

JANUARY 12th, 2024

## **Worship with FPC | January 12<sup>th</sup> | Luke 3.1-22**

A new year. A clean slate. A fresh beginning.

Do you hunger for a new (or renewed) spiritual journey?

In the scene we approach this Sunday, we find people of all walks streaming to the Jordan River, searching for a freeing word of truth, longing to be plunged into something deeper and more authentic than the shallows of seeking security and status.

There John the Baptizer preaches 'a baptism of life-change leading to forgiveness of sins.'

What are *you* longing for?

Prayer: *Lord, call me to the river. Show me what I'm searching for. Open my heart to the renewal of a fresh beginning and an authentic spiritual journey...Do a new thing in me. Amen.*

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://www.youtube.com/live/x3xv0UzHJcK>

**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.'

## **Senior Luncheon: Tuesday, January 14th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall**

Here comes January – a new day, a new opportunity to grow. Please come to the Senior Luncheon on January 14, located in the Fellowship Hall gathering at 11:15 AM. Please RSVP to Barbara Miller 406-239-7999.

## **Gather At The Table**

This February-June we are forming dinner groups to "Gather At The Table". This is an opportunity to share a meal with our community, getting to know one another in a home or two. The group sign ups will be the next 3 Sundays (of January). Sign up at the Fellowship Hall kiosk or online (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA4A92EA2FCC25-54315063-gather>).

The Belonging committee will form the groups to be about 7-8 people, making them intergenerational. The groups will kick off in February (we will contact you all) and will have until June to have 2 dinners and the Maundy Thursday dinner together. The groups can decide if they want to be in different homes for the 3 dinners or at one place. The intent is for everyone in the group to bring something to the table (food wise), enjoy a meal together and get to know each other! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to sign up. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Joy McKay, Jo Ruby, Ron Righter or Barb Miller. [jo@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:jo@fpcmissoula.org)

## **Chinese New Year Progressive Dinner: January 31st, 5:30pm, 4536 Edward Avenue**

Calling Young College & Career Adults! Join your FPC Deacons for a fun and festive evening as we celebrate the Chinese New Year with a Progressive Dinner! Enjoy delicious food and great company.  
When: Friday, January 31st, 5:30 PM.

Location: Gil & Lesley Smith's home, 4536 Edward Avenue, Missoula MT 59804.

Save the date—more details coming soon!



## **Congregational Celebration and Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 2nd**

Each year we gather to celebrate God's presence and voice among us in the last year as members from our congregation share their reflections. Plan to join us in worship on February 2nd at 9:30am in the sanctuary for that special time of worship. Following worship, our congregational celebration will continue as we gather in the fellowship hall for FPC's annual

meeting. There we will voice our thanks for God's provision, hear Session priorities for the coming year, ask questions, elect spiritual leaders, and approve the pastor's terms of call. This will be a brunch potluck; we invite you to bring a dish to share (think egg or protein dishes, fresh fruit, coffee cakes, etc.).

### **Rummage Sale is Coming!!!**

Save the Dates! Rummage sale week is the week of March 30th, 2025.

Set up: March 31

Donation drop off days and volunteer sorting: April 2-3 (hours to follow)

Sale: April 4-5.

If you would like to help, it is never too early to sign up with Jo! [jo@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:jo@fpcmissoula.org). Come one and all!

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

#### **January**

- Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am, FPC Sanctuary
- Senior Luncheon: Tuesday, January 14th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall
- Winter Retreat: January 17-19th, 2025
- Chinese New Year Progressive Dinner: January 31st, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

#### **February**

- Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am, FPC Sanctuary
- Congregational Celebration and Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 2nd, 2025
- Senior Luncheon: Tuesday, February 11th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall

### **Announcement Guidelines and Office/Staff Hours**

Announcements for FPC's Friday News Emails and for Sunday Worship must be sent to [secretary@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:secretary@fpcmissoula.org) by Wednesday.

- FPC Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm, 406-549-5144
- FPC Staff Meeting: Tuesdays, 9:30am-11:15am
- Pastor and Ministry Directors (Dan Cravy, Emma Thackston, and Austin Graef) work Monday - Thursday; unavailable Fridays
- Operation Manager (Becky Kress) works Monday - Thursday; unavailable Fridays
- Secretary (Haleigh Adair) works Tuesday - Friday; 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](mailto:jeverett53@gmail.com)), Jane Hogan ([2jhogan@gmail.com](mailto:2jhogan@gmail.com)) or Krista Hellem ([kristahellem@yahoo.com](mailto:kristahellem@yahoo.com)).

#### **Prayer List**

**Ongoing Prayer Support:** Victor Schlimgen, Eva Tsosie and son Chaske,  
Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson, Haleigh Adair, Nick Bailey

**Prayers for Health and Healing:** Annabelle Olds, Jill Gilliam, Sarah Shepard, Betty Winchell

**Condolences:** The family and friends of Ruth Card, The family and friends of Henry (Red) Barringer,  
The family and friends of Joe McKay (father of Mike McKay)