

Worship with FPC | February 11th, 2024 | Mark 5:21-43

A synagogue official whose twelve-year-old daughter is dying braves begging Jesus' help.

A woman who has struggled in isolation with internal bleeding for twelve years braves reaching out to Jesus for healing.

One feared what people might think to throw himself at Jesus' feet. A barrier. The other feared how she would be publicly shamed for her 'uncleanness' if she touched Jesus. A barrier.

But even as Jesus crosses the Sea of Galilee to go to the man fighting demons among the graves, Jesus breaks barriers and overcomes taboos to move toward persons with healing, life-giving power.

One question (and a good one) might be: Are you willing to risk ignorant scorn to bring your need to Jesus?

Another question (and a good one): How might you be the face of an ungracious taboo that prevents someone from bringing their full need to Jesus?

Prayer: Lord, be the One who breaks barriers by your Love. Overcome my fear. Overcome what others fear in me, that we may, all of us, run to you with our need for rescue.

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/r3emGPkuH7I?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.'

Bathroom Closure and Nursery Update

For the time being, our east bathroom will be closed for renovations, but we invite everybody to utilize our single-occupancy gender neutral restroom at the bottom of the west stairwell until we complete construction in our eastward bathroom. For any questions on future updates or if you're interested in helping, please get ahold of Austin at 406-529-9922 or austin@fpcmissoula.org.

Watch the Chosen Season Four in Theaters

Chosen Fans! See Season 4 on the big screen at both of Missoula's AMC theaters (North Reserve and Southgate Mall). Episodes 1-3 run through midweek, with episodes 4-6 starting this Thursday. Showings are twice daily with matinees at 3:00 and an evening showing (the evening time depends on the theater). It's best to purchase tickets ahead of time, whether you buy online or in person at the theater.

Super Bowl Party: Sunday, February 11th, 3:30pm, Youth Room

Next Sunday the 11th is Super Bowl Sunday! Austin will be hosting a Super Bowl party in the place of our usual "Meal and the Message" time open to any youth, families, young adults, children, and others that would like to come! It will be at **3:30pm Sunday in the youth room**. We will provide the wings, drinks, chips, the big screen, our annual challenge quiz and seating, but if you have a side or a beverage you'd like to bring, feel free! This event is **open invite**, so if you have friends who are looking for something to do, **bring them!** Please just **RSVP to 406-529-9922** or my email (austin@fpcmissoula.org) with how many you are so I can be sure to have enough food!

Senior Luncheon Bible Study: Tuesday, February 13th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall

February is not only the month to celebrate love, it is also the month to celebrate our most treasured relationships. 1 Corinthians 16:14: "Let all that you do be done in LOVE." Please come listen to and share moments with Pastor Dan during

our Senior Luncheon on February 13th, 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Reserve your spot by calling Pat Habeck at 406-542-0188.

Ash Wednesday Worship: Wednesday, February 14th, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, the period of time leading up to the remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection. On Ash Wednesday we will prepare our hearts to return to God with our whole self. We will be marked with ashes on our forehead, signifying our need of a Savior who comes close to us. All are welcome – join us in the sanctuary at **5:30pm** on Wednesday, February 14th for a time of worship on this day.

Stephen Ministry Speaker Opportunity

On Monday, February 19th at 4:00 p.m. in the Library, the Stephen Ministry group has invited Cindy Garthwait to speak on Elderly Care and Dementia. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

February Sending Sunday: Building Welcome Baskets on February 25th

For our February Sending Sunday project, we will be collecting items throughout the month of February for Welcome Baskets, which contain housewarming gifts of necessary supplies needed to reestablish home life. These Welcome Baskets are given to families from the Meadowlark Family Housing Center when they enter into homes of their own. **You are invited to view the list of needed items (attached to this email) and consider donating items towards this project.** Items can be brought to the church office, the fellowship hall, or the sanctuary. On Sunday, February 25th, we will gather after worship in the Fellowship Hall to sort, organize and build these baskets together. We hope you will plan to participate in this project as we strive to embody the welcoming spirit of God toward these persons.

