

Prelude *Sandi Rabas, accompanist*

Welcome and Announcements: *Please sign the friendship pad*

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: In you, O God, we take our refuge;

People: In you, O God, we place our trust.

Leader: You are our rock and our fortress;

All: You are worthy of our praise. We come to worship the Lord.

***Opening Song # 469** *“Morning Has Broken”*

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

Mighty and merciful God, you are our refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble. You are there to help us when we fall and to encourage us when the way becomes difficult. When we feel we are all alone you encourage us with your presence. When we feel like giving up, encourage us with your hope. We thank you and praise you for your mercy and grace that comes new to us each morning through Jesus Christ. It is through your name we offer this prayer. *(Please continue in silent personal confession)*

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Song # 2203** *“In His Time”*

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children’s Time

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 43:11-19 *pg. 672*

New Testament Scripture: Mark 1:1-11 *pg. 34*

Sermon Series: “New: Developing a New Relationship with God”
Part 1: A New Start

***Song of Response # 2158** *“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”*

Worshipping God With Our Offerings

The Offertory *Jacoby and Sydney Holte, vocalists*
“Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

***Closing Song # 2032** *“My Life Is in You, Lord”*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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

Series: “New: Developing a Renewed Relationship with God”

<i>Date</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Scripture</i>
January 10	A New Start	Mark 1:1-11
January 17	A New Relationship	Mark 1:14-20
January 24	A New Teaching	Mark 1:21-34
January 31	A New Strength	Mark 1:35-45
February 7	A New Understanding	Mark 2:1-12
February 14	A New Attitude	Mark 2:18-22

Announcements

New Class: Join Pastor Dave this Sunday as he begins a new series titled, *What a Friend: Getting to Know Jesus Through the Gospel of John*. This seven week series will be held in the Fireside Room on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. Dave will help us see how Jesus was a friend to many and how we are called to extend friendship to others. This class will be held in person and also online at facebook.com/fpcbillings.

We will welcome Jacoby and Sydney Holte as a guest vocalists in worship this Sunday. Jacoby is the choir director at Billings Senior High School is a member of the Billings Symphony Chorale and Sydney is a music specialist at Meadowlark Elementary School.

ReFuel Groups will resume the week of January 17. If you would like to join a group for the next six week session, we will find a group for you. Currently we will have two groups meeting on Sunday evenings at 6, a group will meet on Mondays at 2, and a group will meet on Tuesdays at 1. We will continue our journey through the New Testament book of 1 Peter. We will love to add more to these groups as a way to draw closer to God and one another. We are also looking to add a mid-morning Zoom group with those who want to join via technology. Talk to Pastor Dave if interested.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, January 31. Join us either live or on Zoom for this meeting where we will elect new elders and deacons, review reports from 2020, and look at the 2021 budget. The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

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 for 2021 continue to be received. 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!

Sanctuary flowers: Our flower sign-up sheet for 2021 is now 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.

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!

Women's Retreat: The women's retreat which was scheduled for February has been postponed to a later date due to the pandemic.



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January 10, 2021

This Week @ FPC

This Sunday
(January 10) Sunday school 9:15 AM
Worship Celebration 10:30 AM

Monday
Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM
Men's group meets in the Fireside Room 12noon

Tuesday
Women's Bible Study in the Fireside Room 9:30 AM
Men's Bible Study in the Church & Society Room 9 AM
Session meeting in the Fireside Room 7:00 PM

Wednesday
Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leader's Meeting 9:00 AM
Real Life Issues meets in the Conference Room 10 AM
Youth Group for grades 6-12 6 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
Church Office is Closed

Next Sunday
(January 17) Sunday school 9:15 AM
Worship Celebration 10:30 AM
ReFuel Diesel Group meets in the Fireside Room 6:00 PM
ReFuel High Octane Group meets in Conference Room 6 PM

Last Sunday: Attendance: 68 Offering: \$ 7,383.00

Sermon Helps

Designed to help you get the most out of the sermon
Series: "New: Developing a New Relationship with God"
Part 1 of 7: "A New Start"
Mark 1:1-11

A. Starting Anew:

1. **New beginnings are often forged in the _____.**
It is often in the dry and barren places of our lives when we seek a deeper relationship with God.
2. **We need to make _____ for this new relationship to be effective.**
Our relationship with Christ needs to be intentional.
3. **_____ wants to be a part of your new life.**
The greatest resource with have is the gift of Jesus.
4. **Baptism signifies an outward sign of an _____ relationship with God.**
The Christian life is about relationship, not religion.

B. Thought to Take With You:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." —Lamentations 3:22-23