

Announcements

Picture Directory: We continue to take pictures for our church's new picture directory. We would like to have you a part of it. Pictures will be taken Sunday mornings after worship. The pictures are being taken in our gym and will be posted on a password protected portion of our church's website.

Thy Will: Pastor Dave continues his sermon series this Sunday titled, "Thy Will Be Done." This series, based on Matthew 6:7-15, will help us understand God's will for our lives and how we can begin to relinquish control. This four week series will continue through Sunday, March 24.

Best Life: Join Pastor Dave and Dr. Andrew Wingerson this Sunday at 9:30am in the Fireside Room class for their class, "Living Your Best Life." Dave and Andrew are using a biblical and psychiatric approach to behavioral change patterns. Are there things in your life that you wish were different, improved, or better? Dr. Andrew is an up and coming psychiatrist who is doing his residency with the Billings Clinic. This class will be online at facebook.com/fpcbillings.

Church and Society guest this Sunday at 9:30 AM will be Valarie Weber, Director of the Ted Lechner Youth Services Center. When working with two boys from Pine Hills 32 years ago, Valarie realized she loved working with delinquent kids. In her 28 years as director Val will talk about programs offered and answer questions about juvenile justice and youth violence.

Ski Retreat: All middle and high school youth are invited to join us for our annual ski retreat to Bozeman on March 15-16. The cost for the retreat is \$25 and additional costs to ski. Talk to Nichole if you are interested in going.

Alaska Travel Partners: Help our youth get to Alaska this summer for their mission trip by becoming a Travel Partner. Each dollar donated toward the trip gets us a mile closer to Alaska and back. A map of our progress can be found in the gallery. Help us reach our goal. All travel partners will be invited to a banquet when the group returns from their mission experience.

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 Pastor Dave. They are here to help during this time.

Awana Kids Program continues on Wednesdays from 4:45-6 PM. All kids ages preschool through the 5th grade are invited to join us each week for games, music, and Bible learning. Talk to Maicyn or Nichole if you have any questions.

Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are donated by Lorrie Rimpe in memory of her mom Eleanor Weaver. Our 2024 flower sign-up sheet is 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:

Youth group ski retreat to Bozeman coming March 15-16
Easter Worship here on Sunday, March 31 at 8:30 and 10:30am
Easter brunch and Easter egg hunt on Sunday, March 31 at 9:15am



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Prelude *Kerry Gruizenga, piano*

Welcome & Announcements: *Please sign the friendship pad*

***Call to Worship:**

Pastor: Jesus says, "Come to me all who are thirsty;

People: Come to me all who are weak;

Pastor: Come to me all who carry heavy burdens;

People: Come to me all who need help."

Pastor: May we find in Jesus Christ the one who makes us whole.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

***Opening Song # 2032 "My Life Is In You, Lord"**

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

Jesus, you invite us to draw close to you and to find our strength in you. You empower us to rely upon you for all of our needs. Yet, we are prone to self-sufficiency. We tend to want to go it alone, to seek our own path, to follow our own direction. Draw us back to you and in you may we find the one who is the source of our strength and the hope of our lives.

(Please continue in 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 (10:30 service only)

Nursery care and Sunday school is available for children up to the 5th grade

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 107:1-9 *pg. 559*

New Testament Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20 *pg. 194*

Sermon series: "Thy Will Be Done"

Part 3: The Will of God as a Way of Life

***Song of Response "Take My Life and Let It Be"**

Worshipping God With Our Offerings

The Offertory *Kerry Gruizenga, piano*

***The Doxology** *pg. 592*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

***Closing Song "Take My Life"**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Kerry Gruizenga, piano*

*** 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 Bil Jackson

Worship Assistant: Jim Irwin

10:30 Worship

Greeters: Jim & Bif Hogue

Ushers: Trina White, Jerry Koch, Donnie Cole, and Gary Schneider

Worship Assistant: Bobbi Blain

Church Staff Information:

Ministers: All Members

Pastor: The Rev. Dave Thompson pastordave@fpcbillings.org

Office Manager: Jeanne Raney mainoffice@fpcbillings.org

Director of Children's and Youth Ministry: Nichole Bodalski

Director of Music: Sandi Rabas

Choir Director: Janie Sutton

Custodian: Kent Fellingham

Preschool Directors: Karen Gerbase and Karen Norsworthy

Children's Ministry Assistant: Maicyn Russell

Nursery Care: Lily Ascherman and Lauren Bauer

Bus Driver: David Sanderson

This Week @ FPC

Sermon Notes

This Sunday (March 10)

Daylight Savings Time begins– turn clocks forward
Worship service 8:30 AM
Sunday school classes 9:30 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Refuel small group meets in the Fireside Room 6 PM
Refuel small group meets in the Conference Room 6 PM

Monday

Better Together Preschool 9-1
Monday morning work crew 9 AM
Kiwanis group meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM
Worship Committee meets in the Fireside Room 10 AM
Refuel small group meets in the Fireside Room 2 PM

Tuesday

Better Together Preschool 9-1
Women's Bible Study meets in the Fireside Room 9:30 AM
Zoom small group meets online 11 AM
Refuel small group meets in the Fireside Room 11:30 AM
Finance meeting in Jeanne's office 12noon
PEO group meets in the fellowship hall 12:30 PM
Session meeting in the Fireside Room 7 PM

Wednesday

Better Together Preschool 9-1
Bible Study Fellowship leaders' meeting 9 AM
Men's group meets in the Fireside Room 10 AM
Presbyterian Women's board meeting in the Fireside Room 9:30
Awana Kids Club 4:45-6 PM
Youth Group for youth grades 6-12 6-8 PM
Confirmation class with Pastor Dave 6-8 PM
Refuel small group meets in Fireside Room 7 PM
Choir rehearsal meets in the Choir Room 7 PM

Thursday

Bible Study Fellowship 9AM

Friday

Better Together Preschool 9-1
Ski Retreat leaves for Bozeman 4 PM

Saturday

Christian Yoga group meets in Church & Society Room 9:30 AM
Ski Retreat returns from Bozeman in the evening

Sunday (March 17)

Worship service 8:30 AM
Youth Coffee Cart in the gallery 9-10:30 AM
Sunday school classes 9:30 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Refuel small group meets in the Fireside Room 6 PM
Refuel small group meets in the Conference Room 6 PM

Sermon series: "Thy Will Be Done"

Part 3 of 4: *God's Will as a Way of Life*

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-9 and Ephesians 5:15-20

Last Sunday: Attendance: 228

Offering: \$12,264.38