

## Announcements

### Congregation Life: September Birthdays

5<sup>th</sup> Joan Currah, Elise Seufferer,  
9<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Spicer, Madi Westerhold  
10<sup>th</sup> Abigail Leach  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan Jones  
18<sup>th</sup> Jack Eckley, Barbara Graham, Carol Leach, Mary Phillips  
21<sup>st</sup> Eric Shultz  
23<sup>rd</sup> Karen Snyder  
27<sup>th</sup> Kathy Skates  
28<sup>th</sup> Ron Gambill, Margie Jones  
29<sup>th</sup> Casey Leong, Sally Spooner  
30<sup>th</sup> Tammy Scott

### Deacons: Cody Cupboard Items

For the month of September, the Elders and Deacons would ask these high priority items to be collected for those in need in our Community. Thank You all for your support!

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| ✓ Toothpaste        | ✓ Disposable Razors |
| ✓ Laundry Detergent | ✓ Kleenex Tissues   |
| ✓ Toilet Paper      | ✓ Diapers           |

### Name Tags Please

Remember to wear your name tag during the next several months while we have visiting Pastors. Each name tag has a small number in the upper right corner which corresponds to your pocket number in the blue name tag holders in the narthex. There will be stick-on name tags available on the entry table.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: DOES IT BELONG TO YOU?

Thank you to Lejean Mitchell, Nancy Horn, Konnie Haman, Mary Mellinger, Brenda McNeil, Roy Holm & Dennis Spargur for helping clean the Green Room in preparation for Sunday School!

### Attention:

**If you have things that belongs to you in the basement...please take them! We have cleaned the Green room for Sunday School and put unneeded items in the large uncarpeted room! Please have your items removed by October 15th or we will know you don't want them! Also if you want any of the pillows that are on the table, please help yourself! - Thank you, CE Committee**

### LAST DAY TO SIGN UP! Retreat September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Friday evening and Saturday

*"Thirsting for God: Refreshing Your Soul  
with Everyday Spirituality"*

"As humans, we thirst for God, as naturally as God longs to quench our thirst. Together we will draw from the well of spirituality, with sips of scripture, breath-work, prayer, walking, and other time-honored spiritual practices that are sure to resonate with our 21st century mindsets and lifestyles.

Come, taste and see what you have been thirsting for!!"

**Sign-up sheet in the narthex.** No charge to attend.  
Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday provided.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Youth will again meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 5:00-6:30.  
Meeting at Cody United Methodist Church for the month of September.

### Congregational Life: After Church Get-Together

Please join us TODAY in Buswell Hall after worship for cake and coffee as we say thank you to Rev. McCall for his time of service during Pastor Pat's sabbatical leave.

### Congregational Life: Wednesday Night Suppers at FPCC

September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Suppers will be served the first and third Wednesday most months.

### Innovation Committee:

Innovation, Missions and Outreach Committee is offering a second Yellowstone National Park road trip on Saturday, October 14, Departure at 7am. Sign-up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board.

### First Presbyterian Church, Cody Wyoming

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 am (praise music at 9:15 am)

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September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Praise Music

"Mighty Is Our God"  
"Refiner's Fire"  
"Mighty to Save"

*Please fill out attendance form  
and pass it along your row*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Gifts in Action Presentation: Congregational Life

### Adoration of God

### Call to Worship

We cry out to God for the help we need.  
How will we know we have been heard?

**God stands with us through life's trials and temptations.**

**God sends visions of new possibilities.**  
Here we stand watch for God's appearing.  
Together we seek a presence and aspire after truth.

**Surely God is in this place and will give us understanding.**

**God is recalling us to the values we have neglected.**  
God's righteousness is everlasting, and God's law is truth.  
Listen to all God would teach us; hear the Word of God.

**We seek to grow in faith and in love for one another.**  
**We would learn to do good and to work for justice.**

**Opening Hymn** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” Hymn #482

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

All-knowing God, we confess our participation in the hatred and evil that is consuming this planet. We gladly accept for ourselves the power and advantages that come our way. We seldom consider the cost to others of our prosperity. We tolerate poverty, hunger, and homelessness for people we do not know. We think our small efforts too insignificant to make a difference. Wash away, O God, the evil that paralyzes us, that we may become rescuers of the oppressed and seekers after justice. Create in us a right spirit that prompts us to live by faith and to dare great things for you. Amen.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

**The Word of God**

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Lord, as we open Your word,  
teach us Your word,  
touch us with Your word,  
torch us with Your word. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 1:21-26

**Gloria Patri**

**New Testament Reading** Romans 1:18-32

**Hymn** “I Danced In the Morning” Hymn #302

**Sermon** “The Wrath of God”

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

**Our Response to God**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** “Amen, Amen” Hymn #299

**Benediction & Blessing**

**Postlude**

Ushers: The Thomas Family  
Music Director: Wendy Corr  
Message: Rev. Freeman McCall

**New Testament Reading**

**Romans 1:18-32**

**God’s Wrath Against Sinful Humanity**

<sup>18</sup>The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

<sup>19</sup>since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

<sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

<sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

<sup>22</sup>Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

<sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

<sup>25</sup>They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

<sup>26</sup>Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

<sup>27</sup>In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

<sup>28</sup>Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

<sup>29</sup>They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,

<sup>30</sup>slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;

<sup>31</sup>they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

<sup>32</sup>Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 1:21-26**

<sup>21</sup>See how the faithful city  
has become a prostitute!  
She once was full of justice;  
righteousness used to dwell in her—  
but now murderers!

<sup>22</sup>Your silver has become dross,  
your choice wine is diluted with water.

<sup>23</sup>Your rulers are rebels,  
partners with thieves;  
they all love bribes  
and chase after gifts.

They do not defend the cause of the fatherless;  
the widow’s case does not come before them.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore the Lord, the LORD Almighty,  
the Mighty One of Israel, declares:

“Ah! I will vent my wrath on my foes  
and avenge myself on my enemies.

<sup>25</sup>I will turn my hand against you;  
I will thoroughly purge away your dross  
and remove all your impurities.

<sup>26</sup>I will restore your leaders as in days of old,  
your rulers as at the beginning.  
Afterward you will be called  
the City of Righteousness,  
the Faithful City.”