



**To know God the Father through
the Love of His Son in the power of the
Holy Spirit and to make Him known by
our words and deeds.**

**Upward/Communion –
a life set apart,
Inward/Community –
a life shared,
Outward/Commissioned –
a life given.**

*Welcome to our church this morning! We
are so glad you are here. Thank you for
coming today and may our worship
together be a blessing not only for this time
but for the week ahead.*

*Here are some opportunities to learn more
about FPC and the people who attend
here: We are live streaming our service
each Sunday on Facebook as well as
offering previous services. Please visit our
website for more services and information.*

**Our congregation has meetings for adult
fellowship, service, music, children's
classes including games, activities, and
missions. This bulletin contains additional
information on these events.**

**First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla is part
of Presbyterian Church of the United States
of America. We have been in Wasilla for
over 78 years and are excited about present
and future ministries which lead us
Upward, Inward, and Outward. We wish to
recruit, renew, and grow disciples for Jesus
the Christ. We hope everyone will grow:**

**January 5, 2025
Second Sunday of Christmas**

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Worship Leaders Today

**Preaching: John Deal
Liturgists: Carolyn Deal,
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Worship Director: Dr. Garth Hangartner
Pianist: Carolyn Olsen**

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A Service of Worship

January 5, 2025

Prelude

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Let Us Sing **#151**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Welcoming One Another

Let Us Sing

"Face of God"

"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

"Mary's Boy Child"

Scriptures

*Numbers 24: 17, Isaiah 7: 14 & 11: 1,
Psalm 72: 10, Jeremiah 23: 5-6, Daniel 9:
24-27, Micah 5: 2, John 1: 1-9, 10-18,
Matthew 2: 1-12*

Sermon

"Road Trip"

Call for Offering

Offering

Doxology

Unison Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

Let Us Sing **#136**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Benediction

The Charge

Postlude

If you are a visitor, please look for a **yellow card** in your pew to let us know of your visit. Fill it out and drop it in the offering plate. Also, please look for our "Guest/Visitor/Newcomer" book on the landing outside the sanctuary for you to let us know of your attending our Worship. Please provide contact information if you have any questions or want to be contacted. We are happy you joined us this morning; PLEASE come back!

Prayer Chain – Prayer requests can be **written down-** Look for a **blue card** in your pew to request a prayer be put on the Prayer Chain and then drop it in the offering plate. Also, you may submit prayer joys or concerns by contacting Gretta Trotter (907-232-8997) or email (trotter@mtaonline.net).

Would you like someone to pray with you? Are any of you sick (body, mind, or spirit)? *"You should call on the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord."* James 5:14 A prayer team is in the front of the sanctuary, on the left side, second pew, to pray for you confidentially about any concern.

www.FirstPresWasilla.org – You can view worship service videos and read bulletins going back a year.

Today:

Fellowship

Corporate Prayer 2 PM

Coming Up:

Tue. 10:30am Women Bible Study

Wed. 5pm Youth Group & Family Gathering

Saturday 8am Men's Breakfast

POSTSCRIPTS

Stewardship: December 29, 2024

Attendance 36 in person; 6 online
Offering: \$1,520 + \$2,155 (Dec. E-Giving)
= \$3,675
2024 General Offering: \$182,125.64
2023 General Offering: \$223,797.93

“Be wise and attend to obeying. Let Christ manage the providing.”

Offering Online

E-Giving is possible by going to “firstpreswasilla.org” and look for the “Give Today” at the upper right or scroll down to the “Give Now” button. Thank you for your support of our church.

Kids of the Kingdom & YOU

Kids of the Kingdom is after Children’s Time in the service and is the special time for younger kids (K-5) to go downstairs for activities, lessons, and snacks. Volunteers needed! Please contact Gretta if you are willing to help teach a lesson, share a craft, or provide a snack @ 907-232-8997 or trotter@mtaonline.net

“Children are a gift from the Lord...”

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning adult Bible Study will start again in the New Year on January 5, 2025. We normally meet in the Fellowship Hall, but the location may be changed to the Upper Room. Check when you arrive.

Prayer Meeting

Corporate Prayer time is Sunday at 2 PM in the All Saints Prayer Room. Please contact Tom Class at **907-354-8961** if you have any questions.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As all of you know, I have faced great difficulties with my health in recent months. After much prayer and consultation with Session, I have decided to take a temporary step back from active ministry for at least the next month. The session and I will continue to meet to reassess if more time is necessary for me to be healthier before returning to you full-time. I appreciate your prayers during this difficult time, and I thank all of you for allowing my body to catch up with my desire to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Andy

Food Bank Donations

Donations for 2024 were **3,478** pounds! **What a year, almost 3,500 pounds** of food and home goods! Thank you, FPCW!!! With so many families in need and no relief in sight, we are helping to “feed His sheep.” The Food Bank is now accepting cleaning supplies, toiletries, personal items, diapers etc. Please remember that *perishable* items must be delivered between 10am-1pm M-F to the Food Bank. Continue to bring unperishable items and/or personal items to the barrel in the foyer closet, and the Deacons will deliver them. **Your generosity makes a difference. And with God, FPC is doing the impossible!**

Faith Note: “In a society that has you counting money, pounds, calories, and steps; be a rebel and count your blessings instead.”

Youth & Family Gathering Note:

Will start meeting again this week on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025.

Women's Bible Study

The Horizons Bible Study "Let Justice Roll Down" is the focus on Tuesdays from 10:30 to noon in the Upper Room and on Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID is: 513 208 5590, passcode is: 9ypyDq.

Congregational Care Team

Are you needing help with a meal, ride, or visit? Do you know a church member who does? Please contact: Gretta Trotter at 907-232-8997 or Cindy Ryberg at 971-216-9222.

Family Promise host week:

Our host week begins next Sunday, January 12th and ends January 18th. Volunteers are needed to prepare dinners throughout the week and deliver them between 5:30 and 6pm to the Kari House at 561 West Nelson Ave. Dinners may consist of a home cooked meal or restaurant meal. Also needed are various supplies such as fruit, snacks, juice, milk, breakfast, and lunch items. More info will be provided when our week starts. Thank you!

No Session Meeting in January. Next stated Session meeting will be Feb. 9th.

Reports Due Soon!

*The 2025 Annual congregational and Corporation Meeting will be held on January 26, 2025. **Start working** on your reports. This year will need reports from the following groups/individuals: Pastor, Clerk of Session, Deacons, Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Men, Youth Group, Family Gathering, Dinkel & Dinkel Fund, Gaines and Steele Scholarship, Facilities, and Treasurer. Please email reports to Shirley Novak at: novaksr174@gmail.com no later than Jan. 9, 2025. **[sooner would be greatly appreciated!]** Text or call Shirley at 907-355-2686 if you have **questions**, to include what should be included in your report.*

Birthdays

Jan 5	Shiley Novak
Jan 10	Tom Berg

Anniversaries

Jan 10	Jeremiah & Sara Johnson
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Bulletin Bloopers: Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children."