

## **FPC News 1.23.26**

### **9:30 Worship | Jan 25th, 2026 | Acts 2.41-47**

Jesus offers the thesis sentence for the Book of Acts: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

Paraphrase: God will empower you, apprentices, to embody Jesus in the arenas of your influence. And the good news will spread from person to person like the ripples from a rock tossed into a pond.

The 'you' part is plural. Together. In community. 'You' will bear witness. 'You' will embody Jesus. How?

Acts 2.42 offers a vision of what Church can be: 'They devoted themselves to the truth of Christ, to Christ-centered relationships of depth, to sharing meals that feast on Christ, and to prayer practices that open hearts to Christ.'

The kind of community we ourselves long for most becomes good news for everyone.

Prayer: *Lord, how we do long to enjoy a meaningful spiritual life, an authentic community, and a purpose as large as your Love! Show us your Way to the Acts 2 Church. 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/pitekZ6HlqI?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](http://www.fpcmissoula.org), or find it on **Facebook** at 'First Presbyterian Church Missoula.'

### **Congregational Celebration and Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 1st, Fellowship Hall**

**Join us!** Each year we gather to celebrate God's presence and voice among us in the last year as members for our congregation share their reflections. We begin with Celebration Worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary followed by the Annual Meeting beginning at 10:30 am. Our meeting will be a **brunch potluck**; we invite you to bring a **dish to share** (think egg or protein dishes, fresh fruit, coffee cakes, etc.) This is one of our most joyful church family gatherings of the year and we hope to see you there!

### **Winterfest @ Glacier Camp**

It's not too late to join us! February 6th-8th youth from our congregation and others will be gathered 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. Register via this link (<https://forms.gle/gFrgBMXaeSjCDE1Z8>) or by scanning the QR code below. Contact Sarah ([cyf@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:cyf@fpcmissoula.org)) with any questions.



### **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.

## **February**

Spread God's love everywhere you go. Come and enjoy the Senior Luncheon, held on February 10th, in the Fellowship Hall, gathering at 11:15am. Please RSVP to Barbara Miller, 406-239-7999

## **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](mailto:jo@fpcmissoula.org)

## **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](mailto:ron.righter@gmail.com)), Joy McKay ([joymckay10@gmail.com](mailto:joymckay10@gmail.com)) or Jo Ruby ([jo@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:jo@fpcmissoula.org)) to learn more.

## **Gather At The Table-Last Sunday to sign up!**

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.

## **This Sunday, January, 25 is the last Sunday to sign up.**

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](mailto:jo@fpcmissoula.org)).

## **Helping Hands**

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

## **Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:**

### **February**

- February 1st - Annual Meeting
- February 1st - 22nd - Donations accepted for Family Promise Welcome Basket Drive
- February 6-8 - Youth Winterfest @ Glacier Camp
- February 10th - Senior Luncheon

### **March**

- March 27th-28th - Rummage Sale

### **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, George Lightner

**Condolences:** The family and friends of Heidi Ingalsbe