

FPC News. 1.16.26

9:30 Worship | Jan 18th, 2026 | Acts 2.1-41

Happy MLK weekend! In worship we've begun a new sermon series in the Book of Acts called 'Acts of the Spirit: The Church Becoming Like Jesus.'

It's never been easy for me to hold on to the nature and work of the Holy Spirit (called Comforter, Counselor, Advocate, Spirit of Truth).

My pastor from years ago, Earl Palmer, offered this definition for the Spirit: 'God invisible, personally present, bringing to completion all that Christ began.' The Spirit of Christ keeps expanding the kingdom of Jesus.

Acts tells the story of how early believers, propelled by the Spirit, continued the mission of Jesus to expand his kingdom.

We read their story with attentive care because their story and mission have become our own – even as we see and celebrate in the kingdom-expanding ministry of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prayer: Lord, we ask that by the power of your Spirit, you might continue the mission of Jesus today – both to us, and through us. Amen.

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We will be together in the Sanctuary for worship this Sunday at 9:30am. You can also click this link to **live-stream** our worship service (or view it afterward) https://youtube.com/live/nT8PS7spK_o?feature=share

To **listen by phone** to the live 9:30am worship service on Sunday via Zoom, call 253-215-8782. You will be asked to enter three codes: Meeting ID: **84025131691 (then #)** Participant ID: **(just press #)** Password: **658627 (then #)**

You will also be able to join worship by clicking the link on **FPC's web page** at www.fpcmissoula.org, or find it on **Facebook** at 'First Presbyterian Church Missoula.'

Winterfest @ Glacier Camp

Calling all youth group students! Join us for a weekend of winter fun and celebration of God's abundance. Hit the slopes at Blacktail on Saturday or stick around camp for some non-skiing fun. Save your spot ASAP and take advantage of our early bird pricing available through January 23rd! Register by scanning the QR code or by contacting Sarah (cyf@fpcmissoula.org).



Warming Tree:

Thank you to everyone who has donated scarves, gloves, and hats for our Warming Tree that is outside in front of the church. Our neighbors have been very enthusiastic about the tree. So much so, that we have run out of the product for the tree. Our Sending Team would be very grateful for your donations of these winter items. There will be a designated box, in the Fellowship Hall to put your donations. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Rummage sale this year will be the week of March 22.

Set up will be 4:00pm, Sunday, March 22

Donations will be taken and sorted Wednesday, 9-5 and Thursday (donations 9-11) (sorted til 5pm), March 25-26.

The sales will be Friday 9-5 and Saturday Half Price 9-11:30, Bag sale 12-2:30. March 27-28.

Start cleaning out those closets and thinking about how you can be involved in one of the funnest weeks of the year!

Contact Jo with questions. jo@fpcmissoula.org

Star Words

Every January, we have Star Words to be handed out the first Sunday of Epiphany. These are words that folks can use in different ways throughout the year. It may be a word that is challenging for you, or a word that you feel you already do, so how can you look at it differently this year? If you missed getting one, there will be extras in the baskets in the Narthex.

Roots Invitation

Are you excited about the New Year? Maybe you're looking for new life and community here at First Presbyterian. How about joining one of our Roots groups for small group fellowship? We gather to share scripture, to study books and to reflect on our lives. All is intended to deepen and strengthen our own faith and bring us closer to each other. There's plenty of room with lots of groups meeting at different times and places, all ready to welcome you in. Contact Ron Righter (ron.righter@gmail.com), Joy McKay (joymckay10@gmail.com) or Jo Ruby (jo@fpcmissoula.org) to learn more.

Gather At The Table

This February-June we are forming dinner groups to "Gather at the Table". This is an opportunity to share a few meals with our community, getting to know one another in a home or two. The group sign ups will be the next 2 Sundays (of January). Sign up in the fellowship hall kiosk or online

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA4A92EA2FCC25-61488154-gather>

The Belonging committee will form the groups to be about 7-8 people, making them intergenerational. The groups will kick off in February (we will contact you all) and will have until June to have 2 dinners and the Maundy Thursday dinner together. The groups can decide if they want to be in different homes for the 3 dinners or at one place. The intent is for everyone in the group to bring something to the table (food wise), enjoy a meal together and get to know each other! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to sign up. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to **Joy McKay** or **Jo Ruby** (jo@fpcmissoula.org).

MLK Day Community Celebration

The MLK Day Community Celebration will take place January 19th, 4:00-5:45 pm at the Holiday Inn Parkside Downtown Missoula. It will be streamed live on MCAT. There will also be a Community Social & Dinner from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Missoula First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (300 E. Main - alley entrance). They are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the community meal; including 5 people to help serve the meal from 5:30 - 7:30 and another 5 people to help with dinner clean up, 7-9 pm. Please email **Chloe Lyons** at Empower Montana to sign up. chloe@empowermt.org.

Helping Hands

For questions related to emergency assistance, please contact our Helping Hands Team: Jan Everett jeverett53@gmail.com, Jane Hogan 2jhogan@gmail.com or Krista Hellem kristahellem@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

January

- January 13th - Senior Luncheon @ 11:30
- January 19th - MLK Day Community Celebration 4:00-5:00 pm (Holiday Inn Parkside Downtown Missoula) followed by Community Social Dinner 6:00 - 7:30 (Missoula First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall)

February

- February 6-8 - Youth Winterfest @ Glacier Camp
- February 10th - Senior Luncheon

Prayer List

Ongoing Prayer Support: Victor Schlimgen, Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson, Nick Bailey, Peggy Schalk, Mike & Mary Fussell, Tyler Winchell, Ray and Susie Risho

Prayers for Health and Healing: Jill Gilliam, Sarah Shepard, LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Betty Winchell, Jean Johnson, Mike Hickey, Becky Tucker, Luceile Kempner

Condolences: The family and friends of Bill & Heidi Ingalsbe