

MARCH 9th, 2025

Worship with FPC | March 9th, 2025 | Luke 10.25-37

25 Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus.
"Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?"

26 He answered, "What's written in God's Law? How do you interpret it?"

27 He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself."

28 "Good answer!" said Jesus. "Do it and you'll *live*."

Lenten Prayer: *Lord, help me to set aside what comes between you and me, so that acknowledging my need I might return to you with all my heart, practice your way of loving neighbor, and taste of life.*

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://www.youtube.com/live/rj637mcQR5I>

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.'

Invitation to a Lenten Spiritual Journey

Ruth Haley Barton says, "unfortunately, most people reduce the Lenten season to the question, 'what are you giving up for Lent?' The real question of Lent is, 'how will I return to God with all my heart?'" As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent, we invite you to consider the ways in which the Lord is calling you to practice returning to God with your whole heart. **The three practices of Lent are fasting, prayer and generosity.** We fast from - set aside - what gets in the way of God, in order to incorporate and practice closeness to God (prayer) and generosity in our lives. Attached to this email you will find a table that invites you to consider how you will enter into a Lenten Spiritual journey.

What will you wish to set aside?

How will you wish to practice prayer?

How will you wish to be practice generosity?

You may also wish to be guided by Emily Huff's Lenten devotional (attached to the weekly email as well). Emily is Dan and Tracey's sister-in-law, and she has put together this book of Scriptures and quotations that spark reflection and prayer.

Bunko is Tonight! March 9th, 5-7pm, Fellowship Hall

Come join us this Sunday evening for a rousing game of Bunko! This has traditionally been an amazing night full of fun and laughter and a great game. We will have snacks to enjoy as we play several rounds. Come join us!

Toppers' Party: March 29th, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Don't you love getting "real" mail? Not an email, not junk mail, but honest-to-goodness mail? Well, keep your eyes peeled for your Toppers' invitation, and mark your calendar for March 29th!

There is a beautiful Mediterranean meal and fun to be had. Join the deacons to celebrate you.

Casas Breakfast: Sunday, March 30th, 10:45am, Fellowship Hall

Come join us for a pancake breakfast after our worship service to support our mission teams. Proceeds go directly to our youth and adult mission trips. This is a yummy pancake breakfast put on by your Casas team members looking forward to our future mission trips. At 12:00 we will be setting up the Fellowship Hall for the Rummage sale. If you would like to stick around and help with the set up process we would love that! Many hands make light work!

Help Build a Little Free Library!

The FPC Session is excited to offer a unique opportunity to bless our community by building a **Little Free Library**—a small, outdoor book-sharing box filled with free books and words of encouragement. We're looking for one or two volunteers to help with this project. Whether you prefer to build one from scratch or assemble a pre-purchased kit, this is a great way to help FPC in our mission to **surprise Missoula with Christ's astonishing love**. If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to Jess Coulter at jess.c.coulter@gmail.com or (406) 370-9533 to learn more!

Rummage Sale Details

The rummage sale is coming up very soon! We are excited for this fun week sorting and selling together. Here is the schedule for the week, **please note, we cannot take donations early** as we have no where to store said items in the church. If you would like to volunteer (we need many people!), please let Jo know at jo@fpcmissoula.org.

Set up: Sunday, March 30th 12:00-2:00pm

Donation Drop Off: Wednesday, April 2, 9:00am-5:00pm & Thursday, April 3rd, 9:00am-11:00am, FPC Alley (Myrtle St. entry)

Sort: Wednesday April 2nd, 9:00am-5:00pm & Thursday, April 3rd, 9:00am-3:00pm

Sale: Friday April 4th, 9:00am-5:00pm

Half Price Sale: Saturday, April 5th, 9:00am-11:30am

Bag Sale: Saturday, April 5th, 12:00pm-2:30pm

Tear down: Saturday, April 5th, 2:30pm-8:00pm

Easter Sunday Egg Hunts: Sunday, April 20th, Following Worship

Easter Sunday is always a joyful time of celebration. After our service we enjoy 3 easter egg hunts together. Gather at the base of the Fellowship Hall stairs following Worship. Come join in the fun!

5 and under: 11:15am

Grades 1-3: 11:20am

Grades 4-adult: 11:30am

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

March

- Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am, FPC Sanctuary
- Bunko Night: Sunday, March 9th, 5-7pm, Fellowship Hall
- Topper's Party: Saturday, March 29th, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall
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- Senior Luncheon: Tuesday, April 8th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall
- Palm Sunday Worship: Sunday, April 13th, FPC Sanctuary
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 18th, 5:30pm, FPC Sanctuary
- Easter Worship: Sunday, April 20th, FPC Sanctuary
- Congregational Meeting: Sunday, April 27th, Following Worship, Fellowship Hall

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).

Prayer List

Ongoing Prayer Support: Victor Schlimgen, Eva Tsosie and son Chaske, Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson, Haleigh Adair, Nick Bailey, Peggy Schalk, Mike & Mary Fussell

Prayers for Health and Healing: Annabelle Olds, Jill Gilliam, Sarah Shepard, Betty Winchell, Audrey Peterson