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MAY 21st, 2023

Worship with FPC | May 21st, 2023 | Romans 6:1-14 (15-23)

If, in Christ Jesus, God is forgiving, and if our sin doesn't turn God away from us, why not just keep on sinning? Why not live it up and look out for Number One?

This is the question Paul addresses in Romans 6.

How would you answer the question?

How does Paul?

We will be together in the sanctuary for worship this week. You can also click this link **to live-stream** our worship service (or view it afterward): <https://youtube.com/live/mNTHBLqyvEo?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.'

May 28th is Pentecost Sunday!

Come to worship wearing red to celebrate the fire of God's Spirit!

Is There Anyone Who Yearns for Life and Desires to See Good Days?

This question from Psalm 34.12 may make your heart jump with longing. It also introduces our summer preaching series, which we will call 'A Good Life.' The title comes from a lovely slim book by Robert Benson, a Christian writer from Nashville who helped Pastor Dan learn how to pray when he was feeling empty, dry and exhausted. Benson shares the treasures of the Benedictine spiritual life, where practices of prayer, rest, community and work are given balance; where simple tasks gain holy significance; and where all of life becomes an act of worship. **This summer FPC's preaching team will be sharing Scriptures that speak to prayer, rest, community and work as elements of the rhythmic good life God longs to give us** as we set aside space for Christ to stand at the center. *A Good Life* is one of good books we invite those uniting with our congregation to read. If you, your Roots group, or a few friends from your neighborhood would like to spend a little time in this 79-page retreat-in-a-book, *A Good Life*, it can be ordered [here](#).

Heads Up: Alley Behind FPC Will Be Closed May 1st - Week of the 22nd

The Fellowship Hall building elevator will still be accessible.

Seeking Volunteers for FPC-Run Aid Station at the Missoula Marathon: June 25

The Missoula Marathon is on Sunday, June 25th in the morning, and FPC is again in charge of an aid station near the bandshell in Bonner Park. There we will come together to encourage weary runners with cheers and liquids as they near the end of their race. Interested in taking part? There are three shifts to choose from. Click [here](#) for the sign-up link, and contact Emma at emma@fpcmissoula.org with any questions.

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings

May:

- Ordination/Installation of Officers; Grad Sunday; Bible Sunday: Sunday, May 21st

June:

- Hogan Senior Living Center Open House: Sunday, June 4th, 3:00pm
- Memorial Service for Mary Barnett: Thursday, June 8th, 1:00pm, Sanctuary
- All-Church Potluck Picnic: Thursday, June 8th, 5:30pm, Pineview Park in the Rattlesnake
- Memorial Service for Nancy MacDonald: Friday, June 9th, 11:00am, Sanctuary
- Missoula Marathon (FPC Aid Station at Bonner Park): Sunday, June 25th Morning

- Memorial Service for Char Rice: Wednesday, June 28th, 11:00am, Sanctuary
- High School Backpack Trip: June 26th-29th

July:

- Middle School Canoe Trip: July 13th-16th

August:

- All-Church Campout: August 25th-27th, Glacier Camp

Announcement Guidelines and Office/Staff Hours

Announcements for FPC's Friday News Emails and for Sunday Worship must be sent to secretary@fpcmissoula.org and emma@fpcmissoula.org by Wednesday.

- FPC Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm, 406-549-5144
- FPC Staff Meeting: Tuesdays, 9:30am - 11:30am
- Pastor and Ministry Directors (Dan Cravy, Emma Thackston, and Austin Graef) work Mondays; unavailable Fridays
- Operation Manager (Becky Kress) and Secretary (Haleigh Adair) work Tuesday - Fridays; unavailable Mondays
- Program Support Administrator (Jo Ruby) typically works Tuesdays & Thursdays

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).