

(All) *Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD your rear guard!*

Prayer of Confession

Song "O Lord, Your Tenderness" 2143

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 3:18 tells us, "Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." Friends, Christ lived thousands of years ago AND Jesus still lives today, leading us still -through the Holy Spirit - closer to God. We are all sinners. For all who know what it means to be searching and lost, hoping and despairing, working for that which seems never enough, take courage. The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is sufficient!

Be found. Be of hope. **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn "Come Thou Fount" 356

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Equipping

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Mark 1:9-15

Growing Young Disciples

~ Children are now invited to Sunday School ~

Sermon

Remembering Our Baptisms

Around the table, pass bowl, dip hand in water place on forehead of neighbor to the right saying:

**"Remember, you are God's beloved child.
This Lent, walk with Christ."**

Song "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" 2051

Annual Meeting

Opening Prayer

Declaration of a Quorum

Necrology Report

Distribution of Ballots & Member Qualification for Vote

Approval of May minutes

Election/Ordination/Installation of Officers

Vote on Terms of Call

Receiving of Annual Report

Financial Presentation

Children's Offering: *Change for Change*

Song "Give Thanks" 2036

Closing Prayer

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Christ's Table

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer The New Zealand Book of Prayer

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer,
Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom
is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the
universe the way of your justice be followed by
the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain
our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

**In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.**

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

**From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the
grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Communion by Intinction

We celebrate an open Communion Table. Share your financial, action, and prayer offerings from the worship card. As you come forward, place them in the basket.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

***Song** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" 2129

1. I have decided to follow Jesus ...
2. The world behind me, the cross before me ...
3. Will you go with me, help me to follow ...
4. God goes before us, into the future ...

*Benediction

*Those who are able, please stand
The congregation responds with the **bold** print.

Congregational Meeting ~ Today

This morning we will hold the Congregational Meeting during our worship celebration. We will do the "business of the church" as we praise and glorify God.

Afghan Silent Auction and Sewing Project

This past year ladies' hands have been busy crocheting afghans. They will hold a silent auction for the afghans Sunday, February 25 and Sunday, March 4. All proceeds will go to the church's Scholarship Fund. At the same time, the African sewing projects will be on display before being sent overseas. All ladies who are contributing to the mission work, please have your items in by February 23 so the display may be set up.

Zephyr Covenant Gathering

Zephyr will meet February 25 following worship in the Fireside Room. A light lunch is provided along with social sharing. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Lenten Lunches: *Using our Senses to Sense God this Lent*

There will be three weeks of Intergenerational Classes and Soup Lunch in the parlor during Lent from 11:15 am -11:45 am following A Time of Fellowship. This will be a Round Table Intergenerational Class to grow deeper with God and one another. Dates are: *Sundays, March 4, 11, and 18.*

Ready to Take Control of Your Diabetes?

FREE Diabetes Classes March 5 & 12 1 pm—2:30 pm
Buffalo Hill For more information or to register, please call Jerry & JoLynn Yenne (Pat Sanders' sister) at 752-9625.

What's Happening this Week

Sunday, February 18 – *First Sunday of Lent*

- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:00 am Worship and Congregational Mtg
- 11:00 am A Time of Fellowship
- 1:00 pm School of Rock

Monday, February 19

- 7:00 am Teen Bible Study (YWAM)
- 6:00 pm Serious JuJu Adult Skate & Study
- 6:40 pm BSF

Tuesday, February 20

- 9:30 am Quilter's Guild
- 4:00 pm Serious JuJu Tuesday Skate
- 6:00 pm Leadership

Wednesday, February 21

- 12:00 pm Noontime Study

Thursday, February 22

- 10:30 am Warm Up Kalispell
- 12:00 pm Alanon
- 5:30 pm Samaritan House Meal Provided
- 7:00 pm FVTP

Friday, February 23

- 5:00 pm Serious JuJu Dinner, Worship, Skate

Saturday, February 24

- 6:45 am BSF Leadership
- 8:15 am Build Day
- 2:00 pm Serious JuJu Beginner's Skate
Presbytery Retreat in Helena

Sunday, February 25 *Second Sunday of Lent*

- 10:00 am Worship Celebration
- 11:00 am A Time of Fellowship
- 11:15 am Zephyr Covenant Group
Presbytery Retreat in Helena

Order of Worship

First Sunday of Lent

First Presbyterian Church

Kalispell, Montana

February 18, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.



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Gathering

Opening Song "God is Here Today" 2049

Welcome

Song "Come and Find the Quiet Center" 2128

*Call to Worship

This Lent we fast from Hallelujahs.

God calls:

Is not this the fast that I choose: Isaiah 58:6-8
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

(Women) *Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;*

(Men) *when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?*