

...joyfully worshiping God...

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

...GATHERING BEFORE GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

Joan Schmidt

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

PRELUDE

Hymn to Joy

Beethoven

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader, **People**)

This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

GTG 611

CALL TO CONFESSION

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

~A moment of silent prayer~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear these words from John 3:16-17 “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

In celebration of our forgiveness, please greet one another.

...HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Cathedral Choir

God So Loved the World

Aaron David Miller

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 1; 1

John 5:9-13

MESSAGE

To Life!

Rev. Janet Potter

SONG HYMN OF RESPONSE

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

GTG 832

...RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offertory

Fantasia in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer (by Malotte)

Sung by congregation

...SENDING FOR SERVICE

*SENDING HYMN

Go Now in Peace

Sung by Congregation

*CHARGE

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 *Allegro Maestoso*
(from Water Music)

G.F. Handel

...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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are looking for candy donations for our annual Trunk Or Treat event! Please bring individually wrapped candies to the church on Sundays, or to the church office during the week! For any questions please contact Alissa Brown at 453-1411.

We minister to many in the surrounding area through our wonderful pantry. This heavy use means we need to restock several items! A complete list is available in the church office. We need those specific items, but we welcome any donation.

Last Sunday Jane Hashley gave us a presentation of the Million Word Club at Longfellow School. This subscription based online reading incentive program is one way that Longfellow is trying to raise reading scores since international studies has found that "the single most important predictor of academic success is the amount of time children spend reading books, more important than even economic or social status." This program which has a minimum of \$1485 for 100 students had been funded by grants that have now expired, so Longfellow looked to us for help. If we have enough funding we can go beyond this basic program to fund end of the year field trips, lunches, and prizes for those children to further incentivize their Million Word Goal. Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church and marked for "Longfellow Reading Project." For additional information, please contact Jane Hashley.

Town Pump has again selected FISH to be part of the "Be a Friend in Deed, Help Those in Need" campaign. Town Pump will match every donation to FISH up to \$25,000 from **September 1st, 2022 through November 30th, 2022.** You can donate through the church by marking on the envelope and/or check FISH, or by sending your donation to: FISH P.O. Box 662 Great Falls. MT 59403

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Andy Smothers 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...

Classes/Studies

Anatomy Of A Revived Church by Thom S. Rainer-Tuesdays @ 11:00 a.m. & Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. in the Ross Library. This class is taught by Pastor Risa.

Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. in the Ross Library. This study is taught by Alissa Brown.

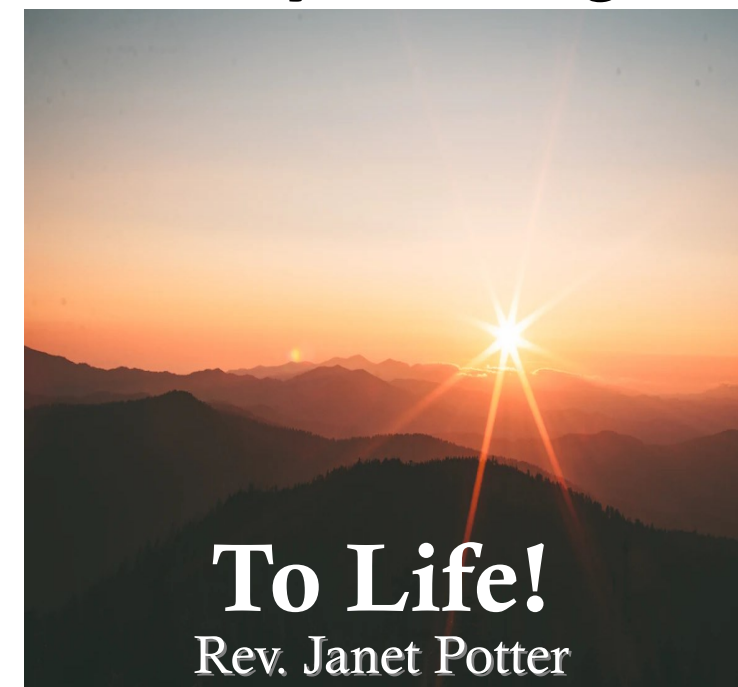
...and actively sharing the Good News of Christ

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!



Today's message



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