

FPC News
April 3, 2026

Good Friday Worship | Today, April 3rd, 5:30pm

Good Friday. The cross.

Today we refuse to look away,
or try to blame someone else for our offense

Today we see in grim reflection,
the angry self-importance that kills Christ

Today we refuse to look away,
from him who suffers, arms stretched wide with love

Today we gaze into the eyes,
of him who bleeds redemption from above

Prayer: *In your face on the cross I see my self-absorption and my self-righteousness. Forgive me, Lord, for how my blindness crucifies your Love. Save me from myself by your sacrificial grace. And fill me with your goodness to suffer love. 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/ElkbL0HXK9I?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.'

Good Friday Worship Service - April 3rd - 5:30 PM

We will gather for Good Friday worship on Friday, April 3rd at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Join us as we reflect on Christ's death on the cross and look forward to the hope of Easter.

Livestream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/9eRjMhNRWUo?feature=share>

Easter Worship with FPC: Sunday, April 5th, 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

On Easter we will celebrate Christ's resurrection in the Sanctuary at 9:30am. Following worship we will gather to participate in Easter egg hunts and fellowship. All are welcome!

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 the fun!

10:45 Ages 5 and Under
10:55 Grades K/1 - 3rd grades
11:05 Grades 4th grade - Adults

TOPPERS PARTY! April 18, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall

Now that you have your invitation remember to submit your Lottery card by **April 10th** to see if your entry to drawn for the Antique Showcase. Also don't forget to RSVP for the Party by **April 13th**. Call Lori at the church office. **(406) 549-5144** Join your Deacons in unlocking the memories of yesteryear!

Senior Luncheon - There will be no Senior Luncheon in April

FPC Mission Impact Lunch - April 19

Please join us for a congregational gathering on Sunday, April 19, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a time of lunch, learning, and conversation.

During this meeting we will share about the mission work of our church, including partnerships with local efforts that serve families experiencing housing instability. We will also hear a story about the impact our congregation has already made and look ahead to a new goal: helping move the dial on affordable housing in Missoula.

Lunch will be provided, and there will be time to both offer input and learn how each of us can take part in God's mission in our city. We hope you will join us!

Sending Saturday: YMCA Riverbank Run Water Station, Saturday April 25th, 8:40 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Join us for the joy of serving together at FPC's YMCA Riverbank Run water station. We'll provide water, encouragement, and support to runners as they participate in this iconic Missoula event. We've invited the Celtic Dragon Pipe Band to make our corner festive. It's one of the many ways we surprise Missoula with Christ's astonishing love. Location: The corner of Arthur and Evans Avenue. Runners will pass twice, first going south on Arthur, then going east on Evans. Can we count on you to start your weekend generously together with friends from FPC? Coffee will be provided! Contact Bill Maitland (m8landw@gmail.com) with any questions or to let me know if you are interested in participating.

Celebrating Becky Kress April 26th following Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Becky Kress has served as FPC's Operations Manager with excellence, energy, hospitality and heart for the last ten years. In her we have enjoyed a deeply committed administrator and steward of all things finance, facilities, personnel and office who has tirelessly honored and cared for us all. We are far richer for her presence and leadership in countless ways!

Becky's last Sunday on staff will be April 26th. We will celebrate Becky following worship and a brief congregational meeting to elect officers. Think chocolate! You are welcome to consider words of affirmation to share with her that day and bring notes of thanks and/or cash to contribute to a money tree as an expression of our deepest gratitude. You may bring those on April 26th or direct them to the church office.

New Solar Panels for FPC & the Care of Gods Creation!

The Resource Committee has been pursuing the addition of solar panels for our Fellowship Hall and CE Building. We successfully obtained a grant last fall from NorthWestern Energy which covers 40% of the overall cost. We're also pursuing other tax credits and donations which we hope will cover the majority of the remaining cost. This new solar array will provide no-cost power for decades to come. The installation consists of fifty-two American-made panels providing 62 kilowatts of power output. This is the maximum size of solar array allowed in the state and will save us around \$8,700 per year in utility bills. Staging will mostly occur in the school's parking off of the alley. During this time, we'll allow teachers to park in our church lot during the day. Once the solar installation is complete, we'll put out another announcement. If you have any questions, you can direct them to our friendly Resource Committee members Jack Chambers, Neil Shepard, or Colin Lane.

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

APRIL

- April 3rd - Good Friday Worship
- April 5th - No Youth Group
- April 5th - Easter Sunday
- April 18th - Toppers Party

- April 19th - Mission Sunday
- April 21st - Session Meeting
- April 25th - YMCA River Bank Run Aid Station
- April 26th - Celebrating Becky Kress
- April 26th - Congregational Meeting

May

- May 5th Deacons Meeting
- May 12th Senior Luncheon
- May 13th Roots Potluck Celebration
- May 17th Baby/Graduate Celebration Sunday
- May 17th Incoming Officers Orientation
- May 17th Sending Sunday
- May 19th Session Meeting
- May 24th Pentecost
- May 25th Memorial Day - Office Closed
- May 31st Casas Breakfast; Ordain and Install Officers

Prayer List

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

Prayers for Health and Healing: Jill Gilliam, LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Betty Winchell, Mike Hickey, Becky Tucker, Carole Fickinger, Kade Hasterlik, Lois Puckett