

FPC News 9.5.25

Worship with FPC | September 7th, 2025 | John 14.12-17

Jesus said, 'very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do (John 14.12).'

The third goal of apprenticeship to the Way of Jesus will inform our sermon series this fall: 'Do as Jesus did' or 'Do as he (the One who is risen to lead us still) is doing.'

That is the invitation. And it might sound paralyzing in its scope.

But Jesus promises that doing as he does is the very opposite of exhausting – that it actually sets us free from weighty burdens to live light-heartedly, peace-full-y, abundantly.

'Come to me all who are carrying heavy burdens,' he says, 'and I will give you rest. Take on my way of life ...for in its simplicity of goodness you will find peace and light-heartedness' (Matthew 11.28-30).

Prayer: Lord, give me the courage and freedom of your Spirit to live as you do today. Inspire me with the buoyant delight of embodying your faith, hope and love. 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://youtube.com/live/zGA_W9G9GI8?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, or find it on Facebook at 'First Presbyterian Church Missoula.'

Alarm System Upgrade—Week of August 25

The church has been in the process of upgrading our alarm system with new devices. The 2nd part of this project is to upgrade our access controls so if you have a fob or a code for the back door it will now not work. The data base with names and access for the new system has been updated. Becky will work with people to get their new fob. If you have any questions, please contact her @ (becky@fpcmissoula.org).

Little Free Library

 We're opening a Little Free Library as a way to surprise Missoula with Christ's astonishing love! Please bring appropriate books for kids or adults by **September 14** so we can bless our neighbors with the joy of reading.

Sending Sunday - Empower Packs: September 21, 2025, Following Worship, 1720 Wyoming Street

We will be helping at the Missoula Food Bank (1720 Wyoming Street, Missoula) building Empower Packs for school kids. The food bank provides meals for the children needing meals for the weekends. The Missoula Food Bank has graciously opened on Sunday to accommodate FPC on Sending Sunday. We have committed to having at least 50 volunteers. The event should be completed by 1:30 - 2:00 including clean up. This event is family friendly and a great way to get to know your fellow members. If you have any questions, please contact the FPC office. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Small Group Fellowship - Roots Groups

We begin our new season of small group fellowship in a few weeks. Are you ready and eager to join us for devotion, fun and fellowship? Maybe belonging to one of our small groups - called Roots groups - will be a new experience for you. Or maybe you're a veteran of many seasons. Whichever it is, join us this fall as we all come together to deepen the roots of our faith. You can learn more on Sunday 9/14 at our Ministry Fair after worship in Fellowship Hall.

Youth Kick off

Sept. 7th will be our Youth Group Kick Off night! "The Rock" is our group for 4th-8th graders. They will meet from 4:30-6:00pm in the youth room weekly. "Ignite" is our group for 9th-12th graders and meets 6:30-8:00pm weekly. All are welcome!

FPC Ministry Fair

Come join us Sept. 14th after the service to learn all about FPC's different ministries! We have so many wonderful ways to volunteer, serve and be apart of in our wonderful church. Each ministry will have a table and folks you can get information from about these specific areas of the church. We will also have a BOUNCY HOUSE (with a volunteer) for our young kiddos to play in while the fair is happening. This morning we are also dedicating a Little Library outside our sanctuary.

Roots Small Group Leaders Training

Are you a current small group leader or interested in becoming one for our Roots groups? We will have a small group leader training session with Pastor Dan on Sept. 7th after the service in the library at 11:00. Please plan on joining us!

Family Promise - Chili Cookoff & Pie Extravaganza

Come join in on this fun event! On Friday, September 19th at 6:00 PM there will be a fundraiser for Family Promise of Missoula. All you can eat chili & cornbread! (\$5 per person or \$15 per family) There will be a Silent Auction and Kids Activities as well! Go to www.familypromisemissoula.org to donate auction items or pie, enter the chili contest, or RSVP.

Young Adult Dinner

SAVE THE DATE! Young Adult Dinner Event hosted by the deacons. Saturday, October 4, 2025. Adults Only. An Evening of food, fun, and friendship. More information and details coming soon.

Morning Prayer & Evaluation - Tuesday, September 9th, 8:30am, Sanctuary

Join us for 15-20 minutes of prayer together in the Sanctuary as a way to begin the day centered in the love of God and community. We will also use this week's gathering to have a brief evaluative conversation regarding the what, when, and how of FPC's communal prayer time. If you have thoughts on our shared practice of communal prayer for FPC, please text Gil Smith at 847-344-2278.

Senior Luncheon: September 9th @ 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

Make it a September to remember by attending the Senior Luncheon! RSVP to Barb Miller at (406) 239-7999 by Sunday 7th @ 5:00 PM.

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

September

- September 7th - Youth Kick Off
- September 7th - Roots Small Group Leaders Training
- September 9th - Senior Luncheon, 11:15 AM
- September 14th - FPC Ministry Fair
- September 14th - Deadline for books for Little Free Library
- September 19th - Family Promise - Chili Cookoff & Pie Extravaganza
- September 20th - Elsie Dobbins Memorial 1:00 PM
- September 21st - Sending Sunday building Empower Packs @ Missoula Food Bank

Prayer List

Ongoing Prayer Support: Victor Schlimgen, Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson, Nick Bailey, Peggy Schalk, Mike & Mary Fussell, Tyler Winchell

Prayers for Health and Healing: Jill Gilliam, Sarah Shepard, LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Pat Scott, Debbie Connoles, Betty Winchell

Condolences: The family and friends of Mitch Shepard (Neil Shepard's brother), The family and friends of Bob Price (Jo Ruby's father), The family and friends of Elsie Dobbins, The family and friends of Lois Fussell (Mother of Mike Fussell), The family and friends of Gay Carlson (Sister of Jill Gilliam)