

WELCOME and OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

PRELUDE *Rejoice, O My Soul* **Sigfrid Karg Elert**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,
The One who calls us,
The One who equips us,
The One who loves us without end.
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* **GTG 280**

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Maker and giver of all,
forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives:
when we walk through this world
and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation;
when we walk through our lives
and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us;
when we walk through holy moments
and fail to savor your presence,
instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes
at us with its demands.
Open our eyes to your presence, God of love,
that we may lean on you—
for you uphold all of creation
in tenderness and power. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Acts 17, Psalm 66, John 14)

When Jesus left the disciples, he gave us a promise:
“I will not leave you orphaned!”
For we, his disciples, live in him and he in us—
the presence of God within and around all.
What a promise! Take courage! Take comfort!
Blessed be God!

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

My Peace

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African-American Spiritual **Alex Rosenleaf, tenor**

SCRIPTURE

John 14:16-17, 25-27

John 15:26-27

John 16:7-15

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

RESPONSE:

Holy Spirit Come to Us

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SERMON

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Reverend Risa Paul

*HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

GTG 286

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 *Gelobt Sei Gott (Good Christians Rejoice)*

Ernst Pepping

*Response

Doxology

GTG 606

Offertory Prayer

**All: All-knowing never changing God, teach us to use these gifts to
create greater access, insights, and wisdom for people within and
outside of these walls. Use these gifts to reform us more and more into
your image and likeness. Amen!**

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CLOSING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

GTG 366

***THE CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING** Now go in peace to love and serve Our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol (Love Divine)

Healey Willan

Join us for coffee and visiting in the Social Hall

Please pick up your giving statement in the box in the narthex.

Ministering in our Worship

Interim Pastor

Liturgist

Outreach Coordinator

Ministers

Director of Music Ministry/Organist

Choir Director

Praise Band

Reverend Risa Paul

Debra Royce

Jane Surmi

All the People

Joan Schmidt

Alex Rosenleaf

Joey Dresen

*Please stand as you are able



First Presbyterian Church

Welcome

Great Falls, Montana



Sunday, September 14, 2025

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Advocate

*“The Advocate will come,
whom I will send to you from Abba God, the spirit of truth.”*

—John 15.26

“Advocate.” In Greek, *paraclete*.

One who comes alongside to assist.

God is not your judge or prosecutor, but your defense attorney,
advocating for you. On your side.



Against all those voices of accusation, both yours and the world’s—
those untruths, that you’re not good enough, that you have
somehow failed or fallen short.

God will never be against you, only for you.

The Advocate will stay by your side and remind you of the truth:

“You are my beloved.”

*When the Spirit of truth comes,
they will guide you into all the truth.*

—John 16.13

Steve Garnaas-Holm



Grinnell Lake - Many Glacier

Sunday, September 14

11:30 a.m.

Personal Prayer Time

Sunday, September 14 — Tuesday, September 16

Tim Talk at Glacier Camp

“Exploring Habakkuk and his Witness”

Wednesday, September 17

6:00 p.m.

Dinner and a Movie

The Chosen

Thursday, September 18

8:30 a.m.



Coffee with Risa

Friday, September 19

5:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Deadline

Saturday, September 20

10:00 a.m.

Presbyterian Women

Janet Massey Residence

Sunday, September 21

Communal Prayer

Monday, September 22

12:00 Noon

Early Risers Work Meeting

Wednesday, September 24

6:00 p.m.

Dinner and a Movie

The Chosen

Thursday, September 25

10:00 a.m.

Presbyterian Mailing

8:30 a.m.



Coffee with Risa

Bible Study Galatians – Deep Dive October

Calendar of Events — September 14 – 28