

Worship with FPC | April 21st, 2024 | 1 Corinthians 8

Over the next six weeks we continue to celebrate our Easter hope in the rough-and-tumble of our day-to-day.

Our preaching series on 1 Corinthians is called *Resurrection for the Real Life*. Maybe you will wish to read through Paul's letter to an unruly new community of want-to-be Christ followers.

In this week's passage, Paul addresses what it means to follow Jesus in the gray areas. The subject matter may at first feel foreign – whether a Christian can or should eat food that has been sacrificed to idols – but the underlying moral question is just as modern as it is ancient. When might our allegiance to Christ require disciples to restrain our freedoms? What does love require of us?

Prayer: Lord, make me sensitive not only to my own soul's freedom but to my sisters' and brothers' growth to maturity in trusting Christ.

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/KSom2IWqGAM?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.'

Facility Steward Position

First Presbyterian Church of Missoula seeks a reliable, part-time (up to 18 hours per week) Facility Steward to work closely with staff and coordinate volunteers in support of our mission to surprise Missoula with Christ's astonishing love. The Facility Steward engages in all aspects of maintaining FPC's buildings and grounds. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume by April 29 to: businessmgr@fpcmissoula.org & shepard.neil@mayo.edu or mail to First Presbyterian Church, 235 S Fifth St W, Missoula, MT

Nursery Update

Our nursery is complete, and we're excited to welcome families with babies and toddlers to utilize that space during worship! We're grateful to have families with babies in worship in our Sanctuary, or if you prefer, please know you're welcome to accompany your babies into that space as well and enjoy worship via our live stream that will be airing in the nursery.

We are still on the lookout for baby books and clean stuffed animals or low-noise toys, but have for the time being filled all of our furniture needs for the nursery, and will be installing that furniture over the next two weeks.

Beware Email Scams

Some members and friends of FPC have recently reported an email 'phishing' scam – an email that pretends to come from Dan Cravy suggesting the need for an urgent contact or favor. We have reported scammers both to the Montana Department of Justice and to the Federal Trade Commission.

Do not reply to any suspicious email. Internet/email scammers try to reel you with urgent requests to give up financial information, transfer money, or purchase something like gift cards. In the scam attempts we've seen, the sender's email mimics Dan's church email to appear plausible. If you are at all suspicious of a communication from Dan or First Presbyterian, please call the church office or simply text Dan's mobile phone (in the church directory) to check. Also: Dan's authentic church email is dan@fpcmissoula.org.

April Sending Sunday: Sunday, April 28th, Following Worship

Our next Sending Sunday is April 28th. Following worship that morning, we will be extending some care and attention to our church buildings and grounds. Wear your work clothes to worship!

Finals Week Snacks Wanted for the Alpha Omega House

The Alpha Omega House would love your help providing snacks for Finals Week!
Call/text Laura Lympus (509) 319-4645 to arrange delivery.

Finals Week Snacks: Sunday-Wednesday, May 5-8

*food can be brought anytime, usually put out around 8pm

Pizza, charcuterie, crackers, chips & dip, cookies, treats, you-name-it!

Save the Date: Glacier Camp Work Day, Saturday, June 15, 10am!

This will be a service day up at the Presbyterian Camp on Flathead Lake.

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

April:

- Morning Prayer: Tuesdays, 8:30am, Sanctuary
- Topper's Party: April 20th: 4:30pm
- Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders and Deacons: April 21st, Following Worship
- Sending Sunday: April 28th

May:

- Grad/Baby Sunday: May 12th
- Pentecost Worship: May 19th

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).

Prayer List

Ongoing Prayer Support: Victor Schlimgen, Eva Tsosie and son Chaske, Tom Tucker, Sheryl Tegelberg, Lou Power, Kelley Nicholson, Peggy Schalk, Betty Winchell

Prayers for Health and Healing: Bob Maitland, Haleigh Adair, Carl Miller, Annabelle Olds, John MacDonald, Pam Dubois, Janet Malone, Bob Davis, Jill Gilliam