

## Worship with FPC/April 12th, 2026/Acts 15

Need a good laugh this Sunday?

It'll be Holy Humor Sunday, the Sunday after Easter, which the early church recognized as a celebration of God's best joke. In fact, Christians used to celebrate by playing tricks on each other and drenching each other with water. Death and the devil had been defeated, and it was time to laugh and dance!

Too many of us treat the Christian faith as very serious business, as we do our best to be very good and to follow all kinds of rules to curry favor with God. Like the false teachers in Acts 15, some Christians believe you can't be saved unless you do this and this and this—as if Christ's redeeming sacrifice were not enough.

But the joke's on us! Join us for worship this Sunday to learn why.

Dear God, thank you that our Lord Jesus conquered sin and death and Satan. Help us to receive your gracious gift with joy. 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/GBwj6U-fq5s?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.'

### **TOPPERS PARTY! April 18, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall @ 4:30**

TOPPERS PARTY: Invitations have now been sent and you should have received your blue invitation card plus a lottery card if you'd like to participate in the Antique Showcase.

Per your blue invitation card, RSVP's for the Toppers Party Dinner should be called in to Lori in the Church Office at 406-549-5144 by **Monday, April 13th**. IF you would like to be considered to participate in the Showcase at the party, please submit the entry postcard to the office by April 13. This is voluntary and not contingent to attend the party.

### **Cake Wars — April 19**

All middle and high school students are invited to join us for a special "Cake Wars" night on Sunday, April 19! Students will work in teams to design and decorate cakes, no baking skills required. It's a great chance to build friendships, laugh together, and make a mess — I mean, cake. All ingredients and supplies will be provided. Come ready for a fun evening and bring a friend! Direct questions & RSVPs to Sarah ([sarah@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:sarah@fpcmissoula.org))

### **FPC Mission Impact Lunch - April 19, 10:45 - 12:00**

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!

## Senior Luncheon - There will be no Senior Luncheon in April

### 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.

### Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

#### **APRIL**

- April 12th - No Youth Group
- April 18th - Toppers Party
- April 19th - Cake Wars!
- April 19th - Mission Sunday
- April 21st - Session Meeting
- April 25th - YMCA River Bank Run Aid Station
- April 26th - No Youth Group
- April 26th - Congregational Meeting/Celebrating Becky Kress

#### **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, Lois and 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