

JANUARY 5th, 2024

Advent Worship with FPC | January 5th, 2025 | Luke 2.41-52

Happy New Year's, Friends!

This week in worship we celebrate Epiphany. The word means 'revelation.' An epiphany is an Aha moment. It's associated with the star that the Magi followed. Bringing their gifts. Searching the sky. Longing for renewal. The star led them to an Aha moment, to the parting of the veil: to the revelation of God in Christ, a new and renewing discovery.

One way we'll celebrate the revelation of God in Christ this Sunday is to gather at his Table to feast on his grace. Another is to receive 'star words,' yellow paper stars with invitational words written on them. The word you will receive is not magical. But you are invited to ponder what significance it might have in your life, how God might use it to offer you a gift, a revelation, a focus that points you to Jesus in the new year for your growth.

Prayer: Lord, I pray for a year of renewal. Reveal your light and life to me, that I might grow in Christ and be made new. Amen.

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://www.youtube.com/live/AoD-24u-sw0>

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.'

A Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you to the Family and Friends of Ruth Card for generously donating flowers for worship this Sunday.

Morning Prayer Resumes: January 7th, 2025, 8:30am

Morning Prayer will not be held on Tuesday, December 24th, or Tuesday, December 31st, 2024, due to the holiday season. We look forward to gathering again for Morning Prayer on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, at 8:30am in the Sanctuary.

Winter Retreat: January 17-19th, 2024

We're thrilled to announce the 2025 FPC Winter Retreat happening January 17-19 at Glacier Presbyterian Camp and Blacktail Ski Area! This isn't just a youth retreat this year, but we're inviting anybody of all ages! This is an amazing opportunity to build relationships, grow in faith, and enjoy a fun weekend in God's creation. Whether you're a seasoned skier or just want to hang out and make new friends, this retreat is for you! Scholarships are available, so don't let finances hold you back. **Registration closes January 5th, so don't wait—contact Austin for more details or to sign up.** We hope to see you there!

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 FPC Facility Steward, Robert Miller at (406)546-5972.

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

January

- Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am, FPC Sanctuary
- Ruth Card Memorial Service and Reception, January 4th, 2pm, Sanctuary
- Senior Luncheon: Tuesday, January 14th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall
- Winter Retreat: January 17-19th, 2024

February

- Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am, FPC Sanctuary
- Congregational Celebration and Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 2nd, 2025
- Senior Luncheon: Tuesday, February 11th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall

Announcement Guidelines and Office/Staff Hours

Announcements for FPC's Friday News Emails and for Sunday Worship must be sent to secretary@fpcmissoula.org by Wednesday.

- FPC Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm, 406-549-5144
- FPC Staff Meeting: Tuesdays, 9:30am-11:15am
- Pastor and Ministry Directors (Dan Cravy, Emma Thackston, and Austin Graef) work Monday - Thursday; unavailable Fridays
- Operation Manager (Becky Kress) works Monday - Thursday; unavailable Fridays
- Secretary (Haleigh Adair) works Tuesday - Friday; 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, Kelley Nicholson, Haleigh Adair, Nick Bailey

Prayers for Health and Healing: Annabelle Olds, Pam Dubois, Jill Gilliam, Barbara Miller, Sarah Shephard, Linda Brooks-Curtis, Betty Winchell

Condolences: The family and friends of Ruth Card