

FPC News
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Worship with FPC | August 24th, 2025 | Ephesians 4.1-3

The wager of this summer is about what the world desperately needs. What does our dopamine-addicted, algorithm-manipulated, us-them-polarized world need?

Persons who are growing not only in faith, but in character. Persons who are practicing the Way of Jesus toward authenticity and fruitful maturity: Being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and doing as Jesus does.

This Sunday we will consider the ancient, practical spirituality of creating your own Rule of Life, of planning a rhythm of life-giving spiritual practice.

What spiritual practices (channels of grace) seem to be drawing you (morning prayer, no-phone meals, Sabbath naps, memorizing Scripture, invitations to your table....) Can you choose a discipline for the next season of your life that you will very practically calendar as follows?

Each day I will... (or)

Each week I will... (or)

Each month I will...(or)

Each year I will...

Prayer: Holy Spirit of Christ, I long to live on purpose. Show me a way or two to practice your presence, so that I might habitually enjoy your company and grow in your grace. Amen.

We will be together in the Fellowship Hall 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/voTpWd_7Hiw?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.'

Alarm System Upgrade—Week of August 25

The church has been in the process of upgrading our alarm system with new devices. The 2nd part of this project is to upgrade our access controls which means that if you have a fob or a code for the back door it will no longer work the week starting August 25. I am currently building the new data base with names and access for the new system and will work with people to meet with me to get your new fob. If you have any questions, please contact

Becky (becky@fpcmissoula.org).

Facilities Manager Position

A warm welcome to Wes Keller as he has accepted the role of becoming our new Facilities Manager. Wes's current schedule is Sunday morning and Monday through Thursday 9:00-3:00. Wes can be reached via email (steward@fpcmissoula.org) or by phone (971) 645-2249.

Sanctuary Cleaning: Thursday, August 28th from 9:00-1:00

We are in need of some volunteer help as the Sanctuary needs some love and a thorough cleaning as we get ready to move our worship service back to the Sanctuary on September 7. A work party has been scheduled for Thursday, August 28 from 9:00-1:00 if you are available to help. Pizza will be provided for lunch. Please contact Wes (steward@fpcmissoula.org) or Becky (becky@fpcmissoula.org) if you are planning to come.

A huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers who found some extra time to help with our various tasks this summer!

Celebrating Austin Graef!

Austin joined our community in June of 2020 and has poured his can-do energy, winsome faith, hospitality, creativity and joy into the care of our children, youth, families, and congregation these past years. We are far richer for his presence and leadership in countless ways! Austin's last Sunday as our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry will be August 24th. We will celebrate him following worship that day. You are welcome to consider words of affirmation to share with him then and bring notes of thanks and/or cash to contribute to a money tree as an expression of our deepest gratitude. You may bring those on August 24th or direct them to the church office.

Small Group Fellowship - Roots Groups

We begin our new season of small group fellowship in a few weeks. Are you ready and eager to join us for devotion, fun and fellowship? Maybe belonging to one of our small groups - called Roots groups - will be a new experience for you. Or maybe you're a veteran of many seasons. Whichever it is, join us this fall as we all come together to deepen the roots of our faith. You can learn more on Sunday 9/14 at our Ministry Fair after worship in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

August

- Don Johnston Memorial Service August 22nd @ 1:00 Location - Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery
- Austin Graef Celebration August 24th
- Sanctuary Cleaning August 28th

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, Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson, Haleigh Adair, Nick Bailey, Peggy Schalk, Mike & Mary Fussell

Prayers for Health and Healing: Jill Gilliam, Sarah Shepard, LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Pat Scott

Condolences: The family and friends of Mitch Shepard (Neil Shepard's brother), The family and friends of Bob Price (Jo Ruby's father), The family and friends of Elsie Dobbins, The family and friends of Lois Fussell (Mother of Mike Fussell), The family and friends of Gay Carlson (Sister of Jill Gilliam)