Announcements

Ash Wednesday worship will be held this Wednesday, February 22 at 7 PM in the sanctuary. Join us as we begin the season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. Lent is a time of spiritual renewal and discipline. Communion will be served and ashes will be given as a sign of repentance and forgiveness.

Church and Society guest this Sunday at 9:30 AM will be Keith Edgerton, Professor of History at MSU-Billings. He will present "The Book of Job, aka, "an Old Testament exploration into why bad things happen to good people." Plan on a bit of an historical overview and then an open-ended discussion. Our guest on Sunday, February 26 will be Jim Gransbery, former political reporter with the Billings Gazette.

"Stressed Out?" Are you feeling a bit anxious, stressed, apprehensive, or worried about life. Do the events in the news have you a bit stressed and nervous? Join Pastor Dave this Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room as we look at this most important topic and see what surprising things the Bible and Jesus have to say about stress and anxiety.

Sermon Series: Pastor Dave will begin a new sermon series on Sunday, February 26 titled, *"Released."* Based on the story of Joseph from the Old Testament, Dave will help us release ill feelings we might hold toward our families and friends and allow God to transform those relationships. Dave will also be using the book *A Family Incarcerated* as a supplemental resource.

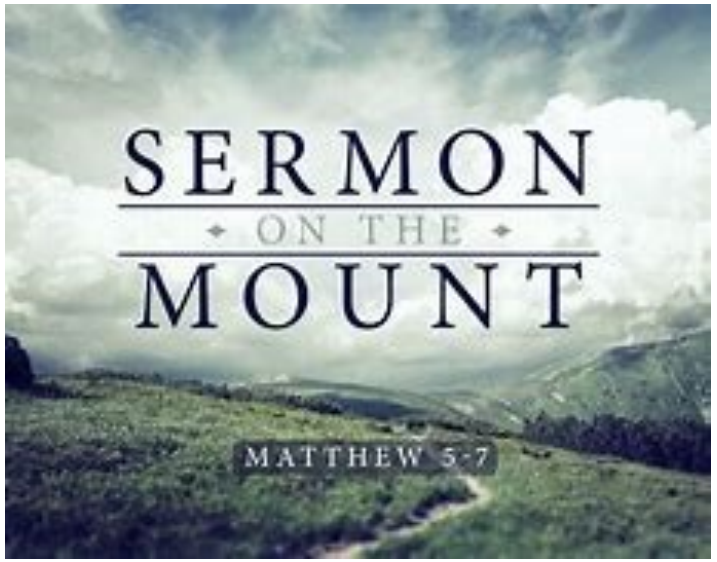
Lenten devotionals will be available this Sunday in the gallery. *Amazing Grace,* written by Michael Hoy, is centered around the beloved hymn that celebrates its 250 anniversary this year. These Lenten devotionals tie the words of this hymn (and the history surrounding it) to our lives today and to the lives of those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God revealed most profoundly in the salvation of Jesus Christ. These free resources are available for you to use during the season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter.

Stephen Ministry Help: Please know that our church has a trained and caring group of people who are available to help provide encouragement and support. If you would like to receive help from one of our Stephen Ministers, please contact Doris Backus or Joann Jones. They are here to help during this time.

Awana Kids Program continues on Wednesdays from 5-6 PM. All kids ages kindergarten through the 5th grade are invited to join us each week for games, music, and Bible scripture learning. Talk with Maicyn Russell or Pastor Dave if you have any questions.

Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are donated by Pam Harr in memory of Juanita Stovall. Our flower sign-up sheet is now available to designate flowers in memory or honor of someone. Please find the sheet on the table as you enter the sanctuary. Suggested donation is $30.

Coming Events:
Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, February 22 at 7 PM
Presbytery meeting in Bozeman on March 3-4



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February 19, 2023

Prelude *Sandi Rabas*

Welcome and Announcements: ***Please sign the friendship pad***

***Call to Worship:**
Pastor: Come, now is the time to worship.
People: Come, now is the time to give our hearts to the Lord.
Pastor: Come, now is the time to join in praise and prayer.
All: Come, now is the time to worship the Lord.

