

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:

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.

January 19, 2025 Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Worship Leaders Today

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Benjamin McEntire Liturgist: Elder Shirley Novak Worship Director: Dr. Garth Hangartner Pianist: Carolyn Olsen

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A Service of Worship

January 19, 2025

Prelude

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Let Us Sing

#386

"Come, Worship God" (1,3,4)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Welcoming One Another

Let Us Sing

#182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Scriptures

Deuteronomy 7:6-14a, Psalm 116:1-9, I John 4:7-21, Matthew 22:36-40

Sermon

"Loving You is (Not So) Easy"

Call for Offering

Offering Doxology Unison Offering Prayer

Let Us Sing

#12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Benediction

The Charge

Postlude

If you are a visitor, please look for a <u>yellow card</u> 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!

<u>Prayer Chain</u> – Prayer requests can be written down- Look for a <u>blue card</u> 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

Deacons Meeting

Corporate Prayer 1:30 PM

Coming Up:

Tue. 10:30am Women Bible Study Wed. 5pm Youth Group & Family Gathering

POSTSCRIPTS

Stewardship: January 12, 2025

Attendance 40 in person; 4 online

Offering: \$365.00

2025 General Offering: \$4,731.00 2024 General Offering: \$5,450.00

"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..."

Corporation/Congregational Meeting

The 2025 Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting has been changed to Sunday, **February 2, 2025**. This will be a potluck lunch followed by the business meetings. We will need a quorum, so if you are a member of FPC, please plan on attending. The POTLUCK lunch will begin following the Sunday morning Service of Worship.

Faith Note: "Prayer is the most important conversation of your day. Take it to God before you take it to anyone else."

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning adult Bible Study meets at 9Am. We normally meet in the Fellowship Hall, but the location may be changed to the Upper Room. Check when you arrive.

Youth & Family Gathering

The Youth Group and families meet on Wednesdays at 5PM for dinner and much more. Everyone is welcome!

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 to date this year are **56** pounds. What is our goal in 2025? With so many families in need and no relief in sight, we can "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!**

New Prayer Meeting Schedule

Corporate Prayer is held in the All Saints Prayer Room. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, it will be at 1:30-2:30pm. On the 2nd and 4th weeks it will be on Monday from 6:00-7:00pm. Please contact Tom Class at **907-354-8961** if you have any questions.

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.

Thank You!

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes all of us to contribute so FPCW can minister to our community. Thank you to all who helped with Family Promise this past week in providing a meal, grocery items for lunches and breakfast, or funds. You are a blessing to this program.

Birthdays

Jan 19	Daniel Trotter
Jan 23	Cynthia Satterfield
Jan 24	Bill Prosser
Jan 25	Taylor Johnson

Anniversaries

Jan 24 Doug & Jill Warner

Bulletin Blooper: "The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done."