

## Announcements

**Sunday school** with Pastor Dave continues on Sundays at 9:15 in the Fireside Room. He is teaching a class titled, "Is This the End?" Amid pandemic, protests, hurricanes, and fires, many have wondered, "Is this the end?" This six week class is offering a biblical perspective to the end times and how virus, disease, natural disaster, unrest play into our lives. Dave is helping us look at signs of the end times from both the Gospel accounts and the book of Revelation and will help us see the hope that we have when we base our lives upon the promises of Christ. This class is offered both in person and on-line at [www.facebook.com/fpcbillings](http://www.facebook.com/fpcbillings) and will continue through October 18.

**Kids' Sunday School:** Our children's Sunday school program is being offered on-line. Jaki Harada, a student at MSUB, is putting together a weekly lesson that is being sent out via e-mail. If you would like to be added to this e-mail list, please contact Pastor Dave.

**Card Shower for Ruth Ewen:** Ruth Ewen will be turning 97 on October 14 and her family would appreciate any of you to send her a card to help celebrate her birthday. Ruth is quarantined at St. John and greatly appreciates getting mail. Her address is Ruth Ewen 3940 Rimrock Road #128; Billings 59102. Thanks for joining her celebration!

**Staying Encouraged:** Our church is here to help you through this pandemic. Pastor Dave is available to talk, pray, or read scripture with you via the telephone or in person. Feel free to use this resource as we want to help each other through this time of uncertainty.

**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.

**Youth Group** for all 6-12 grade youth continues on Wednesdays from 6-8 PM at the church. Join us for food, games, music, and learning. Please wear a mask.

**Diaper Drive:** We are collecting diapers of all sizes for Family Promise. You can either bring the diapers by the church or if you would like someone to come by and pick them up, please call the church office.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Our flower sign-up sheet is available to designate flowers in memory or honor of someone. Please find the sheet as you enter the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$25.

**Church Columbarium:** The church has decided to install a columbarium. There will be twenty niches available for purchase at \$1,000 per niche. Each niche can contain up to two urns. Please contact Sandi Schoenberger at 647-5685 if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.



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**October 4, 2020**

Prelude *Sandi Rabas, accompanist*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 121:1

*Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills, where does our help come?*

*People: Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*

*Leader: We gather to renew our hope in Jesus Christ.*

*All: We come to worship the Lord.*

\*Opening Song # 2066 *“Praise the Name of Jesus”*

\*Prayer of Confession (In Unison) *Joe Roy*

Holy Lord, God of power and might, in you we find direction and hope. We confronted with decisions every day. We admit that we don't always make the best choices. We have acted in ways that are contrary to your will. We seek your redemption and healing under the mercy of your grace. We ask these things through the One who comes to make all things new, Jesus Christ our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend. *(Please continue in silent confession...)*

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Song # 2128 *“Come and Find the Quiet Center” (verse 1 only)*

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination *Joe Roy*

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 19:1-10 *pg. 498*

New Testament Scripture: Philippians 1:1-14 *pg. 196*

Sermon Series *“Seven Decisions” see Sermon Helps*  
*Part 1 of 7: “Bitter or Better?”*

\*Song of Response # 2113 *“Lamb of God”*

Worshipping God With Our Offerings

The Offertory

\*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

Prayer Following the Lord's Supper

\*Closing Song # 439 *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Sandi Rabas, accompanist*

\* Indicates to stand, if able and comfortable.

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

**Giving Mobile App:** Check out our mobile giving app. You can simply text fpcbillings to 77977 and give a one-time gift or set up reoccurring gifts. If you have any questions, you can talk with Jeanne or Pastor Dave. We appreciate your generosity to our ministry!

# This Week @ FPC

<b><u>This Sunday</u></b> (October 4)	<b>Food Bank Sunday</b> Sunday school class in Fireside Room 9:15 AM Worship service 10:30 AM World Communion Sunday observed during worship
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b>Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM</b> <b>Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM</b> <b>Kiwanis group meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM</b>
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b>Women's Bible Study meets in Fireside Room 9:30 AM</b>
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b>Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM</b> <b>Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leader's Meeting 9:00 AM</b> <b>Grief Support Group meets in the Conference Room 10 AM</b> <b>Youth Group for grades 6-12 6:00 PM</b> <b>Young Adult Bible Study at Trina White's 7:00 PM</b>
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b>Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 9:00 AM</b>
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b>Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM</b>
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> (October 11)	<b>Sunday school class in Fireside Room 9:15 AM</b> <b>Worship service 10:30 AM</b>

Last Sunday: Attendance: 86      Offering: \$8,331.28

## **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)  
**Music Accompanist/Organist: Sandi Rabas**  
**Choir Director: Janie Sutton**  
**Custodian: Kent Fellingham**

## Sermon Helps

Designed to help you get the most out of the sermon

*Sermon series: "Seven Decisions"*

*Part 1 of 7: "Bitter or Better?"*

*Philippians 1:1-14*

- A. **The Key Point:** Even though I have been hurt, I'm not going to continue to live my life as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. **The Natural Path:**
1. It's easy to feel \_\_\_\_\_ when you have been hurt.
  2. It's easy to \_\_\_\_\_ in your sorrows.
  3. It's easy to \_\_\_\_\_ other people for your troubles.
- C. **Seeking Better:**
1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ where you are.
  2. Know that Christ has a \_\_\_\_\_ for your life.
  3. Remember that \_\_\_\_\_ days lie ahead.
- D. **Thought to Take With You:**  
*"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves."*  
—2 Corinthians 4:7

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If you are interested in joining one of these circles, please give your name and phone number to Jeanne in the front office. Or you can call Beth Morrow at 861-5294 or Sharon Brady at 655-9046.

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