

Announcements

We welcome Joe Roy who will be playing his trumpet during worship. Joe and Sandi will be playing several pieces in celebration of Reformation Sunday.

Food Bank Sunday will be recognized on Sunday, November 1 for the food pantry at Medicine Crow Middle School. We invite you to bring items on the first Sunday of each month for a variety of food banks in the Billings area.

Women's Retreat: A retreat focusing on faith during troubled waters is coming. A preliminary planning meeting will begin this Monday, October 26 at 10:30 AM in the church's conference room. We are looking for women who would be interested in the planning of the retreat. If you have any questions, please call CJ Johnson at 697-3153. Hope to see you there!

ReFuel groups to begin in November: Do you have an interest in drawing deeper into a relationship with God and others? We will offer four small group opportunities starting the first week in November for a six-week period. The hope of these groups is to provide a weekly small group experience (with social distancing) where people can come together for Bible study, prayer, and encouragement. We will have options for groups to meet either in the afternoon or evening. If you are interested in this group, please text/call Pastor Dave at 696-4913 or sign up in the gallery. Any questions, please talk with Dave or Russ Kline.

New Class: Pastor Dave will begin a new Sunday school class titled, *Drawing Close* on Sunday, November 1 at 9:15 AM. During this time of social distancing and isolation, many feel that they have drifted away from their faith. Dave will help us look at ways that we can draw close to God during this time of pandemic and will be using examples like Elijah, the Apostle Paul, Mother Teresa, and Dietrick Bonhoeffer to help us find ways to stay connected with Christ. This four week class begins on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room and will continue through Nov. 22.

Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given by Dottie Hilger. 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.

Special flowers on the communion table this Sunday are given by Pat Clark and Betty Zimmerman in memory of their brother, the Rev. Clyde H. McDaniel, Jr. who recently passed away in Michigan. Clyde had served as a pastor in the Presbyterian church for over 50 years and recently died in Michigan.

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.

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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Prelude *Sandi Rabas, accompanist; Joe Roy, horn*
“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*Opening Hymn # 260 *“A Mighty Fortress”*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Pastor: By grace we have been saved;

People: Through the cross we are redeemed.

Pastor: The Bible helps us to understand God’s promises.

All: We come this morning to deepen our faith and trust in Christ.

*Opening Song # 140 *“Holy, Holy” (verse 1 only)*

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Holy God, on this Reformation Sunday we come before you acknowledging your holiness and our sinfulness. Through your redeeming mercy on the cross you opened a way for us to experience new and eternal life. By your blood we have been redeemed and by your stripes we have been healed. We give you thanks for this priceless gift and we seek to serve you with our heart, soul, mind, and strength. *(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

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 46 *pg. 517*

New Testament Scripture: Philippians 3:12-21 *pg. 198*

Sermon Series *“Seven Decisions” see Sermon Helps*
Part 4 of 7: “Having a Decided Heart”

*Song of Response # 2129 *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*

Worshipping God With Our Offerings
The Offertory *“Anglaise” by Handel*
*The Doxology *pg. 592*
*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

*Closing Hymn # 138 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

*Benediction

*Postlude *“Holy, Holy, Holy” Sandi Rabas and Joe Roy*

* Indicates to stand, if able and comfortable.

Music license for use in worship and live streaming is
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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

This Sunday (October 25) Reformation Sunday
Sunday school class in Fireside Room 9:15 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM

Monday
Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM
Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Kiwanis group meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM
Women's Retreat Planning Meeting 10:30 AM
PEO meeting in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM

Tuesday
Men's Bible study meets in the C & S Room 9:00 AM
Women's Bible Study meets in Fireside Room 9:30 AM

Wednesday
Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leader's Meeting 9:00 AM
InterVarsity College Ministry meets downstairs 5:30 PM
Youth Group for grades 6-12 6:00 PM
Young Adult Bible Study at Trina White's 7:00 PM

Thursday
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 9:00 AM

Friday
Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM

Sunday (November 1)
Daylight savings time ends– turn clocks back an hour
Food Bank Sunday– food for Medicine Crow Middle School
Drawing Close class begins in Fireside Room 9:15 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Communion served during worship
ReFuel Diesel Group meets in the Fireside Room 6 PM
ReFuel High Octane Group meets in the Conference Room 6

Last Sunday: Attendance: 37 Offering: \$9,176.00

Church Staff Information:

Ministers: All Members
Pastor: The Rev. Dave Thompson pastordave@fpcbillings.org
Office Manager: Jeanne Raney 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 4 of 7: "Having a Decided Heart"

Philippians 3:12-21

A. The Key Decision:

I have decided to follow Jesus and _____ my life to God.

B. A Decided Heart:

1. Having a decided heart is very _____.

2. Having a decided heart usually comes at a _____ point in one's life.

3. A decided heart sometimes comes at an " _____ " moment.

4. A decided heart allows you to _____ what you are able to _____.

5. Having a decided heart is _____ thinking.

C. A Turning Point:

1. The Apostle Paul decides to press on even amid _____ circumstances. (v. 12)

2. He realizes what he can _____. (v. 13)

3. We are to live _____ than other people. (v. 17)

4. We are to keep our _____ on Christ. (v. 20-21)

D. Thought to Take With You:

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." —Joshua 24:15