

Announcements

Staying Encouraged: Our church is here to help you through this pandemic. Pastor Dave, Stephen Ministers, and Deacons are available to talk, pray, or read scripture with you via the telephone or in person. Feel free to use these resources as we want to help and encourage one another.

Pledge cards were sent out to all of our church members and friends. We appreciate your financial pledge as we look forward to a new year. Pledges will be received during worship on Sunday, November 15 or anytime via the mail. We will also be receiving our One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks on November 15 as well. If you have yet to receive a pledge card, you can pick one up at the church or request that one be mailed to you. Thanks!

Pay It Forward Campaign will be observed on Sunday, November 15 as we will be giving out \$10 to anyone who would like the money. We ask that you use the money as seed money to pay-it-forward by helping an individual, family, or group. For those who are not attending church, money is available in the church office if you would like to stop in or we can bring it to you if you would like.

ReFuel groups continue this week: We are offering four small group opportunities for a six-week period. These groups meet to provide a weekly small group experience (with social distancing) where people can come together for Bible study, prayer, and encouragement. Two groups are currently meeting in the afternoons and two groups in the evenings. If you are interested in being a part of one of these groups, please text/call Pastor Dave at 696-4913.

Drawing Close: Pastor Dave continues his Sunday school class titled, *Drawing Close* this Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room. During this time of social distancing and isolation, many feel that they have drifted away from their faith. Dave is helping 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 Theresa, and Dietrick Bonhoeffer to help us find ways to stay connected with Christ. This four week class will continue through November 22.

RLI Group: Join Dr. Don Harr and Pastor Dave this Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the conference room at the church to discuss "Real Life Issues." This monthly group discusses issues pertaining to end of life, death and dying, and spiritual questions. This group is open to anyone in the church or community.

Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given by Gary and Judy Lohnbakken in memory of all of their family. 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.

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.

Church Columbarium: Our church will be installing a columbarium next spring. There will be 30 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*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Pastor: The Lord is our shepherd and wants the best for us;

People: Green pastures, still waters, and righteous paths.

Pastor: The Lord is there to walk with us every step of the way.

All: We come into God's presence with singing and thanksgiving.

We have come to worship the Lord.

***Opening Song #481 "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"**

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

Lord, help us to have a listening heart that is soft and teachable.
Save us from being so filled with ourselves that we can't hear you.
Give us the grace to both listen and obey when you speak to us. Help
us to grow in our faith and to be open to your leading. We offer this
prayer through the grace and hope of Jesus Christ.

(Please continue in silent confession...)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Song # 2036 "Give Thanks"**

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 78:1-7 *pg. 537*

New Testament Scripture: Philippians 4:8-9 *pg. 198*

Sermon Series "Seven Decisions" *see Sermon Helps*
Part 6 of 7: "Choosing to Forgive"

***Song of Response "Amazing Love"**

Worshipping God With Our Offerings

The Offertory

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

***Closing Song "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"**

***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

This Sunday (Nov. 8) *Drawing Close* class continues in Fireside Room 9:15 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
ReFuel Diesel Group meets in the Fireside Room 6 PM
ReFuel High Octane Group meets in Conference Room 6 PM

Monday
Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM
Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Kiwanis group meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM
Men's Group meets in the Fireside Room 12noon
RMC Choir Rehearsal in sanctuary 12noon
ReFuel Ethanol Group meets in the Fireside Room 2:00 PM
Billings Child Care Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM

Tuesday
Men's Bible study meets in the C & S Room 9:00 AM
Women's Bible Study meets in the Fireside Room 9:30 AM
Finance Committee meets in the church office 12noon
ReFuel Nitrous Group meets in the Fireside Room 1:00 PM
Session meeting in the Fireside Room 7:00 PM

Wednesday
Recognizing Veterans Day!
Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leader's Meeting 9:00 AM
PW Board Meeting in the Fireside Room 9:30 AM
RLI Group meets in the Conference Room 10 AM
RMC Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary 12noon
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
RMC Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary 12noon

Sunday (Nov. 15) *Drawing Close* class continues in Fireside Room 9:15 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Stewardship Sunday—pledge cards received during worship
ReFuel Diesel Group meets in the Fireside Room 6 PM
ReFuel High Octane Group meets in Conference Room 6 PM

Last Sunday: Attendance: 80 Offering: \$ 10,506.40

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 6 of 7: "Choosing to Forgive"

Philippians 4:8-9

A. The Key Decision:

I will greet this day with a _____ spirit.

B. Observations about Forgiveness:

1. Those _____ to us tend to hurt us most deeply.

2. We can _____ to extend forgiveness.

3. _____ resentment is not healthy.

C. Four Steps to Forgiveness:

1. _____: Don't minimize the pain.

2. _____: Come to terms with your feelings.

3. _____: This provides a turning point.

4. _____: It is both an event and a process.

D. Thought to Take With You:

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." —Ephesians 4:32