

ReFuel pod groups to resume in November: Do you have an interest in drawing deeper into a relationship with God and others? We are working to expand our reFuel ministry groups this fall. We will offer several 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 such a group, please text/call Pastor Dave at 696-4913 or sign up on the sheet in the gallery. Any questions, please talk with Dave or Russ Kline.

Presbytery Prayer Gathering: Our Presbytery is hosting a Zoom Prayer Gathering on Tuesday, October 20 from 12-1 PM to pray for the pandemic, upcoming election, and natural disasters. Pastor Dave will be gathering with anyone that day in the Fireside Room who would like to join us. If you would like to join from home, let Pastor Dave know and he will send you the Zoom link.

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. This class is offered both in person and on-line at www.facebook.com/fpcbillings 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.

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 11, 2020

Prelude *Kerry Gruizenga, pianist*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Pastor: We come seeking something beyond ourselves;

People: Hope, encouragement, and strength.

Pastor: We come to be renewed in the promises of God;

People: To feed and nourish our souls.

Pastor: We come to hear the Good News of God.

All: That in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Let us worship the Lord.

***Opening Song** *“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

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

Holy God, we gather this morning to bring glory to your name. You have showered us with many blessings and have surrounded us with your grace. So often we take for granted your amazing gift of new and eternal life that is offered freely through Jesus Christ. Help us to free ourselves of our past failures and present anxieties. We pray these things through the one who restores and renews, Jesus our Lord. *(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 106:1-6 *pg. 557*

New Testament Scripture: Philippians 1:18-30 *pg. 196*

Sermon Series “Seven Decisions” *see Sermon Helps*
Part 2 of 7: “Settle or Seek?”

***Song of Response # 333** *“Seek Ye First”*

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 # 339** *“Be Thou My Vision”*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Kerry Gruizenga, pianist*

*** Indicates to stand, if able and comfortable.**

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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

<u>This Sunday</u> (October 11)	Sunday school class in Fireside Room 9:15 AM Worship service 10:30 AM
<u>Monday</u>	Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM Kiwanis group meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM PEO group meets in the Fellowship Hall 7 PM
<u>Tuesday</u>	Women's Bible Study meets in Fireside Room 9:30 AM Session meeting in the Fireside Room 7:00 PM
<u>Wednesday</u>	Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leader's Meeting 9:00 AM Grief Support Group meets in the Conference Room 10 AM Youth Group for grades 6-12 6:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study at Trina White's 7:00 PM
<u>Thursday</u>	Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 9:00 AM PEO meeting in the Fireside Room 7:00 PM
<u>Friday</u>	Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
<u>Sunday</u> (October 18)	Sunday school class in Fireside Room 9:15 AM Worship service 10:30 AM

Last Sunday: Attendance: 68 Offering: \$4,953.65

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 2 of 7: "Settle or Seek?"

Philippians 1:18-30

A. The Key Decision:

Do I continue to seek help and _____ from God and others?

B. A Settler's Mentality:

1. I have grown _____ in my life.

2. I am the _____ of my own ship.

3. You _____ tell me what to do.

C. A Seeker's Mentality:

1. There is more out there for me to _____ and experience.

2. I don't have all of the _____.

3. Life is lived better _____.

D. The Power of Seeking God through Prayer and Worship:

1. Prayer gets us _____ of ourselves.

2. Prayer connects us with a power _____ than ourselves.

3. Worship and prayer give us _____ and strength.

4. The Lord reminds us of what is _____ this life.

E. Thought to Take With You:

Jesus said, "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you." —Luke 11:9