

JULY 7th, 2024

### **Worship with FPC | July 7th, 2024 | Jeremiah 29:7, 11 and John 17:20-23**

It's no secret that our country is being pulled apart by polarized perspectives and polarizing hostilities. And there is no doubt that we will watch the us-versus-them animosity increase as we near November's presidential election. Will we be part of it?

In his 1958 pre-Civil-War speech, Lincoln famously quoted Jesus: 'a house divided against itself cannot stand.' And, of course, he was right.

The question is this: Who is going to do something about the widening rift between 'us' and 'them' in our country? Pastor Allen Hilton nominates followers of Jesus. And I myself wonder whether a Christ-centered blue-and-red church like FPC is not *uniquely* gifted to answer that crucial calling.

**FPC's sermon series for July and August will be titled *Pursuing a House United*.** We will be reading Scripture (like John 17:20-23) that speaks to our call to be unified with our sisters and brothers in Christ – to our belief that because 'we have been reconciled with God and with one another... unity is...both a gift and an *obligation* of the church of Jesus Christ...' (Confession of Belhar).

This summer, I invite you to read Allen Hilton's book, *A House United: How the Church Can Save the World*. You can pick up a copy on the kiosk for \$10 - **books are expected to arrive July 12th**. And anyone who would like can gather with Pastor Dan in Elms Park (3100 Park St) to discuss it on Tuesday, July 30, at 6:30pm (bring a lawn chair). Also, if you would like to distance yourself from inflammatory news or your own bias, but still learn the facts, the [1440 brief](#) (either go to the day's briefing or join to get a daily email) is refreshing.

We will be together in the Fellowship Hall 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/ObowFz6u8-o?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.'

### **Summer Worship in Fellowship Hall: Beginning Sunday, July 7th, 2024**

Beginning this Sunday we will be gathering for Worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.

A few notes as we move next door;

- Emergency Exits are located in the following places:
  - Through the main entrance double doors off of 5th street
  - Through the exterior doors located to the right of the kiosk (leading onto balcony)
  - Through the exterior door in the elevator foyer (leading onto balcony)
  - The double doors out the rear of the Fellowship Hall and down the exterior stairs to the alley
  - The interior double doors into the CE Building and down interior CE stairway to exit under the exterior alley stairwell
- A first aid kit and defibrillator can be located in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen
- Restroom is located in the Fellowship Hall
- Fire extinguishers can be found marked on the walls in Fellowship Hall as well as in the Kitchen
- The back door to the Fellowship Hall will be locked at 9:40am

### **FPC Summer Shindig: Tuesday, July 9th, 5:00pm, Franklin Park (2100 S 10th St W)**

Join us for what we're calling our Summer Shindig! On Tuesday, July 9th at 5:00pm, we'll be gathering at Franklin Park (2100 S 10th St W) for fellowship, food and fun. We will provide chicken, drinks and dessert, and we invite you to bring a side dish, dinnerware for yourself, and a camp chair if you'd like one. Friends and family are more than welcome to join.

### **Flowers for Fellowship Hall**

As the warm weather continues and gardens are in bloom we invite you to bring cut flowers from your garden for the Fellowship Hall.

### **Returning Building Fobs**

As the summer continues and we prepare for fall we ask that anyone who has a building access fob that they are no longer using to please return said fobs to the church office.

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

#### **July:**

- Worship Moves to Fellowship Hall on July 7<sup>th</sup>
- FPC Summer Shindig: Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Franklin Park
- Discussion of *A House United* book: Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Elms Park

#### **August:**

- All-Church Campout: August 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, Glacier Camp on Flathead Lake

### **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) and [emma@fpcmissoula.org](mailto: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](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, Sheryl Tegelberg, Lou Power, Kelley Nicholson, Peggy Schalk, Betty Winchell, Janet Malone, Bob Maitland

**Prayers for Health and Healing:** Haleigh Adair, Carl Miller, Annabelle Olds, Pam Dubois, Jill Gilliam, Lori Guffin-Serra, Bill Maitland