

# Gathering

## Welcome

## Opening Prayer

God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind, that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we might be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

## Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 1

Happy are the people  
**Who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
or take the path that they follow;  
so sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.**  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
**and they meditate on God's law day and night.**  
The Lord watches over the ways of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### \*Hymn 485

*To God be the Glory*

## Confession of Sin

Let us give up boasting and dishonesty;  
turning to the Lord with our confessions,  
because the one who knows us through and through  
has promised to renew us.  
**O God, who makes known to us all truth, we confess  
that we are weighed down by our failings: envy  
distances us from other people; greed alerts us only  
to our own desires. Where we might bring  
reconciliation, we create conflicts. Where you call us  
to give, we take. Where your presence beckons, we  
resist. Deal with us not as we deserve, O God, but  
forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your ways.**

## Song 2157

*Come and Fill Our Hearts  
Sing the Faith Songbook*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!  
*~ sing twice, music continues into silent confession ~*

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

The God who loves and sustains you hears your plea.  
The Lord desires for you a welcome into the blessed  
community of freedom and light. You are forgiven.  
Remember the poor and the outcast, welcome the child,  
and you will know, as well, your own welcome,  
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
One God, Maker of all things, now and forever.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### \*Hymn 423

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

# The Word

## Growing Young Disciples

### Singing the Psalms

Psalm 1  
*(See Insert)*

### Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37 (NRSV)

## Meditation

### Prayers of the People

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### 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.

## A Heartfelt Thank You

## Receiving the Morning Offering

*Like the child Jesus held, we live and move and have our being  
inside the circle of his arms. Let us open our hearts so that our tithes  
and offerings bring others, as well, into that circle.*

## Offertory

### \*Hymn 591

*The Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you for the wealth you shower on us  
daily, O Lord, and we witness the marvelous  
goodness that comes from you. Transform these gifts  
into signs of welcome for all who are touched by their  
use. Transform us into people who bless others  
throughout each day, in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## Receiving Gifts from the Children

# Sending

### \*Hymn 375

*Lord of All Good*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

The congregation responds with the **bold** print

Following worship, join us for a celebration luncheon  
held in the Lower Level of the church

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Sunday, September 23

10:00 am Worship Celebration  
11:00 am Potluck

### Monday, September 24

6:50 pm BSF

### Tuesday, September 25

9:00 am Staff  
9:30 am Quilters' Guild  
1:00 pm Abbie Meal Provided  
4:00 pm Serious JuJu Skate—Woodland Park  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, September 26

12:30 pm Kerygma Study  
1:30 pm Matter of Balance Class

### Thursday, September 27

10:30 am Sewing Circle  
12:00 pm Alanon  
5:30 pm Samaritan House Meal Provided  
6:00 pm Flathead Valley Treatment Program

### Friday, September 28

5:00 pm Serious JuJu

### Saturday, September 29

6:50 pm BSF Leadership

### Sunday, September 30

10:00 am Worship Celebration and Communion  
11:00 am Fellowship Gathering  
11:30 am Youth Ministry Discussion  
2:00 pm Quartet Practice

## BAZAAR Saturday October 20

The Presbyterian Women thank you for all the donations coming in! **BOOKS** are great sellers and are appreciated! Crafters are creating bazaar items, and others have been making jams, jellies, and pickles this summer. Please continue setting aside clean, attractive items for the home, books, puzzles, toys, etc. *Please NO clothing or electronics.* Due to limited space, please call Sandy Smith at 393-2483 before donating any small furniture items.



### Sunday Singers

All voices are welcome! We will meet the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month in the chapel beginning October 7 at 9 am. We hope you can join us!

### Upcoming Adult Education Classes

Wednesdays—11:30 am

*Kerygma: An In-depth study of scripture*

Led by Pastor Glenn Burfeind

Wednesdays—1:30 pm

*A Matter of Balance*

Led by Dr. Ann Swain

Sundays—November 4 & 11—9:00 am

*Theories of Atonement*

Led by Dr. Steve Layman



### Potluck Following Worship TODAY

Join us this morning following worship for a special potluck and gathering to celebrate Lee & Betsy Scifers' 25 years of music ministry to our church. At the celebration, you will have an opportunity to share your favorite story about the Sciferses!

### Thank You Naomi Circle

Thank you Naomi Circle for making my birthday luncheon lovely. Arlene, thank you for all the special food that you served. Gloria, thank you for doing dishes with Arlene. Getting back with our study and dear fellowship was a delight!  
God's Love, *Linda Pershall*

### Sunday School Assistants Needed

Thank you to those who offered to teach our little ones. We are still in need of assistance to help the teachers. Please contact the church office if you feel a calling to help in this area.

### Day Center Update

Build Day is every Saturday from 8 am—noon. All help is appreciated, even if you can help only one Saturday. Please use the north entrance at the Gateway Community Center to access the Day Center. Please contact Pastor Glenn if you would like to volunteer!



## Order of Worship

FPC Kalispell

September 23, 2018

10:00 am

*Eighteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

### Who is the Greatest?

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

**Mark 9:30-37**

(New Revised Standard Version)