

...joyfully worshiping God...

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

...GATHERING BEFORE GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

Joan Schmidt

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

PRELUDE *Vater Unser im Himmelreich* (Our Father in Heaven)

J.S. Bach

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

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadows of the almighty,
will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

For he delivers us from the snare of the hunter and from deadly pestilence;

he covers us with his wings and under his wings we find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

We fear not the terror of night

nor the violence and destruction of day.

Those who love him,

he will deliver;

he protects those who know his name.

When they call to him, he will answer them;

he will be with them in trouble,

he will rescue and honor them.

With long life he will satisfy them,

and show them his salvation. Let us worship God!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

GTG 353

CALL TO CONFESSION

(from 1 Timothy 6)

Our culture encourages us to gain wealth without limit. Paul, though, writes that those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. Let us confess when we have not been content with what is sufficient for life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(from 1 Timothy 6)

Loving God, you command us to shun eagerness to be rich. The Apostle Paul notes that such desires have plunged people into ruin and destruction. It has caused some to wander from the faith and caused them many pains. We, likewise, can be eager to accumulate great wealth. Transform us to be people of God pursuing righteous, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Forgive our focus upon wealth above our love for you and neighbor. We pray this in the name of the one who, though, he was in the form of God, emptied himself and humbled himself for our benefit. Amen.

~A moment of silent prayer~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

May you fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and to which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. Jesus is worthy for he came in human form and experienced what we experience, though, without sinning. He died that we might have forgiveness. He is risen that we might know the reality of eternal life. Receive his forgiveness and be at peace. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Now that we have been reconciled to God, let us be reconciled to one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.

...HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

On Eagle’s Wings (Psalm 91)

Michael JoncasFaith

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

Jeremiah 32:1-15

MESSAGE “Foolish Faith?”

Rev. Andy Smothers

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Faith Begins by Letting Go

GTG 684

...RESPONDING TO THE
GOOD NEWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 21. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge

by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ’s merit.

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TALENTS

Offertory

O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen

Johannes Brahms

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer (by Malotte)

Sung by congregation

...SENDING FOR SERVICE

*SENDING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

GTG 307

*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 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Setting by Paul Manz

...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

Join us on Wednesday night, October 5th @ 6:00 p.m. for Dinner and a Movie. We'll be showing "The Chosen".

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.

The Longfellow School is trying to raise reading scores. The Million Word Club had been funded by grants that have now expired, so Longfellow is looking 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

Thank you all so much for a gracious Sunday coffee fellowship on our last morning together. Prayers for you as you go forward in the light and love of Christ. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ro 15:13. Rev. Janet Potter



Rev. Risa Paul 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.

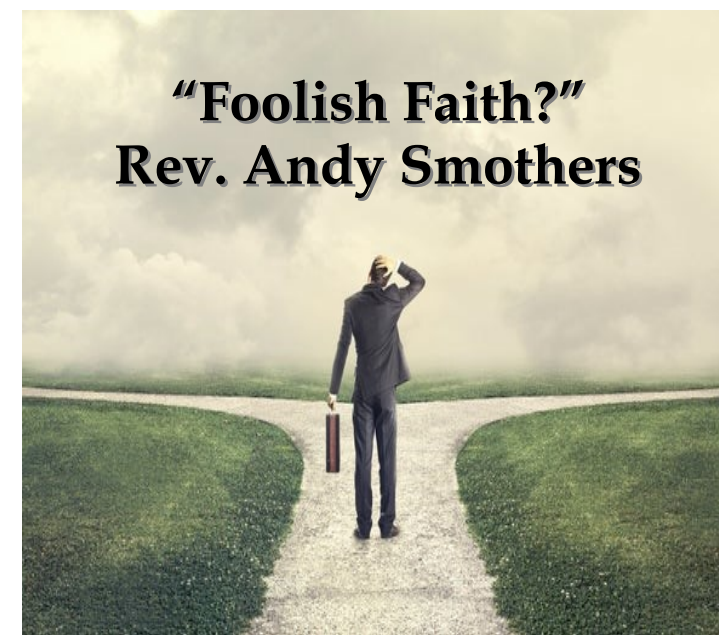
...and actively sharing the Good News of Christ

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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