

## Announcements

**OGHS offering** was received last Sunday. Thanks to everyone who participated as we raised \$2,683.33 for our annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering that helps many people through our denomination around the world.

**New sermon series** “*Stay in Your Lane*” will begin this Sunday, April 7. This five part series will help us look at boundaries and how we can help others in appropriate ways. This series will be based on the best-selling book *Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend.

**“Proof from the Past”** Sunday school series will begin this Sunday, April 7 at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. This four week series, led by Pastor Dave, will look at many of the prophecies from the Old Testament and how they were fulfilled in Jesus. All are invited to join us to grow deeper in your faith.

**Church and Society class** guest this Sunday at 9:30 AM will be Dr. Erwin Garcia-Velasquez, Superintendent of the Billings Public Schools and Ione Young, Yes for Safe Schools Billings Co-Chair. “Initiatives to Bridge the Gap—Preventing Dropouts and Violence.” Reading proficiency affects students’ experiences and perceptions and can lead to dropping out of school. Research data connects dropouts to acts of violence, which are occurring in our community. Dr. Garcia will explain how BPS is addressing these issues through three initiatives. Also, learn about the significant defects found in the safety audit of BPS and how those can be resolved.

**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, Joann Jones, or Pastor Dave.

**Sanctuary flowers** this Sunday are donated by Betty and Joe Roy in memory of their parents; the Koch family in memory of Bobbie Koch’s birthday; Gary and Carol Daniel in honor of Judy Wallinder. Our 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 basket auction and lunch coming on Sunday, April 21 at 11:30 AM  
Church clean up day coming on Saturday, April 27 from 9-12noon  
New members’ class: May 5 and 12 at 9:30am in the Fireside Room



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Prelude

*Sandi Rabas*

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship:**

*Leader: From the mountain tops to the valleys;*

**People:** People from around the world gather to worship.

*Leader: We come together to pray and hear about Christ;*

**People:** The Good News that we are forgiven and renewed.

*Leader: We draw together as one body among many;*

**All:** We gather to worship the Lord.

**\*Opening Song #104** *“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”*

**\*Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Holy God, we confess how we have strayed from your ways. We have a tendency to wander off from your truth, thinking we know what is best for our lives. We replace your truth with popular opinion and disregard your advice when we need it most. Change our hearts, minds, and wills according to your purpose. We pray these things through the redeeming mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*(Please continue in silent confession...)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Song #2074** *“Shout to the Lord”*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

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

**Children’s Time (10:30 service only)**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 133** *pg. 575*

**New Testament Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5** *pg. 6*

**Sermon Series: “Stay in Your Lane”**

*Part 1: “Lane Changers”*

**\*Song of Response #2152** *“Change My Heart, O God”*

**The Offering:**

**The Offertory:** *Tom Wagner, soloist*

*“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”*

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord’s Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer Following the Lord's Supper**

**\*Closing Song** *“More Love, More Power”*

**\*The Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Sandi Rabas*

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 Bob Culbertson

**Worship Assistant:** Susan Freitag

**Communion servers:** Marlene Spencer, Doris Backus, Heidi Duncan, Russ & Janet Kline

**10:30 Worship**

**Greeter:** Marge Myhra

**Ushers:** Don & Sherry Garretson, Sharon Mathews, and Larry George

**Worship Assistant:** Leslie Blaze

**Communion servers:** Marlene Spencer, Cheri Anderson, Marge Stewart, Judy Cuff, and Shelley Prosenki

**Church Staff Information:**

**Ministers:** All Members

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dave Thompson [pastordave@fpcbillings.org](mailto:pastordave@fpcbillings.org)

**Office Manager:** Jeanne Raney [mainoffice@fpcbillings.org](mailto: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

### Sunday (April 7)

Worship service 8:30 AM  
Church & Society class 9:30 AM  
*Proof from the Past* class meets in the Fireside Room 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 Committee meets in Jeanne's office 12noon  
PEO group meets in the Fireside Room 12:30 PM  
Session meets in the Fireside Room 7 PM

### Wednesday

Better Together Preschool 9-1  
Bible Study Fellowship leaders' meeting 9 AM  
PW Board meets in the Fireside Room 9:30 AM  
Men's group meets in the Conference Room 10 AM  
Awana Kids Club 4:45-6 PM  
Youth Group for middle and high school youth 6-8 PM  
Confirmation class with Pastor Dave 6-8 PM  
Refuel small group meets in Fireside Room 7 PM

### Thursday

Bible Study Fellowship 9 AM  
Presbytery Committee meets in the Conference Room 10:30 AM  
PEO group meets in the Church & Society Room 1 PM

### Friday

Better Together Preschool 9-1

### Sunday (April 14)

Worship service 8:30 AM  
Church & Society class 9:30 AM  
*Proof from the Past* class meets in the Fireside Room 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

Last Sunday: Attendance: 435

Offering: \$13,160.33

Sermon Series: "*Stay in Your Lane*"

*Part 1: Lane Changers*

Scripture: Psalm 133 and Matthew 7:1-5