

Advent Worship Week One | Nov 30th, 2025 | Jer 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days ... I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land... (Jeremiah 33.14-15)

The armies of Babylon advance on Jerusalem. Destruction is assured. The prophet Jeremiah languishes in prison.

But in the midst of such grim circumstances, Jeremiah hears divine promise of unexpected joy. The restoration of the Davidic line. New life to spring forth from what appears a dead stump. Messianic hope. A righteous king to execute justice in the land.

What circumstances seem to you dire beyond reversal?

The promise of Advent is hope of rejoicing beyond what we can see.

The prayer of Advent? Come, Lord Jesus.

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/QbMqyJkXncl?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.'

Inviting Your Help in Supporting Our Presbytery

This year's 2025 Per Capita contribution is \$70 per member of First Presbyterian Church. FPC pays this amount 'per capita' (or per person), to support the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in particular, Glacier Presbytery, which pursues the flourishing of the eighteen congregations in our region of Montana. FPC meets this commitment each year out of our operating budget. And we invite our congregation to help defer the cost of our Per Capita expense by contributing \$70 per member between now and the end of the second week of December, 2025. If you choose to participate, please indicate on your payment vehicle that this amount is designated for your Per Capita gift.

Thank you, and Blessings on you and your family,

Your Stewarding Elders – Neil Shepard, Noah Hill, Colin McKearnan

The Warming Tree

First Presbyterian Church and the Sending Team will be setting up The Warming Tree filled with socks, gloves, hats, and scarves for our neighbors in need of warm accessories. This year we have enough items to fill the tree thanks to your generous donations from 2024. **Help would be welcome with sorting the scarves, gloves, and hats into baggies on Wednesday, December 3rd, @ 10:00 a.m. in the Olivet Chapel.** The tree will be set up next to our Little Free Library. Please contact Melanie Mellgren at 406-540-2986 if you have any questions.

Helping Hands Giving Trees

Imagine this ...your family has moved out of the YWCA Family Housing Center this year and into a new apartment. Even though the Welcome Baskets were greatly appreciated, setting up a home with the associated costs has been a strain. What a special Christmas gift it would be to receive a Giving Tree gift card to help during the Christmas season. The Giving

Trees will be set up beginning this Sunday, Nov 30th. You will find one in the church narthex and another in the Fellowship Hall. If you are able, please take an ornament or two and return with a Walmart or Target gift card...\$15-\$20-\$25. Place it in the decorated gift card box below each tree. Please write the value on each card.

December Senior Luncheon

December is a simple wish that brings spectacular moments for all of us. Come and enjoy the Senior Luncheon, held on December 9th, in the Fellowship Hall, gathering at 11:15am. Please RSVP to **Barbara Miller 406-239-7999**.

Handbell Choir Concert

The First Presbyterian Handbell Choir will combine with the Methodist choir to perform a concert of Advent and Christmas music on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3:00 pm. The concert will be held in the Sanctuary of the Methodist Church, 300 E. Main St. and is free to the public. Elevator access is available just inside the back entrance of the church. Refreshments will be follow the concert.

Sanctuary Open for Prayer

Come pray in our Sanctuary! The Sanctuary will be unlocked on Tuesdays from Morning Prayer at 8:30 till the office closes at 3pm. You are also welcome to come pray on other days the office is open (Tuesday - Friday, 9-3). Just come by the church office to be let in!

2026 Pledge Cards

Along with the beautiful fall weather we have been blessed with, this is the time of year in our church calendar when we wish to remind all that you should have received our pledge letter in the mail. Along with this letter, there was an enclosed pledge card. This communication is our request for you to prayerfully consider pledging your families' time, talents and funds to FPC for 2026. In planning the 2026 budget, it is very helpful to have your family complete the pledge card with this information and monetary pledges for God's work via giving to FPC. Please return your pledge card by December 2 or if you have not received an invitation letter, contact the church office (Tuesday-Friday 9:00-3:00) 406-549-5144. Blank pledge forms will also be available in the narthex or can be picked up from the church office. Thank you for your faithfulness in making stewardship a priority in your life helping to further Jesus' love and grace.

Neil Shepard, Noah Hill, Colin McKearnan, Stewarding Elders for the Session.

Snow Removal: Volunteers Needed

In anticipation of winter, we are asking for volunteers to help with snow removal. If this is something that you feel called to help with, please contact our Facilities Manager, **Wes Keller at 971-645-2249** so he has your information to reach out to you as needed.

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

November

- November 27-28 - Church Office Closed

December

- December 1st - Bill Jones Memorial @ 10:00
- December 3rd - Warming Tree Sorting @ 10:00
- December 9th - Senior Luncheon @ 11:15
- December 14th - Handbell Choir Concert @ 3:00 (Sanctuary of the Methodist Church)

Prayer List

Ongoing Prayer Support: Victor Schlimgen, Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson,
Nick Bailey, Peggy Schalk, Mike & Mary Fussell, Tyler Winchell, Bill Ingalsbe, Ray and Susie Risho

Prayers for Health and Healing: Jill Gilliam, Sarah Shepard,
LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Betty Winchell, Heidi Ingalsbe, Sean Barry, Jean Johnson, Betty Hershman, Mike Hickey,
Becky Tucker

Condolences: The family and friends of Bill Jones, The family and friends of Stan Billheimer (Joy McKay's father)