Opening Song** ***"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**
Transforming God, we come before you asking you to change our hearts. We can become set in our ways and find ourselves agitated at times. We can have a short fuse, allowing our emotions to get the best of us. We pray that you will stir in our hearts your love and grace, taking the hard and calloused parts of our lives away. Melt us and mold us after your will through the power of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***(Continue in silent personal confession...)***

***Assurance of Pardon**

Song # 2203** ***"In His Time"

Passing the Peace of Christ
L: *May the peace of Christ be with you.* **All: And also with you.**

Children's Time– all kids are invited forward

Nursery care and Sunday school is provided at this time for kids up to the 5th grade during our 10:30 worship service

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 99 ***pg. 552***

New Testament Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48 ***pg. 5***

Sermon*: "Common Sayings, Uncommon Grace"*

Song of Response #2152** ***"Change My Heart, O God"

Worshipping God With Our Offerings
The Offering ***"Simple Gifts"*** ***Janie Sutton, soloist***
The Doxology** ***pg. 592
***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Closing Song #2108** ***"Oh How He Loves You and Me"

***Benediction**

Postlude** ***Sandi Rabas

*** Indicates to stand, if able and comfortable.**

Music license for use in worship and live streaming is provided via CCLI #20735174

Those Serving in Worship:

8:30 Worship:
Ushers: Chris Eriksen and Ron Stowe
Worship Assistant: Russ Kline

10:30 Worship
Greeter: Thelma Riggs
Ushers: Marlene Spencer, Betty Ann Nesmith, Barb Eichenberger, Carla Bracken
Worship Assistant: David Sanderson

<u>Church Staff Information:</u>
Ministers: All Members
Pastor: The Rev. Dave Thompson pastordave@fpcbillings.org
Office Manager: Jeanne Raney mainoffice@fpcbillings.org
Director of Music: Sandi Rabas
Choir Director: Janie Sutton
Custodian: Kent Fellingham
Preschool Directors: Karen Gerbase and Karen Norsworthy
Ministry Intern: Maicyn Russell
Nursery Care: Lily Ascheman and Lauren Bauer
Bus Driver: David Sanderson

This Week @ FPC

This Sunday	**Worship 8:30 AM**
(February 19)	**Church & Society class with Keith Edgerton 9:30 AM**
	Youth Sunday school upstairs 9:30 AM
	Worship 10:30 AM
	Refuel group meets in the Conference Room 6 PM
	Refuel group meets in the Fireside Room 6 PM
Monday	**Better Together Preschool 9 AM - 1PM**
	Monday morning work crew 9 PM
	Kiwanis group meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM
	Mission Ridge Ministry 12noon
	Refuel group meets in the Fireside Room 2 PM
Tuesday	**Women's Bible Study meets in the Fireside Room 9:30 AM**
	Grief Support Group meets in the Conference Room 10 AM
	Refuel Zoom Group meets on-line 11 AM
	Refuel small group meets in the Fireside Room 11:30 AM
Wednesday	**Better Together Preschool 9 AM—1 PM**
	Bible Study Fellowship Leader's Meeting 9 AM
	West Park Ash Wednesday Service 2 PM
	Awana Kid's Program 5-6 PM
	Youth Group meets in the Fellowship Hall 6-8 PM
	Refuel small group meets in the Fireside Room 7 PM
	Ash Wednesday worship in the sanctuary 7 PM
Thursday	**Bible Study Fellowship 9-11 AM**
	Congregational Care Team meets in the Fireside Room 12noon
	Mission Committee meets in the Fireside Room 7 PM
Friday	**Better Together Preschool 9 AM—1 PM**
Sunday	**Worship 8:30 AM**
(February 26)	**Church & Society class with Jim Gransbery 9:30 AM**
	Youth Sunday school upstairs 9:30 AM
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Last week: Attendance: 8:30– 37 **Offering: $4,627**
10:30– 117
Total: 157