

WELCOME and OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

PRELUDE *When the Saints Go Marching In* See Screen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A thousand days are but a moment to God;

All flesh is grass, and withers away.

Still we treasure our days with those whom we love,

And reluctantly give them back to God.

On this day, we thank God for the saints in our lives.

Let us worship God.

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

“Let there be light!”

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

“I am the Light of the world.”

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

The ones in whom God’s light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

And let us worship God.

We gather this morning to remember our call:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.

We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.

With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith,
let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN** *Come! Live in the Light!* GTG 749

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

God, you send us saints ...**And we imprison them, or nail them on crosses. Have mercy.**

God, you send us saints ...**And we persuade ourselves that they are fools, or meddlers or incompetents. Have mercy.**

God, you send us saints ...**And we hate them for reminding us that our comfort requires the poverty of others. Have mercy.**

God, you send us saints ...**And we ignore them. Have mercy.**
(reflective silence)

God’s Word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace. We are loved and accepted because we are we and God is God and nothing can finally separate us from our Creator, our Parent, our Sustainer. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you all

ALL: And also, with you

Peace Response

My Peace

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GREETING

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

And also with you

***MESSAGE IN MUSIC** *Alabare’* *Alonso/Pagan*

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:11-23

Hebrews 11:13- 14, 11:32-12: 2a

Luke 6:46-49

Gloria Patri

GTG 581

SERMON Celebrating the Saints

HYMN

The Beatitudes

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THE PRAYERS

L: Lord, in your mercy **All: Hear our prayer.**

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

COLLECTION OF OFFERING

Offertory *Versicle Allegretto (Soli Deo Gloria)* Camil Van Hulse

*** Doxology**

GTG 606

*Offertory Prayer

Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near to us and far from us; so that one day we may stand amidst the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Preface follows)

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy , holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *For All the Saints* **GTG 326**

***THE CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING L:** Now go in peace to love and serve our Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***POSTLUDE** *O When the Saints Go Dancing Out*

Please join us in the Social Hall for coffee hour following the
worship service. We'd love to see you there!

Ministering in our Worship

Interim Pastor
Liturgist
Outreach Coordinator
Ministers
Director of Music Ministry/Organist
Choir Director
Praise Band

*Please stand as you are able

Reverend Risa Paul
Tom Hazen
Jane Surmi
All the People
Joan Schmidt
Alex Rosenleaf
Joey Dresen

First Presbyterian Church

Welcome

Great Falls, Montana



Sunday, November 2, 2025

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The Communion of Saints

Every Sunday I declare that I believe in it.
 Those women torn apart in the Coliseum,
 Brigid, whose father was a Druid,
 Lioba, almost buried in the same tomb as her
 cousin Boniface
 Therese, the youngest, with her shower of roses.
 But also Margaret Slavin Higgins, hugging me in
 the kitchen,
 Fannie Denlinger Kauffman, who died when my
 mother, her daughter, was seven.
 Holy cards don't do them justice.
 On Sundays, I feel their cloudy presence
 Which surrounds me like the scent of Spring
 hyacinths
 In the air of the garden,
 Thicker, sweeter than incense.

~Anne Higgins



Calendar of Events — November 2 – 16

Sunday, Nov 2	Communion
Tuesday, Nov 4	
12 p.m.	
4 p.m.	Souler Energy Meeting
Meeting	Property
Wednesday, Nov 5	
10 a.m.	Galatians-Deep Dive
11:30 a.m.	My One Word & Lunch
6 p.m.	Dinner and a Movie
	<i>The Chosen</i>
Thursday, Nov 6	
8:30 a.m.	Coffee @Miss Kitty's
Sunday, Nov 9	
11 a.m.	Personal Prayer Time
Tuesday, Nov 11	
10 a.m.	Iris Visit
3 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
3 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 12	
10 a.m.	Galatians
6 p.m.	Dinner and a Movie
	<i>The Chosen</i>
Thursday, Nov 13	
8:30 a.m.	Coffee @Miss Kitty's
10:30 a.m.	Grandview Visit
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Sunday, Nov 16	Fall Follies
11:30 a.m.	Communal Prayer Time

Kick the Cans Food Donation "Griz vs. Bobcats"
 November 2, 9 and 16!
 Game is on November 22nd