

Good Friday Worship with FPC: Friday, March 29th, 5:30pm

Good Friday. The day of disaster. Cold Calvary. Today all is lost...

It's Friday. Do not rush past the row of crosses. Make room for the confusion, the sorrow, the lament. Are you sick of the self-absorption, the despair and violence? Are you broken by all the fear and loss? Are you exhausted by grief upon grief? Sit very still and whisper your heart-darkened words as shattered prayer.

If you wonder whether Jesus can understand what it is to suffer, to lose what's precious, to be betrayed and mocked and forgotten, remember Friday.

Today Christ shoulders the weight of human suffering. Today he carries the cross of human brokenness. Today he is pierced to his life's blood by the world's lonely worst.

Today is Friday. Sit with your suffering. Sit with the world's. Sit with the Lord's own loss.

And in this darkness, allow yourself to hold onto the small flickering candle of Jesus' promise about to explode into the blinding orange radiance of a New Dawn.

Today is Friday. But Friends, Sunday is coming.

[Good Friday livestream: https://youtube.com/live/9NI_WzRmVA0?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/9NI_WzRmVA0?feature=share)

Easter Worship with FPC: Sunday, March 31st, 9:30am

On Easter (March 31st), we will celebrate Christ's resurrection in the sanctuary all together at 9:30am. Following worship, we will gather to participate in Easter Egg hunts and fellowship over coffee and treats. All are welcome!



We will be together in the Sanctuary for Easter 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/BhSKi6N756l?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.'

Morning Prayer Will Now be on Tuesday Mornings at 8:30am

Lamb of God Oratorio: March 29th and 30th, 7:00pm, 3201 Bancroft St

Lamb of God is a musical experience that celebrates the hope we have in Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection. This year, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is hosting the production (3201 Bancroft St), and there will be performances on Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30th at 7:00pm. Admission is free.

Why Rummage Sale?

Our annual rummage sale is one of the biggest in Missoula. It is a lot of work for our church community and makes a fair amount of money. It kicks off rummage/garage sale season for many folks in the community. Why would we do something this large with so much work? That is a great question and one with several answers.

It is a great way to recycle goods back into our community.

It is a way to clean out our own closets and cupboards.

It is a way to raise money for our mission trips (2024 Casas trip to Juarez).

It is a way for our community to be able to buy goods at a discounted price.

It is a wonderful week working together and laughing with a common goal.

It is a fantastic way to find treasures!

We look at this week not only as a fundraiser, but a week of community service and relationship building together. Won't you join us?

Volunteer opportunities:

Wednesday, April 3, 9-6pm

Thursday, April 4, 9-5pm

Friday, April 5, 8:30-5pm

Saturday, April 6, 8:30-3pm.

Contact jo@fpcmissoula.org to signup for FUN!

Nursery/Baby Shower!

The time has arrived! We're grateful to announce that thanks to our volunteer labor, our nursery is scheduled to be completed Sunday, April 14th! Following worship on the 14th, we invite you to come down to see the new space for our infants and toddlers, and we'd invite you to be a part of celebrating this new space through a "baby shower" for the nursery. For this baby shower, we're hoping to find two reclining chairs, a loveseat, a changing table, changing pads, and furniture (such as a dresser) for diaper storage! We're also on the lookout for any children's books! If you have one of our wish list items you'd like to donate to this space, please get ahold of Austin at (406) 529-9922 or austin@fpcmissoula.org, or if you have another item you think the space may benefit from, please get ahold of Austin to see if it's a need we have for the space. We look forward to having you celebrate this space for our young families and babies with us!

Toppers Party: April 20th, 4:30pm*, Fellowship Hall

Save the Date! The annual Deacon's Topper's Party is coming up! April 20th at 4:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. **Note this year's additional time change

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

March:

• Good Friday Worship: Friday, March 29th, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

• Easter Worship: Sunday, March 31st, 9:30-11am, Sanctuary

April:

• Morning Prayer: Tuesdays, 8:30am, Sanctuary

• Rummage Sale: April 5 & 6

• Nursery Baby Shower: April 14th, Following Worship, Sanctuary Basement

• Topper's Party: April 20th: 4:30pm

• Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders and Deacons: April 21st, Following Worship

- Sending Sunday: April 28th

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, Annabelle Olds, John MacDonald, Pam Dubois, Janet Malone, Bob Davis