

**9:30 Worship | Feb 22nd 2026 | Acts 4.32 – 5.11**

I spent a few, inauspicious weeks at the United States Air Force Academy.

The Cadet Honor Code set a high standard: ‘We will not lie, steal, or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does....’

Why demand such a code of conduct?

What is lost between persons when someone lies? What is lost from community when lies are tolerated?

Acts 4.32-5.11 tells one of the most shocking stories in Scripture. It’s almost as if guarding trust is a matter of life and death.

*Prayer: O Lord, forgive us for distrusting that in you is found our security. O Lord, forgive us for breaking trust to look for our security anywhere else. O Lord, teach us to guard the truth, that we might not lie to you, to others, to ourselves. 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/icBfn1aqJT0?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.’

**Help FPC Find our new Manager of Operations!**

FPC is looking to hire a new Manager of Operations – a full time salaried position with medical and other benefits. Can you help spread the word?!

The position description and instructions for application are posted on our website ([www.fpcmissoula.org](http://www.fpcmissoula.org)) and can be found by clicking [here!](#)

We’re searching for a committed administrator and steward of all things finance, facilities, personnel, office, and grounds – a person who, in the Lord’s service, will care for this congregation and honor our larger mission to surprise Missoula with Christ’s astonishing love.

**Youth & Parent Gathering – March 8**

All middle and high school students and their parents are invited to a gathering immediately following worship on Sunday, March 8. We’ll share food and spend time in conversation as we listen to students, gather input, and begin discerning the direction of our youth ministry for the coming season. Students are encouraged to come even if they haven’t been involved in youth group before. We hope you’ll join us!

**Lenten Devotionals**

As we 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. What will you wish

to set aside? How will you wish to practice prayer? How will you wish to practice generosity? (A Lenten Spiritual Practices card can be found attached as a PDF as well as in the Narthex.)

You may be glad to be guided by Emily Huff's 'Forty' Lenten Devotional. Emily is Dan and Tracey's sister-in-law. Each year she draws together a profound and lovely book of Scriptures and quotations for each day of Lent that invite reflection, prayer, and the riches of returning to the Lord with all your heart. Please see the attached PDF of the Lenten Devotional.

We also invite families with young children to make space for Jesus during the season of Lent. Click [here](#) to access a simple resource to help you and your child notice God's presence in everyday moments. Over the course of Lent, your family will create a simple paper home. This home serves as a symbol of the space we are making for Christ in our own lives. There's no right or wrong way to do it—just an invitation to slow down, make room, and notice God.

### **Welcome Baskets: Sending Sunday February 22nd!**

As families from Family Promise or the Housing Advocate Network "graduate" into homes of their own, each receive housewarming gifts of necessary supplies needed to reestablish home life. Bring donations to First Presbyterian Church collection sites in the office, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall. On Mission Sunday, **February 22nd**, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 to organize the baskets. **Questions? Contact Jan Everett at (406) 544-1076.**

**Cleaning Basket:** Broom and dustpan, Toilet brush and plunger set, All purpose cleaner, laundry detergent (prefer free and clear), Dish soap, 33 gallon garbage bags, Laundry baskets

**Kitchen Supply Basket:** Cutting Boards, Can openers, Ziplocks - gallon, quart, and sandwich, Toaster, Kitchen garbage bins (10-13 gallon)

**Toiletry/Bathroom Basket:** Shampoo and conditioner, Deodorant (prefer non fragrant), Body lotion (prefer non fragrant), Liquid hand soap, Small bathroom waste paper basket

**Food Staple Basket:** Salt and pepper, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Cooking oil, Pancake mix, Pancake syrup

**Gift Cards & Gas Cards:** \$50 gas cards, \$50 Gift cards

### **Glass Recycling = Care for God's Creation**

This is to share when and where you can recycle your glass! As part of care for God's creation, our church helped connect RecyclingWorks (which began as a subsidiary of Missoula Interfaith Collaborative) with the Missoula County Public Schools. Mark your calendars! Now you can take your glass for recycling to drop-off days at Big Sky High School: 9am - 2pm, North Parking Lot, 3100 South Ave West, **on Sundays, March 1, June 7, Sept 13, Dec 6.**

### **SAVE THE DATE! March 27th - 28th Rummage Sale!**

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.

This year, we are trying something a bit new, we will be taking early donations (Monday and Tuesday of that week) **of Estate type (think Boutique!) items.** We will not take clothing, bedding, books, children's items that go into the large room until Wednesday. This is to give our Boutique ladies a head start on sorting their room. If you have items that you feel can go into that room and can be brought early, please contact Jo. [jo@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:jo@fpcmissoula.org) If you have things like dishes, jewelry, silver, collectables, furniture (nice) etc. please contact Jo.

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

#### **February**

- February 18th - Ash Wednesday Service @ 5:30 PM
- February 22nd - Sending Sunday, Family Promise Welcome Baskets

#### **March**

- March 1 - March 1 - Glass Recycling @ Big Sky High School 9am - 2pm (3100 South Ave West)
- March 1 - 7 Family Promise Week
- March 8th - Youth and Parent Gathering

- March 8th - FPC Bunko Night
- March 10th - Senior Luncheon
- March 22nd - Sending Sunday Empower Packs following church service
- March 26-28 - Lamb of God
- March 27-28 - Rummage Sale
- March 29th - Palm Sunday

**Prayer List**

**Ongoing Prayer Support:** Victor Schlimgen, Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson, Nick Bailey, Peggy Schalk, Mike & Mary Fussell, Tyler Winchell, Ray and Susie Risho, Lois and Jack Puckett, Jean Johnson, Sarah Shepard

**Prayers for Health and Healing:** Jill Gilliam, LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Betty Winchell, Mike Hickey, Becky Tucker, George Lightner, Carole Finkinger