

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Helena, MT

Sunday, October 2, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

Liturgist – Dianna Goodman

Organist – Ann Swisher

Pulpit Supply – Rev. Tim Lanham

Prelude

“Christ, You Are My Life”

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn #687

(vs. 1-3, 5-6)

Prayer of Confession

Peace of Christ/Gloria Patri - #581

Choir Anthem

“Walk Like Jesus”

Kristin Wilkinson, David Huntsinger

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – Page 1840

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23-27 -- Page 811

Sermon

“What the Church Needs Most”

Response Hymn #377

Communion

Offering

“If You But Suffer God to Guide You”

Randall Thompson

Doxology – Page 606

Prayers of the People

Unison Lord’s Prayer

Life of the Church

Sending Hymn #69

Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude
"Invention A Major"
Randall Thompson

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This Week

10/4 – Sarah Circle 10 a.m.
Mission Bag Lunch 12 Noon
Pinochle 1 p.m.
Education Committee 3 p.m.
Personnel Committee 5:30 p.m.
10/5 -- Administration Committee 4 p.m.
Choir 6:30 p.m.
10/6 – Rebekah Circle 10 am.
Pumpkin Patch Set Up 4 p.m.
10/7 -- Unload Pumpkins 4 p.m.
10/8 -- Boundary Training 8:30 a.m.
Pumpkin Patch Opens 10 a.m.
10/9 – Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Social Time 11 a.m.
Deacon Meeting 11:15 a.m.

Hymns

“Our God, Our Help In Ages Past”

(Psalm 90)

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard
while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

I want to walk as a child
of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light
to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day
are both alike.
The Lamb is the light
of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness
of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness,
shine on my path, and show me
the way to the Father.**

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day
are both alike.
The Lamb is the light
of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming
of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run
with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day
are both alike.
The Lamb is the light
of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

***“Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow”
(Doxology)***

**Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here
below;**

**Praise him above,
ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***“I, the Lord of Sea
and Sky”***

(Here I Am, Lord)

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling
in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling
in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling
in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

***“God Be with You
Till We Meet Again”***

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick
confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating
o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave
before you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 2

GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Tim Lanham, director of Glacier Camp, joins us in worship today as our guest preacher. Welcome, Pastor Tim, and thank you for helping to lead the worship service.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE, CONVERSATION

Please join us after the service for coffee, snacks, and conversation. You can contribute your culinary gifts (or shopping gifts) by volunteering to bring treats for Fellowship Time. Sign up on the sheet on the coffee table.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS – WEEK 5

Please give generously today to the Peace and Global Witness special offering. As you know, 25% of your donation will be given to the Helena YWCA. Its mission of promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all is the essence of Peace and Global Witness. Additionally, the YWCA has a special need at this time to recover from the flooding in early July. The organization lost many items including mattresses, play pens, and towels. It also needs to replace larger furnishings like flooring, desks, and couches damaged by the flood. While the flood impacted their physical spaces, it has not impacted their mission of promoting peace and justice. Thank you for your support.

ANDREW CHRISTOFFERSON UPDATE

Andrew and his family will be departing for their new mission destination on Oct. 9. He has asked for specific prayers: 1) “For a place where we could live and minister.” 2) “That the Holy Spirit would lead us exactly where He wants us to base.” 3) “That the Lord would start to prepare people that He would lead us to.” 4) “For hearts open to relationships and open to Jesus.” 5) “That we would have unity on our team and that grace and peace would reign amongst us.” (More information is available on FPCH website>More>Mission Happenings.)

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

The Education Committee with the help of Boy Scout Troop #228 will hold its annual Pumpkin Patch starting Sat., Oct. 8. Help is needed for set up, unloading pumpkins, covering up the pumpkins and taking a shift to sell pumpkins. (And, of course, to buy pumpkins!) Set up is Thursday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m. Unloading is Friday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m. The pumpkin patch schedule will be Monday-Friday, 2-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Signup sheets available now at the table outside the church office or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaa82da0fbc61-pumpkin> For details, contact John Coefield or the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Candace Coefield will serve as prayer chain coordinator for the next several weeks, during Butch and Pearle’s absence. To request prayers, please contact Candace at 406-461-3764 or email her at ccoefield@bresnan.net.

