

## FPC News 12.12.25

Advent Worship Week Three | Dec 14th, 2025 | Zeph 3.14-20

The Lord, your God, is with you,  
He is mighty to save.  
He will take great delight in you;  
he will quiet you with his love;  
He will rejoice over you with singing!

-Zephaniah 3.17

The hope of Advent is God-with-us.  
The promise of Advent is JOY.

The prayer of Advent? Come, Lord Jesus....

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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/hisWsJk8nlw?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.'

### **Advent Children's Choir**

Hello FPC families! We're putting together an Advent children's choir for elementary and preschool aged kids that will share a special song in worship on Dec 14. If your child is interested, please have them come to our practice during service this Sunday, Dec 7. Can't make the practice but still want to participate? Reach out to Sarah (406-491-7876) or Allie ([allisonasalas@gmail.com](mailto:allisonasalas@gmail.com)).

### **Calling All Singers To Be A Part Of The MLK Day Community Celebration Ad Hoc Choir!**

The Rehearsal Dates are Jan 7th and 14th at the UCC church (405 University Ave). The Performance will be Monday January 19th, 4 - 6 pm. The Choir will be directed by Dr. Chris Hahn and is open to any choir members or people who love to sing! Questions? Email Chris at [christopher.hahn@mso.umt.edu](mailto:christopher.hahn@mso.umt.edu) or call John Lund from UCC church **406-396-4974**.

### **Youth Christmas Party — December 21st!**

All students in The Rock and High School are invited to join us for our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 21st at 4:30 PM in the Youth Room. Bring a white elephant gift (under \$10) to exchange, and come enjoy hot cocoa, Christmas cookies, and lots of festive fun!

### **Sanctuary Boiler**

The sanctuary has not been maintaining heat in all areas. In working through the issue, it was discovered that one of our two pumps wasn't working as it should and needed to be replaced. A new pump has been ordered but is not in yet. Hopefully the new pump will be installed next week. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work through getting more heat in the sanctuary.

### **Emergency Overflow Warm Space**

First Presbyterian Church is partnering with MIC, The POV, the City of Missoula, and First United Methodist Church to provide a safe, warm space when temperatures reach 10 degrees and colder. The overflow, from the Poverello Center will be able to stay overnight at the church from 8pm to 8am. Our dates for being 'on call' are the week of December 8th and December 22nd. There is staffing and transportation provided by MIC. I would ask that you pray about being a volunteer to help greet our guests and help with setting up beverages and snacks. This went well for our church last year. You can contact Melanie Mellgren or Colin McKearnan for more information.

### **Helping Hands Giving Trees**

Imagine this ...your family has moved out of the YWCA Family Housing Center this year and into a new apartment. Even though the Welcome Baskets were greatly appreciated, setting up a home with the associated costs has been a strain. What a special Christmas gift it would be to receive a Giving Tree gift card to help during the Christmas season. You will find a Giving Tree in the church narthex and another in the Fellowship Hall. If you are able, please take an ornament or two and return with a Walmart or Target gift card...\$15-\$20-\$25. Place it in the decorated gift card box below each tree. Please write the value on each card.

### **Handbell Choir Concert**

The First Presbyterian Handbell Choir will combine with the Methodist choir to perform a concert of Advent and Christmas music on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3:00 pm. The concert will be held in the Sanctuary of the Methodist Church, 300 E. Main St. and is free to the public. Elevator access is available just inside the back entrance of the church. Refreshments will be follow the concert.

### **Sanctuary Open for Prayer**

Come pray in our Sanctuary! The Sanctuary will be unlocked on Tuesdays from Morning Prayer at 8:30 till the office closes at 3pm. You are also welcome to come pray on other days the office is open (Tuesday - Friday, 9-3). Just come by the church office to be let in!

### **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:**

#### **December**

- December 14th - Children's Choir Performs during worship service
- December 14th - Handbell Choir Concert @ 3:00 (Sanctuary of the Methodist Church)
- December 21st - Youth Christmas Party @ 4:30
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Services @ 5:00 and 8:00 (Office Closed @12:00)
- December 25th - Office Closed

#### **January**

- January 13th - Senior Luncheon @ 11:30
- January 19th - MLK Day Community Celebration Ad Hoc Choir @ 4 - 6 pm, UCC church, 405 University Ave.

#### **Prayer List**

**Ongoing Prayer Support:** Victor Schlimgen, Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson,  
Nick Bailey, Peggy Schalk, Mike & Mary Fussell, Tyler Winchell, Bill Ingalsbe, Ray and Susie Risho

**Prayers for Health and Healing:** Jill Gilliam, Sarah Shepard,  
LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Betty Winchell, Heidi Ingalsbe, Sean Barry, Jean Johnson, Mike Hickey,  
Becky Tucker