



*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 here in Wasilla for over 77 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 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.**

**March 17, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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***Worship Leaders Today***  
Preaching: Reverend Andrew Lemlyn  
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Worship Director: Dr. Garth Hangartner  
Pianist: Carolyn Olsen

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**A Service of Worship**  
**March 17, 2024**

*Prelude*

*Call to Worship*

*Prayer of the Day*

*Hymn* #187  
*“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

*Prayer of Confession*

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Welcoming One Another*

*Let Us Sing*  
*“Jesus Paid It All”*  
*“King of My Heart”*

*Prayers of the People*

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*Special Music*  
*“Only a Holy God”*

*Scriptures*  
*Jeremiah 31:27-34, Hebrews 5:1-10,*  
*John 12:24-36*

*Sermon*

*Affirmation of Faith*  
*Offering*  
*Meditation*  
*Doxology*

*Hymn* #722  
*“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”*

*Benediction*

*The Charge: “This Worship Service is now over. Our service to the world in the name of Jesus Christ now begins.”*

*Postlude*

**Friendship Pads:** On each pew is a black folder containing a form for you to leave your name, phone number and/or address. Check the box to indicate if you would like a phone call from the church. Newcomers, please leave your name and phone number, or even just your address so we can send you a card. We are happy you joined us this morning. Please come back!

**Prayer Chain** - If you have prayer joys or concerns contact Gretta Trotter (907-232-8997) or email ([trotter@mtaonline.net](mailto: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](http://www.FirstPresWasilla.org) – You can view worship service videos and read bulletins going back a year.

**Today:**  
**Fellowship – Coffee & snacks downstairs**  
**Deacons Meeting**

**Coming Up:**  
**Logos Wednesday, 5-7pm**  
**10:00am Good Friday Prayer Service**  
**7:00am Easter Sunrise Service**  
**8:00-9:30am Easter Sunday Breakfast**  
**10:00 Easter Worship Service**

## POSTSCRIPTS

### Stewardship: March 10, 2024

Attendance 88 in person; 4 online

Offering: \$991

Designated Offering: Deacons: \$100

OGHS: \$155

2024 General Offering: \$32,041.09

2023 General Offering: \$35,651.96

**“Your stewardship has the potential to influence lives, provide hope to others, and make an eternal difference.”**

### Offering

To donate or tithe, please put your tithe in the plate on the back table, or you may mail a check to the church or use E-Giving 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 so much for your continued support of our church.

### Faith Note:

Wherever you go today,

God will be there!

### Women’s Bible Study

We are in the new Horizons Bible Study. The women meet Tuesdays from 10:30 to noon in the Upper Room and on Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID is: 513 208 5590, passcode is: 9ypyDq.

### Where two or more are gathered...

On Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm, Elder Tom Class invites **everyone** to the Prayer Room for corporate prayer. (You are not required to pray aloud)

Contact Tom Class at **907-354-8961**

### Heart Reach Donations

The Presbyterian Women are collecting new baby shower items for Heart Reach. The items most needed are diapers size 4 & 5, baby wipes, small toys, books, and receiving blankets. Handmade quilts and baby blankets are also welcome. Please put your donation items in the cradle at the top of the steps to the sanctuary.

### We Appreciate All Y’all!

We are so grateful to have Reverend Andy here, finally, and today is his second Sunday for us to enjoy hearing him from our pulpit! Settling in takes some time (and money), and a BIG Thank You for giving Andy a big Alaska welcome!

### 2024 Food Bank Donation Goal!

In 2022 it was 1,000+ pounds of food, in 2023 it was 778 pounds to the Wasilla Food Pantry. Let us see if we can make 2024 the best year yet. Grocery prices remain at record highs. Donations to date are **529** pounds! Many of this month’s donations came from David Kelly’s kitchen. If we give 100 pounds each month, we can meet our goal. Check your cupboard/pantry for items, scan store sales, or the discount produce. Please remember that perishable items must be delivered between 10am-1pm M-F to the Food Bank. Please continue to bring unperishable items to the barrel in the foyer closet, and the Deacons will see that they are delivered. Your generosity makes a difference. FPCW – We are rockin’ this challenge!!

## **We are the most perfect congregation!**

While certainly surprising news, the evidence could not be clearer: not a single request has come to our Congregational Care Team for anything. Zip. Nada. Doh! We just realized the other possibility: that folks are reluctant or uncomfortable asking for help. The disciples protested when Jesus washed their feet. They tried to talk Him out of one of the most caring, loving gifts that He had for them. The world tells us, "I can do it myself!" But Jesus sent His disciples out among the people to minister to them. It isn't a matter of "those are needy folks. Somebody needs to help them." This team is striving to create the unity and closeness Christ taught by coming along side, sharing a burden, sharing a meal. The team is caring and confidential, and eager to reach out to any member or friend of FPC by providing a meal, a visit, running an errand, etc. Please contact Gretta Trotter (907-232-8997) or Cindy Ryberg (971-216-9222) for more information, to volunteer, or to make a request.

## **The Prayer Room**

Come, renew, and grow your relationship with God by visiting the Prayer Room. The Prayer Room is located in the All Saints Room behind the sanctuary. (Best access is via the back of the Fellowship Hall and follow the signs.)

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

MY House is holding two events in March: Tuesday, March 19 is a Candlelight Vigil, remembering those we have lost to addiction, to say the names of those who are gone, but never forgotten. Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Community Get-Together from 10am-Noon to reflect on the past year and to look forward to the exciting things ahead.

## **Bulletin Blooper**

"Church office will be closed Monday. Halleluia. Halleluia."

## *Birthdays*

Mar 17	Debbie Tallman
Mar 20	Winston Tallman
Mar 20	Mylee Engel
Mar 22	Diana Sloan-Basner
Mar 23	Alyssia Phillips

## *Anniversaries*

None this week.