with harps and lyres.
Praise Him with tambourines and dancing.
Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes.
Praise Him with clashing cymbals.
Praise Him with clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

*ENTRANCE HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* GTG 240

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Help us to live as your Easter people .
(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

...HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Because He Lives* Wm. & Gloria Gaither

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118:14-29
John 20:19-31

MESSAGE **Easter People: Thomas** Rev. Janet Potter

...RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real* GTG 256

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom
and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

*OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offertory

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & *THE LORDS PRAYER*
MALOTTE Sung By Congregation

...SENDING FOR SERVICE

*SENDING HYMN *Lift High the Cross* GTG 826

*CHARGE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Recessional on Lift High the Cross*
Setting by Donald Busarow

...compassionately caring for one another...

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those currently impacted by war; that all would be comforted.
Prayers for our church body during this time of transition and change.

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

OUR WEEKLY TELEVISION BROADCAST

Souler Energy, our weekly Sunday Worship broadcast, can be viewed every Sunday at 9:30am on KFBB TV Channel 5 (cable channel 9).

If you would like to support the continued broadcast of this program, donations are always appreciated. Mark your check in the memo section for “Souler Energy” or use a blue envelope found in the pews, and drop in the offering plate. Thank you!

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JOIN US
NEXT SUNDAY

*Rev. Janet Potter
will be
preaching!*

...humbly serving others...

Peace Place - Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We are a "Safe Haven for Special Families", offering gentle care and renewal to families raising young children who are fragile. Call 453-1411 for more information, or to chat with a staff member!

...continually growing in God's Word...

Men's Group

Wednesdays @ 7:00 a.m., in the Social Hall.

Classes

The Inheritance by Beth Moore-Monday evenings @ 6:30 p.m. in the Ross Library. This class is taught by Alissa Brown.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Across Montana, efforts are underway to raise awareness about the impact and prevalence of child abuse and neglect, as well as to encourage community members to support families to ensure all children grow up in a safe and nurturing environment. As part of the efforts, April 24th is designated as National Blue Sunday, a day dedicated to raising awareness within the faith community about preventing child abuse and neglect in our community. This week we keep all those who have suffered from abuse and neglect in our prayers and encourage people to reach out to a local organization that supports the development of healthy and strong families in our community. We need your help to end child abuse and neglect in Montana.

...and actively sharing the Good News of Christ

Worship Service - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. *A time to gather in celebration and praise of our Lord!*

Coffee Hour - immediately following worship. Everyone is welcome to attend!

WOW: - Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., starting in Faith Village.

Dinner is offered at 6:00 p.m. for each of our Wednesday programs. There is no charge, but free-will offerings will be taken each week.

Announcements

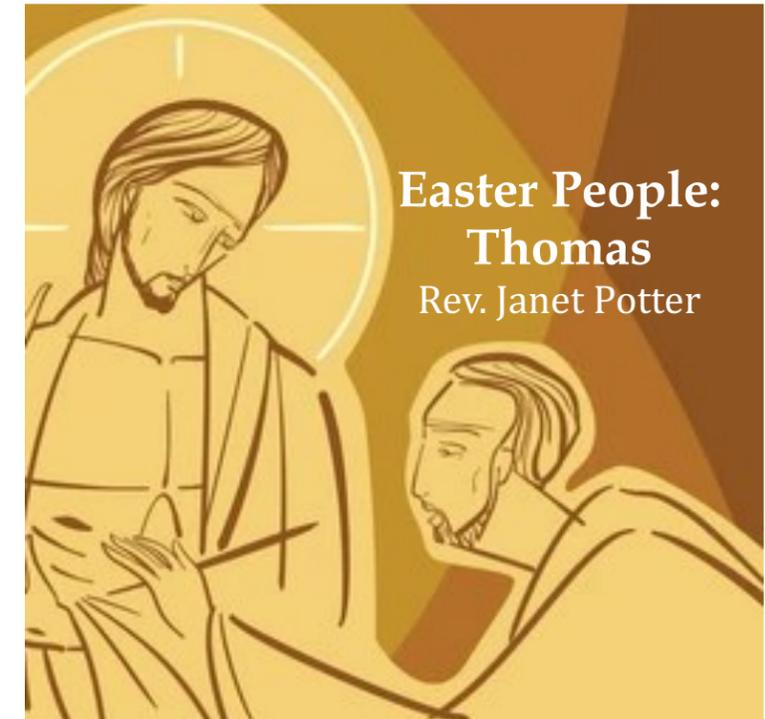
**YOU are
NEEDED!**

Liturgists needed! Please contact Rees Davies following worship today in the sanctuary if you're able to volunteer!



CALL FOR PRAYER! "...a time to heal, a time to mourn, a time to keep silence, and a time to speak." (Ecclesiastes 3b, 4a, 7b)

First Presbyterian Church has been through some challenging situations over the past few years. Marla Wilckens is calling for a church wide prayer session to be held May 15 after church service, around 11:30 am in the Lease Chapel. There will be no set agenda, just some directional suggestions. This will be a time to express one's hopes, fears, anger, frustration to God, either silently or spoken. She hopes that this session will help congregants grieve and heal in order to move on to whatever God has planned for the church. Any questions, call Marla Wilckens, 452-0226.



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We are the body of Christ...

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