BID: March 2nd, 5:00pm

BID is our fundraiser for the Casas for Cristo trip that is happening this summer. Come enjoy a Mexican dinner, silent and live auctions complete with our favorite auctioneer! This night supports 48 people who will be building 3 houses in Juarez, Mexico. **Tickets** are NOW on sale! \$15 gets you in the door and a delicious meal. You can purchase tickets in the narthex, fellowship hall or office the next 3 Sundays from a Casas member.

Would you be willing to donate an item to the auctions? We love to see how creative our congregation can be. Ideas: themed baskets, guided river float, a dessert a month for a year, sailing trips, sculptures, ski baskets, getaway for a weekend in a cabin, punchcards to businesses and quilts. If you have a question about an item or service, don't hesitate to reach out to Jo. Donation forms are in the bulletin, please fill one out per item/service. Thanks!

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? For example, you may wish to let go of your slant on the news by refraining from daily news entirely or by trying a news source that attempts to provide 'news as unbiased as humanly possible.' (You could experiment, as Dan has, with six weeks of reading only the five-minute 1440 email, found [here](#) – scroll down to the bottom to click on Today's Briefing, then return to add your email.)

How will you wish to practice prayer? It may be helpful for you to have a guide for this Lenten season, and so we have attached one Lenten devotional to the bottom of this email. It is called **Forty** (as in Psalm 40's 'waiting patiently on the Lord') and it comes from Emily Huff, who is Dan and Tracey's sister-in-law. It is a book of Scriptures and quotations that spark reflection and prayer. Or. You may wish to be led by a daily devotional that points us toward Jesus (and toward a discipleship that repairs our polarized culture). Sign up for **Pastor Allen Hilton's daily devotional email**, which Dan has come to love, at the bottom of the page, [here](#).

How will you wish to be practice generosity? Perhaps you will choose to be part of the **BID auction and dinner** to support building homes in Mexico on **March 2**. Or perhaps you will wish to join in the **MIC hour** following worship on March 10 to learn more about homelessness in Missoula, our Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, and how our church is caring for houseless persons/families.

The Rummage Sale is Scheduled! April 5th and 6th

Yes, our great rummage sale is back and promises to be a fun week together of sorting, hauling, laughing and selling! Drop off and sorting will be Wednesday, April 3rd and Thursday, April 4th. The sales will be Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th. So start gathering your "treasures" and be thinking about how much fun we are going to have together that week!

Questions? Contact Jo: jo@fpcmissoula.org

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

February:

- Morning Prayer: Wednesdays, 8:30am, Sanctuary
- Super Bowl Party: Sunday, February 11th, 3:30pm, Youth Room
- Senior Luncheon Bible Study: Tuesday, February 13th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall
- Ash Wednesday Worship: Wednesday, February 14th, 5:30pm
- February Sending Sunday: Sunday, February 25th, Following Worship

March:

- BID: Saturday, March 2nd, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- MIC Hour: Sunday, March 10th, Following Worship, Fellowship Hall
- Footsteps of Jesus Documentary Showing: Saturday, March 16th, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, March 29th, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Announcement Guidelines and Office/Staff Hours

Announcements for FPC's Friday News Emails and for Sunday Worship must be sent to secretary@fpcmissoula.org and emma@fpcmissoula.org by Wednesday.

- FPC Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm, 406-549-5144
- FPC Staff Meeting: Tuesdays, 9:30am - 11:30am
- Pastor and Ministry Directors (Dan Cravy, Emma Thackston, and Austin Graef) work Mondays; unavailable Fridays
- Operation Manager (Becky Kress) and Secretary (Haleigh Adair) work Tuesday - Fridays; unavailable Mondays
- Program Support Administrator (Jo Ruby) typically works Tuesdays & Thursdays

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 Tegelberg, Lou Power, Kelley Nicholson, Peggy Schalk, Betty Winchell

Prayers for Health and Healing: Bob Maitland, Haleigh Adair, Carl Miller, Luceile Kempner, Annabelle Olds, John MacDonald, Lebron Hardie and wife, Barbara Balz

Condolences: Family of Carol Farmer