

**9:30 Worship | Feb 8th 2026 | Acts 3.1-16**

*When someone holds a sign on a street corner asking for help, do you find yourself tempted to look away?*

*When Peter encounters a man crippled on his mat asking for help, he doesn't offer money.*

*But notice what he invites: Looking intently at him, he invites the man to look into his eyes.*

*Why, do you think?*

*When Jesus heals a person suffering leprosy, he touches him. When Peter heals in Jesus' name a person suffering lameness, he looks into his eyes.*

*It would seem there's more to the healing and wholeness of Jesus than being made physically well.*

*Prayer: Lord, as I apprentice myself to you, transform my fearful habits. Give me the courage to risk an intimacy that heals. 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/HuSpKHodVQI?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.'

**Ash Wednesday Worship: Wednesday, February 18th, 5:30pm, Sanctuary**

Ash Wednesday marks our entrance into Lent, a 40-day season of spiritual renewal that invites us to slow down, tell the truth about our lives, and turn again toward God's mercy in the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. On Ash Wednesday we are marked with a cross of dust and ashes as the honest sign of our humanity and hope: from dust we have come; to Christ we will return. Come join us to sing, pray, reflect, and be marked as His beloved.

**Lenten Devotional Guide**

From Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, you may be glad to be guided by Emily Huff's Lenten devotional. Emily is Dan and Tracey's sister-in-law. Each year she draws together a profound and lovely book (attached to your Friday email as a PDF) 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. There are (appropriately) 40 copies in the Narthex (with the Lighthouse on the cover). Please consider carefully whether this will become part of your Lenten practice, and enjoy one copy per household.

**Welcome Baskets: Help Restock the Shelves!**

As families from Family Promise or the Housing Advocate Network "graduate" into homes of their own, each receive appropriately sized housewarming gifts of necessary supplies needed to reestablish home life. In 2025, 44 deliveries were made. Donations of cleaning supplies, basic kitchen items, toiletry and bathroom supplies, and food staples are needed. This time we would like to focus on specific items that are needed.

**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

Bring donations to First Presbyterian Church between February 1-22 on Mission Sunday. On Mission Sunday, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 to sort and organize into baskets for cleaning supplies, kitchen, bathroom and food staples. The collection sites are in the office, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Jan Everett at (406) 544-1076.

### **Lost Serving Dishes/Annual Pot Luck**

If you are missing your serving dish or maybe ended up with a serving dish that looks a little different...we have 2 extra 9 x 13 glass serving dishes in the kitchen and a couple of people could not find their own dish. If you need to find your dish or have one to bring back just bring it to the church office and we will help switch them.

### **February Senior Luncheon**

Spread God's love everywhere you go. Come and enjoy the Senior Luncheon, held on February 10th, in the Fellowship Hall, gathering at 11:15am. Please RSVP to Barbara Miller, 406-239-7999

### **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!**

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 1st - 22nd - Donations accepted for Family Promise Welcome Basket Drive
- February 10th - Senior Luncheon
- February 18th - Ash Wednesday Service @ 5:30 PM

#### **March**

- March 27th-28th - Rummage Sale

#### **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

**Prayers for Health and Healing:** Jill Gilliam, Sarah Shepard, LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Betty Winchell, Jean Johnson, Mike Hickey, Becky Tucker, Luceile Kempner, George Lightner