

An Order of Worship
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2016—10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us; you are the hope of the world. Give us strength, that we might serve you; make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

Prelude "Air" Battishill

*Call to Worship Psalm 65:5-8

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.**
By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the people.
**Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed
by your signs; you make the gateways of the
morning and the evening shout for joy.**

***Hymn 473** "For the Beauty of the Earth"
(vs. 1 & 2)

Confession of Sin

God of Grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us, **forgive us.**
For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,
forgive us.
For losing heart and abandoning hope, **forgive us.**
For all the ways we turn from you, **forgive us. . .**
~ silent prayer ~

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Song 2162** "Grace Alone"
Sing the Faith Songbook

The Word

Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:23-32 (page 1416)

New Testament Lesson 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
(page 1855)

Anthem

Growing Young Disciples
- children are dismissed to Sunday school -

Prayer of Illumination

Meditation "Matter of Perspective"

Prayers of the People & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Receiving the Morning Offering

*Our God, who provides for our every need,
invites us to give of ourselves as we work and wait
for the coming reign of Christ.
Trusting in the Spirit to sustain us in all things,
let us share generously with those in need.*

Offertory "Voluntary" Jackson

*Singing the Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

God of creation, you water the earth and send forth food; you shower us with grace and feed us with your love. Accept these gifts, humble though they may be, and use them to spread your goodness throughout the earth; in Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

Sending

***Hymn 272** "God of the Sparrow"

*Benediction

***Postlude** "A Resurrection Fanfare" Smith
* Those who are able, please stand
The congregation responds with the **bold print** in the liturgy
Following worship you are invited to a time of fellowship held in the church parlor off the sanctuary

A friend of mine recently asked,
"What is most important in your life?"
What a powerful question! ...
Put simply, what is most important in my life is cultivating the ability to help people be happy, and to relieve them of the suffering they experience.
My number one aspiration in life is to leave each person I interact with at least a little bit better off than I found them.
Matt Tenney, "What's most important in your life?"
huffingtonpost.com.~September 21, 2013

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Rev. Miriam Mauritzen—Community Pastor

Called by Christ to joyfully serve and expand the Kingdom of God

What's Happening this Week

This Morning

- 10:00 am Worship Celebration
- 11:00 am Fellowship, Coffee Hour and Bazaar in the Lower Level

Tuesday, October 25

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Abbie Meal
- 3:30 pm HotSpot (for teens)

Church Office Hours
Mon. thru Fri.

8 am to 12 pm
and
1 pm to 3 pm

Wednesday, October 26

- 12:00 pm Book Study
- 3:30 pm HotSpot (for teens)
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 27

- 10:30 am Warm Up Kalispell
- 4:00 pm Skate Team (Warehouse)
- 5:45 pm Samaritan House Meal
- 7:00 pm Prayer Service

Friday, October 28

- 10:00 am A Matter of Balance
- 5:00 pm Serious JuJu (Warehouse)

Saturday, October 29

- 11:00 am Memorial Service for Dr. Jack Walker
- 4:00 pm Parents Night Out

Sunday, October 30

- 10:00 am Worship Celebration
- 11:00 am Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- 4:00 pm Halloween Carnival

125 Anniversary Tidbit

From the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Booklet (1966)
Historical Section Page 11

The month of October, 1941, was given over to the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the church. Another name for the celebrations was "The Month of Sundays". In spite of the war news at that time and many families having separations, it was a happy time for First Church. Mr. Andrew Dunsire, one of the members of the original Ashley Church, did a little reminiscing.

Pastor Miriam is Partnering With Serious JuJu



Pastor Miriam has been asked to partner with Serious JuJu. Session approved, that as a full-time ordained teaching elder of First Presbyterian Church, Miriam's responsibilities will be adjusted to include a greater amount of time with Serious JuJu. Miriam will be in the church office on Tuesday and Wednesday. She will be in worship at FPC on the first and third Sundays of the month. Thursday, Friday and other Sundays will be dedicated to Serious JuJu. Her email address has changed:
FPC correspondence: fpcmiriam@gmail.com
Serious JuJu: seriousjulumiriam@gmail.com
Serious JuJu is expanding in wonderful ways and FPC is excited to be part of its ministry.



God's Word for Widows

Our church is hosting a 13 week Grief Recovery Study based on Scripture, where widows, meeting together, can find encouragement and strength. Recommended for women who have been widowed and find it difficult to cope. The group meets every Monday at 1:00 at church. To register or form more information contact facilitator Barbara Moore at widhopemt@gmail.com, 406-420-2137.



Thanks Celebration

Sunday—November 13

Join us for a Thanksgiving potluck following worship. Turkey, potatoes and gravy will be catered by Vista Linda!

The Deacon's Christmas Food Box has begun! The requested food items for the next two weeks are as follows:

Oct. 30: *Canned veggies, fruit cranberry sauce & olives.*

Nov. 6: *Instant mashed potatoes & gravy mix, canned yams*

Please submit to the church office names of individuals or families that you know who would appreciate a Christmas Food Box this holiday season. All names are held in confidence.



Welcome to Worship!

We are glad you choose
to worship with us.
The peace of Christ be with you!

A Time of Prayer will be held each Sunday in the Chapel from 9:30-9:45 am. We will pray for our worship service, pastors, church programs and for God's spirit to lead our church. Please join us in prayer on Sunday mornings.



Parents! Mark your calendar! FPC is providing child care and a wonderful program for your kids on *Saturday, October 29th from 4:00—7:00 pm*. Just think ~ 3 hours of alone time or time with your friends. Invite friends to participate! Space is available for 24 kids ages 1 yr-8 yrs. Check out our website (www.fpckalispell.org) for more information!



Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we have a couple of awesome Pastors! We are honoring our pastors with a "Card Shower". There will be two baskets in the parlor on Sundays October 23 & 30 for your cards. On *November 6* we will have cake during coffee hour and we will also publicly thank our pastors.



Community Halloween Carnival Sunday Oct. 30th 4-6 pm

How you can help: Candy donations, run a game, help decorate the church and/or a trunk, pass out candy from your trunk from 4-4:30. Come in costume ... or not invite someone to come have fun!

Join us this morning in the lower level for coffee, fellowship and to shop the PW bazaar. All monies raised are donated to local missions.