

## Worship with FPC | April 26th, 2026 | Acts 16.16-34

Jesus tells a story about a person who builds their house on rock. And then it rains.

Jesus tells a story about a person who builds their house on sand. And then it rains.

Seems like rock or sand, it still rains. Like Jesus gets it. Storms will come.

Our passage from Acts 16 this week suggests what it might look like to discover joy in the storm.

Someone might even count it a biblical truth that this one brief beauty of a life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance (or in this case, sing) in the rain.'

*Prayer: O Lord, you know the storm I'm facing. Would you lift my head to sing your praise in the rain? 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/dd55sJ6VKy4?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.'

### **Welcome Kila Wolfe, FPC's New Operations Manager**

First Presbyterian Church is so pleased to welcome Kila Wolfe as our new FPC Operations Manager. Kila comes to us most recently from managing a law practice, where she was well regarded not only for her excellence in the stewardship of finances, facilities, personnel and office, but also for her unflappable, calming, can-do spirit. Kila's references spoke of her as a people person and problem solver who values leaving everything she touches better than she found it. Having overlapped with Becky Kress now for a month, Kila believes that everything in her varied professional experience has prepared her for this current calling that gladly centers her faith in Christ. Kila is married to Michael and has four daughters, aged 29 to 10. Welcome, Kila! And many thanks to our search team (Neil Shepard, Kim Brander, Jim Hogan, and Dan Cravy) along with all who are already playing a part in making Kila's transition smooth and meaningful!



### **Outdoor Helpers for the Week of April 27th - 30th**

We are looking for a few helping hands to tackle a simple but meaningful project at the church—spreading fresh bark in our outdoor areas to keep the grounds looking clean, welcoming, and well cared for. This is a great opportunity to serve together, get a little fresh air, and make a visible impact in just a few hours. We'll provide the tools, materials, and guidance. Whether you can stay for an hour or the whole time, every bit of help makes a difference. Bring gloves if you have them. If you're available and willing to help, we'd love to have you join us! **Give Wes a call @ (971) 645-2249.**

### **The Alpha Omega House would love your help providing snacks for Finals Week!**

Call/text Laura Lympus (509) 319-4645 to arrange delivery.

## **Congregational Meeting: this Sunday, April 26, 2026, Following Worship, Fellowship Hall**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers following worship this Sunday, April 26th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall so we can move quickly to our **celebration of Becky Kress!**

Nominees for the office of Deacon are: Pat Scott, Margaret Estler, Dan McCaffery, Anna Hylbom, and Kelly Pasternak  
Nominees for the office of Elder are: Lesley Smith, Jane Bahls, Tony Morris, and Jack Chambers

So many thanks to FPC's Nominating Committee, chaired by Elders Kim O'Connor and Colin McKearnan: Lexi Graef, Meg Limberger, Penny McGill, and Barb Miller.

## **May 17 is Bible Sunday!**

This is the day we celebrate our new babies, high school and college grads. If you have one of these, can you please contact Jo: [jo@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:jo@fpcmissoula.org) Thanks!

## **Student Info & Media Release Form**

As we take pictures and eat food at our children and youth events, we want to make sure we're keeping everyone safe and respecting family preferences. Please take a minute to fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/tUjh4j1cXUBDZnLU9>



## **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](mailto:m8landw@gmail.com)) with any questions or to let me know if you are interested in participating.

## **May 12th Senior Luncheon - 11:15 AM in Fellowship Hall**

All things are possible in May. Come and enjoy the Senior Luncheon held on May 12th, in the Fellowship Hall, gathering at 11:15am. Please **RSVP to Barbara Miller 406-239-7999.**

## **Helping Hands**

For questions related to emergency assistance, please contact our Helping Hands Team: Jan Everett [jeverett53@gmail.com](mailto:jeverett53@gmail.com), Jane Hogan [2jhogan@gmail.com](mailto:2jhogan@gmail.com) or Krista Hellem [kristahellem@yahoo.com](mailto:kristahellem@yahoo.com).

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

### **APRIL**

- April 25th - YMCA River Bank Run Aid Station
- April 26th - No Youth Group
- April 26th - Congregational Meeting/Celebrating Becky Kress

### **MAY**

- May 3rd - Youth Group sports or video game night
- 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