

Palm/Passion Sunday with FPC | March 29th, 2026| Luke 19.28-44

This Sunday morning, we enter into the drama of Holy Week.

Jesus mounts a colt charged with symbolism to descend into Jerusalem. The crowds rightly hail him as the Anointed. But Jesus sees something the crowd fails to perceive – something that causes him to weep.

Paul writes:

Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but ... let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. (Philippians 2.3-8)

Prayer: *Let me apprentice myself to your tears, Lord. Let me follow you in your self-emptying descent, that I might come to see as you see, die as you die, and so come truly to Live.*

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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/oV2NUvqzSc?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.'

Good Friday Worship Service - April 3rd - 5:30 PM

We will gather for Good Friday worship on Friday, April 3rd at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Join us as we reflect on Christ's death on the cross and look forward to the hope of Easter.

Livestream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/9eRjMhNRWUo?feature=share>

Easter Sunday Egg Hunts: Sunday, April 5th Following Worship @ 10:45 AM

Easter Sunday is always a joyful time of celebration. After our service we enjoy 3 Easter Egg Hunts together. Gather at the base of the Fellowship Hall stairs following Worship. Come join the fun!

- 10:45 Ages 5 and Under
- 10:55 Grades 1-3
- 11:05 Grades 4-Adults

Senior Luncheon - There will be no Senior Luncheon in April

FPC Mission Impact Lunch - April 19

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!

Lamb of God - March 26th, 27th, and 28th will be held at the First Presbyterian Church this year!

Don't miss this beautiful production! **Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 PM, Friday March 27th at 7:00 PM, and Saturday March 28th at 2:00 PM.**

SAVE THE DATE! March 27th - 28th Rummage Sale!

The Rummage sale this year will be the week of March 22.

Set up will be 4:00pm, Sunday, March 22

Donations will be taken and sorted Wednesday, 9-5 and Thursday (donations 9-11) (sorted til 5pm), March 25-26. The sales will be Friday 9-5 and Saturday Half Price 9-11:30, Bag sale 12-2:30. March 27-28.

This year, we are trying something a bit new, we will be taking early donations (Monday and Tuesday of that week) of Estate type (think Boutique!) items. We will not take clothing, bedding, books, children's items that go into the large room until Wednesday. This is to give our Boutique ladies a head start on sorting their room. If you have items that you feel can go into that room and can be brought early, please contact Jo. jo@fpcmissoula.org If you have things like dishes, jewelry, silver, collectables, furniture (nice) etc. please contact Jo.

This is an amazing event our church puts on every year. It is a way for us to recycle goods back into our community. It is a way for our community to purchase items they may need for a lesser cost. It is a bonding "experience" for all the volunteers to be together with a common goal!

Would you like to be a part of this great week? We have many volunteer shifts throughout the week. Please contact Jo for where and when you would like to be a part of this. You won't want to miss out!

SAVE THE DATE! April 18, 2026 is our annual Toppers Party!

Your invitations are in the mail! RSVP the church secretary so that you don't miss this spectacular event! **(406) 549-5144**

Lenten Devotionals

As we enter into the season of Lent, we invite you to consider the ways in which the Lord is calling you to practice returning to God with your whole heart. The three practices of Lent are fasting, prayer and generosity. We fast from – set aside – what gets in the way of God, in order to incorporate and practice closeness to God (prayer) and generosity in our lives. What will you wish to set aside? How will you wish to practice prayer? How will you wish to practice generosity? (A Lenten Spiritual Practices card can be found attached to this email.)

You may be glad to be guided by Emily Huff's 'Forty' Lenten Devotional. Emily is Dan and Tracey's sister-in-law. Each year she draws together a profound and lovely book of Scriptures and quotations for each day of Lent that invite reflection, prayer, and the riches of returning to the Lord with all your heart. The PDF version of the Devotional is an attachment to this email.

We also invite families with young children to make space for Jesus during the season of Lent. Click [here](#) to access a simple resource to help you and your child notice God's presence in everyday moments. Over the course of Lent, your family will create a simple paper home. This home serves as a symbol of the space we are making for Christ in our own lives. There's no right or wrong way to do it—just an invitation to slow down, make room, and notice God.

New Solar Panels for FPC & the Care of Gods Creation!

The Resource Committee has been pursuing the addition of solar panels for our Fellowship Hall and CE Building. We successfully obtained a grant last fall from NorthWestern Energy which covers 40% of the overall cost. We're also pursuing other tax credits and donations which we hope will cover the majority of the remaining cost. This new solar array will provide no-cost power for decades to come. The installation consists of fifty-two American-made panels providing 62 kilowatts of power output. This is the maximum size of solar array allowed in the state and will save us around \$8,700 per year in utility bills. Staging will mostly occur in the school's parking off of the alley. During this time, we'll allow teachers to park in our church lot during the day. Once the solar installation is complete, we'll put out another announcement. If you have any questions, you can direct them to our friendly Resource Committee members Jack Chambers, Neil Shepard, or Colin Lane.

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

MARCH

- March 26-28 - Lamb of God
- March 27-28 - Rummage Sale
- March 29th - Palm Sunday
- March 29th - Youth Group @ 4:30

APRIL

- April 3rd - Good Friday Worship
- April 5th - No Youth Group
- April 5th - Easter Sunday
- April 18th - Toppers Party

Prayer List

Ongoing Prayer Support: Victor Schlimgen, Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson, Nick Bailey, Peggy Schalk, Mike & Mary Fussell, Tyler Winchell, Ray and Susie Risho, Jack Puckett, Jean Johnson, Sarah Shepard

Prayers for Health and Healing: Jill Gilliam, LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Betty Winchell, Mike Hickey, Becky Tucker, Carole Fickinger, Jane Bahls, Kade Hasterlik, Lois Puckett