

May 19th, 2024

Pentecost Worship with FPC | May 19th, 2024 | 1 Corinthians 12.1-7

This Sunday we gather in worship to celebrate Pentecost. *We invite you to wear red!*

In the first century, Pentecost was (and still is) the day – fifty days after the Passover – that our Jewish friends celebrated God's provision of a harvest to meet all their needs, and especially the provision of God's life-giving instruction (God's *Torah* or Law).

We who follow Christ celebrate how, ten days after Jesus' ascended, with his disciples gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost, there came a sound like the rushing of a fierce wind; how forked and fiery tongues appeared among them; how they were filled with the Holy Spirit; and how they began to speak in languages not their own, communicating the good news of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection in the many heart languages of the crowd.

Pentecost is a celebration of the Holy Spirit. The gift of God's provision of everything needed. The gift of God's life-giving instruction. The gift of God's invisible presence among us to draw us to Christ, call us to faith, and empower us to be about his kingdom work.

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, kindle my faith with your fire; breathe your breath of new life into me; renew my hope in the affirmation that Jesus is Lord...

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/WBrjPpSO3BA?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.'

End of Year Roots Gathering: Tuesday, May 28th, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Save the date – Tuesday, May 28th - for the end-of-year Roots gathering. We meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm for food, fun, and fellowship. The main course, along with drinks, will be provided. You are welcome to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert of some kind. Hope to see you there.

We're Rebranding Youth Group

Youth group used to consist of middle school (6th-8th grade) and high school (9th-12th grade) groups. However, as we've adapted to the times, we now have our 4th-8th grade crew and our still-present high school crew. Here's what we've learned: 4th-8th grade is where we see our students start to lay the foundation for their faith. They start to encounter Jesus in a new way that begins to ground them, and they can start to see Christ as the cornerstone of their faith and the solid rock of their foundation. Thus, we are naming our 4th-8th grade youth group "**The Rock**" at FPC. We look forward to having this group grow in number and in richness of faith and character, and will be referring to this group as "The Rock" henceforth.

Youth Group Summer Shenanigans!

As the school year approaches its end, so do things with our regularly scheduled youth group. As we transition to summertime, we always have an end of the year youth group party! This is scheduled for June 2nd during regularly scheduled youth group, where we'll have some extra games, activities, and prizes to end the year! We will transition to our summer youth group rhythm beginning June 12th, which will consist of youth group evenings from 5:30-7pm at Elms Park for our students in "the Rock."

Children's Church Summer Rhythm

During the summer, we transition to a lightened Children's Church schedule as families begin to travel and enjoy their summertime freedom. In that light, we'll host Children's Church on the first Sunday of the month in June, July, and August, and resume weekly Children's Church in the fall. For your calendars, that means there will be Children's Church on Communion Sundays in the summer: June 2nd, July 7th, and August 4th. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have made this beautiful ministry possible this last year!

Glacier Presbytery Camp Clean Up Day: June 15th

You are invited to Camp Clean Up Day at Glacier Camp! Work will begin around 9am and conclude around 3pm. Lunch, coffee, and refreshments will be provided. Bring work tools, your energy, and your smile.

FPC Aid Station at the Missoula Marathon: Sunday, June 30th

The Missoula Marathon is on Sunday, June 30th in the morning, and FPC is again in charge of an aid station near the bandshell in Bonner Park. There we will come together to encourage weary runners with cheers and liquids as they near the end of their race. Interested in taking part? There are three shifts to choose from. Click [here](#) for the sign-up link, and contact Emma at emma@fpcmissoula.org with any questions.

Bridge/Restroom Update:

Bridge construction has resumed, with steel arriving this past week. We are relieved to begin seeing progress again! The delays in steel have delayed the project, with construction now anticipated to stretch well into summer. The restroom construction is going well. We anticipate that the restroom will be complete by July, when we typically begin having Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Our team has been working with local craftspeople on the Sanctuary door, including a local metalworker for the door handle and hinges, a local door maker for the wood door, and a local stained-glass artist. We have also been working to match the brick of the bridge with the brick of Fellowship Hall. The brick for Fellowship Hall is no longer available although we were able to find a pretty good match with locally available bricks.

Defibrillator Units

Our current defibrillators (purchased in 2005) are non-functional at this time. The church is in the process of purchasing 2 units, one for the Fellowship Hall kitchen and one for the Sanctuary at a cost of \$1710.49 each. Should anyone be interested in helping to defray the cost of this non-budgeted expenditure, please contact Becky in the office or email her at becky@fpcmissoula.org.

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

May:

- Morning Prayer: Tuesdays, 8:30am, Sanctuary
- Pentecost Worship: Wear Red on May 19th!
- Family Promise Week at the Meadowlark: May 26th through June 1st
- End of Year Roots Gathering: Tuesday, May 28th, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

June:

- Memorial to Celebrate Jay Rutherford: June 15th, 10:00am, FPC Sanctuary
- Casas Por Cristo Trip to Mexico: June 23rd – 29th
- Missoula Marathon ([FPC Aid Station](#)): June 30th

July:

- FPC Summer Shindig: Tuesday, July 9th, 5:00pm, Location TBA

August:

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

Helping Hands

For questions related to emergency assistance, please contact our Helping Hands Team: Jan Everett (jeverett53@gmail.com), Jane Hogan (2jhogan@gmail.com) or Krista Hellem (kristahellem@yahoo.com).

Prayer List

Ongoing Prayer Support: Victor Schlimgen, Eva Tsosie and son Chaske, Tom Tucker, Sheryl Tegeberg, Lou Power, Kelley Nicholson, Peggy Schalk, Betty Winchell

Prayers for Health and Healing: Bob Maitland, Haleigh Adair, Carl Miller, Annabelle Olds, John MacDonald, Pam Dubois, Janet Malone, Bob Davis, Jill Gilliam

Condolences: The family of Jay Rutherford