

WELCOME and OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How far the distance

Between you and me

How far the distance

Between us and them

How far the distance

Between we and Christ

**Let us now draw near to you and me, to us and them, to we and Christ
Jesus in unity and fellowship.**

***OPENING HYMN** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* GTG 306

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

It is true! We are sinners! We do not deserve grace or mercy! Even though we are inseparable from the Holy Spirit and forgiven of our sins, we continue to wrestle with the flesh, and too often, we fail. We are not saved by our own goodness, but by Grace alone. We strive for holiness by the power of the Spirit and the mercy and grace of God. Yet we fail often. Hold us close, oh Lord, comfort us and guide us forward into your eternal Grace.

(Silent Prayers may be offered)

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147

Haven't you been listening?

The Good News is this:

God never tires out, God is always with us,

God heals us with mercy; God strengthens us for service.

The One who numbers the stars knows each of us by name.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Please share that peace with those around you.

Peace Response *My Peace* See
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WE HEAR FROM GOD

GREETING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL And also with you.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *I'll Walk with God* Brodsky/Webster

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 133

Proverbs 6:16

John 17:20-26

**Gloria Patri* GTG 581

SERMON **Social Distancing: A Study in Unity** **Jane Surmi**

***HYMN** *We Are One in the Spirit* GTG 300

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD WE HAVE HEARD

THE PRAYERS

L: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer (Malotte)*

COLLECTION OF OFFERING

Offertory	<i>Air (from Water Music)</i>	G.F. Handel
*Response	<i>Doxology</i>	GTG 606
*Offertory Prayer		

***APOSTLE'S CREED:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

WE GO OUT TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	GTG 837
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***THE CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

*SENDING	<i>Amen</i>	Sing Responsively
POSTLUDE	<i>Fanfare</i>	Henry Purcell

Join us for coffee and visiting in the Social Hall
Corporate Prayer in the Graham Parlor

Ministering in our Worship

Interim Pastor	Rev. Risa Paul
Speaker	Jane Surmi
Liturgist	Marla Wilckens
Ministers	All the People
Director of Music Ministry/Organist	Joan Schmidt
Choir Director	Alex Rosenleaf

*Please stand as you are able

First Presbyterian Church

Welcome

Great Falls, Montana



Sunday, July 27, 2025

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A Friendship Blessing

May you be blessed with good friends,
And learn to be a good friend to yourself,
Journeying to that place in your soul where
May this change you.
May it transfigure that which is negative, distant,
Or cold within your heart.
May you be brought into real passion, kindness,
And belonging.
May you treasure your friends.
May you be good to them, be there for them
And receive all the challenges, truth and light
you need.

John O'Donohue



Fort Peck Lake

Calendar of Events — July 27 – August 17

Sunday, July 27

10:00 AM
11:00 AM

Worship
Fellowship

Tuesday, July 29

10:00 AM

Press Newsletter Prep

Thursday, July 31

8:30 AM

Coffee with Risa

Sunday, August 3

10:00 AM
11:00 AM

Communion
Worship
Fellowship

Tuesday, August 5

4:00 PM

Presbyterian Women Retreat Registration Due
Property Committee

Wednesday, August 6

11:30 AM
5:30 PM

My One Word and Lunch
Funeral Committee

Thursday, August 7

8:30 AM

Coffee with Risa

Sunday, August 10

10:00 AM
11:00 AM

Worship
Fellowship/Personal Prayer

Tuesday, August 12

3:00 PM
3:00 PM

Finance Committee
Worship Committee

Thursday, August 14

8:30 AM
6:30 PM

Coffee with Risa
Session Meeting

Sunday, August 17

10:00 AM

Worship

Congratulations to

Alonso and Emma!

Emilio Benjamin

Born July 16

Please loan us your wedding pictures and we'll display them in the Social Hall until the end of August. If you have a wedding story, let us know that too. Bring them on Sunday or drop them off at the office.

Presbyterian Women Retreat registration forms are available from Marla Wilckens at 406-452-0226. The theme is: Partnering in Solidarity. The deadline is August 5.