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Worship with FPC | May 10th, 2026 | Acts 17.16-34

This week we step into Athens with Paul. The marketplace is full of ideas, questions, and competing visions of the good life. What's striking is not just what Paul says, but how he begins. He pays attention. He listens. He names what he sees with care and appreciation before offering a word about his own faith.

In a world where we're often quick to caricature or dismiss those who see things differently, Paul models an alternative: a posture of curious, sympathetic engagement that takes people seriously.

He exemplifies how 'Love your neighbor as yourself' applies to inviting shared faith.

Where might God be encouraging us to listen more deeply before we speak? And what might we discover about people's hunger for truth, goodness and hope when we do?

Prayer: Lord, train me to honor and cherish my neighbor as myself. Teach me Paul's attentive, sympathetically engaging way to bear witness to you. Amen.

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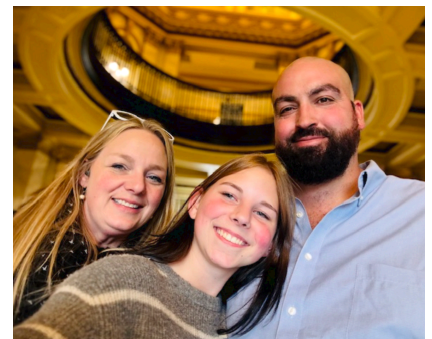
We will be together in the Sanctuary for worship this Sunday at 9:30am. You can also click this link to **live-stream** our worship service (or view it afterward) <https://youtube.com/live/OCNhnO2jYMI?feature=share>

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.'

Welcome Kila Wolfe, FPC's New Operations Manager

First Presbyterian Church is so pleased to welcome Kila Wolfe as our new FPC Operations Manager. Kila comes to us most recently from managing a law practice, where she was well regarded not only for her excellence in the stewardship of finances, facilities, personnel and office, but also for her unflappable, calming, can-do spirit. Kila's references spoke of her as a people person and problem solver who values leaving everything she touches better than she found it. Having overlapped with Becky Kress now for a month, Kila believes that everything in her varied professional experience has prepared her for this current calling that gladly centers her faith in Christ. Kila is married to Michael and has four daughters, aged 29 to 10. Welcome, Kila! And many thanks to our search team (Neil Shepard, Kim Brander, Jim Hogan, and Dan Cravy) along with all who are already playing a part in making Kila's transition smooth and meaningful!



May 12th Senior Luncheon - 11:15 AM in Fellowship Hall

All things are possible in May. Come and enjoy the Senior Luncheon held on May 12th, in the Fellowship Hall, gathering at 11:15am. Please **RSVP to Barbara Miller 406-239-7999**.

May 17 is Bible Sunday!

This is the day we celebrate our new babies, high school and college grads. If you have one of these, can you please contact Jo: jo@fpcmissoula.org Thanks!

Garden City Strings Music Recital - May 20th - 7:00 PM - First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

Join the Garden City Strings for their first ever music recital that is FREE and open to the public! This recital will include an eclectic mix of music from classical to pop to golden oldies. They will also include several pieces composed or arranged by group members!

The Garden City Strings is made up of (mostly) retired folks who've decided to take up the bow again. They meet once a week to practice and perform several times a year at many different venues.

Welcome to our newest members

Robert and Anna Hylbom and Jodi Cunningham. If you see them around, give them a big welcome to our church family!

Children's Ministry @ FPC

As we move into the summer months, our Children's Church volunteers will take a well-deserved break—but children are always welcome in worship at FPC! Families are invited to make use of the parent/child room downstairs in the sanctuary for little ones who need space to move and play. And when services are held in the Fellowship Hall, a kids' activity area will be available. June 7th will be the last service with Children's Church.

Looking ahead to the 2026–27 school year, we're excited about the possibility of expanding Children's Church to include a preschool class. If you enjoy working with young children and would like to learn more about serving in this area, please reach out to Sarah (sarah@fpcmissoula.org).

Youth Ministry @ FPC

Beginning this summer, we're excited to start a refreshed rhythm for youth ministry shaped by feedback from students and families. Each month, we'll gather for one fun, community-building event on the second Sunday of the month, along with participating in FPC's Sending Sundays.

Students shared a desire for deeper connection and meaningful opportunities to serve—and we're excited to lean into both as we build this next season of youth ministry together. We are recruiting youth volunteers for the 2026-27 school year. Contact Sarah to learn more (sarah@fpcmissoula.org).

Student Info & Media Release Form

As we take pictures and eat food at our children and youth events, we want to make sure we're keeping everyone safe and respecting family preferences. Please take a minute to fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/tUjh4j1cXUBDZnLU9>



End of Year Gathering for Roots Groups: Wednesday, May 13th, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

We are excited to announce our End of Year Gathering for Roots Groups on Wednesday, May 13th! Mark your calendars and get ready for a wonderful evening of food, fun and fellowship. Join us at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for an unforgettable night. We will provide the BBQ/fried chicken and refreshments. You bring the sides and desserts. We look forward to gathering with you for a memorable evening!

Outdoor Helpers for the Week of April 27th - 30th

We are looking for a few helping hands to tackle a simple but meaningful project at the church—spreading fresh bark in our outdoor areas to keep the grounds looking clean, welcoming, and well cared for. This is a great opportunity to serve together, get a little fresh air, and make a visible impact in just a few hours. We'll provide the tools, materials, and guidance. Whether you can stay for an hour or the whole time, every bit of help makes a difference. Bring gloves if you have them. If you're available and willing to help, we'd love to have you join us! **Give Wes a call @ (971) 645-2249.**

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

- May 12th Senior Luncheon
- May 13th Roots Potluck Celebration

- May 17th Baby/Graduate Celebration Sunday
- May 17th Incoming Officers Orientation
- May 17th Sending Sunday
- May 19th Session Meeting
- May 20th Garden City Strings Recital
- May 24th Pentecost
- May 25th Memorial Day - Office Closed
- May 31st Casas Breakfast; Ordain and Install Officers

Prayer List

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

Prayers for Health and Healing: Jill Gilliam, LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Betty Winchell, Mike Hickey, Becky Tucker, Carole Fickinger, Kade Hasterlik, Bob Maitland (Bill's brother), Kevin Wright