DEACON’S BENEVOLENCE FUND

Is it the end of your pay period and you need some groceries? Have you had an unexpected dental emergency? Did your medical expenses exceed your budget this month? Need gas? Did your refrigerator blow up? We can help!

The Deacon’s Benevolence Fund is for folks that attend our church, and there are No Strings Attached! If you need help, call the pastor’s office. She will contact the Benevolence Committee and explain your need. We will get a check cut to the doctor, the dentist, Home Depot, your grocery store, etc. This is held in the strictest confidence and not even the committee knows who we are helping.

This is possible because of the generous contributions of the people of First Presbyterian. God bless our donors!

NO HAND & FOOT CARDS OCT. 7

Hand and Foot Cards will not meet this Friday, Oct. 7. Games will resume the following Friday, at 1:30 p.m.

MISSION BAG LUNCH OCT. 4

All Presbyterian women and their spouses are invited to the Mission Bag Lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at noon. For details, contact Rena Bumgardner at 406-468-8341.

WILLING WORKERS AT FARMERS MARKET

FPC Willing Workers will be at the Farmers Market on Saturday, Oct. 8. Please come and visit our booth!

COUPONS, WE NEED YOUR COUPONS!!

We need your help bringing in coupons for those in need here in our community. Please drop them off in the basket in the lobby as you come in the front door or contact Tonna Strasko for more information.

CHOIR REHEARSE AT 6:30 P.M.

The First Presbyterian Church choir rehearses Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m. Returning members and potential new singers welcome! For more information, visit with director Les Cramer or leave a message for him at the church office, 406-442-4775.

BOUNDARY TRAINING HERE OCT. 8

Pastors and elders are encouraged to attend a boundary training session Saturday, Oct. 8, at First Presbyterian Church of Helena. Presbytery Leader Beth McCaw will conduct the training. Watch bulletins and the newsletters for details.

RODNEY ST. WORK CONTINUING

Access to Rodney Street may not be available at times over the next few weeks due to ongoing road construction. Be prepared to use Ewing Street to access our parking lot.

CAMP OFFERS ADVENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

An "Advent and Ahead" Worship Planning Workshop will be held Oct. 10-12 at Glacier Camp. The workshop will focus on planning for the time leading up to Advent, Advent itself, and into the season of Epiphany. The

workshop is open to anyone who is involved in the process of making worship happen. For more information or to sign up, visit the camp website at <https://www.glaciercamp.org/adult-programs>.

CONFIRMATION CLASS PLANNED

The Christian Education Committee is planning to start a Confirmation Class in the fall, with the date to be determined. The recommended ages are 13 years and up. Anyone who knows of a youth interested in taking the class can contact Mary Stiles at 401-474-1517 or email: dagrod41@gmail.com

DUI TASK FORCE FUNDRAISER

The Lewis & Clark County DUI Task Force is planning a fundraiser featuring country music band BlackHawk on Sunday, Oct. 23, at the Civic Center. Tickets are \$42 per person or 6 tickets for the price of 5 (\$35 per person.) Money raised will be used to support DUI prevention, detection, and prosecution. For details, visit the organization's Facebook page or email: lewisandclarkco.duitaskforce@gmail.com

INTERIM PASTOR STARTS OCT. 17

Session has approved a contract with the Rev. Janet Potter to serve as FPC's interim pastor beginning Monday, Oct. 17. Pastor Janet and her husband, Leo, moved to Helena in July 2021, and Leo serves as our treasurer. Prior to moving to Helena, Janet served as pastor for Community Presbyterian Church of St. Maries, ID. Welcome, Pastor Janet!