



**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:**

**March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent**

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Worship Leaders Today

**Preaching: John Deal
Liturgist: Elder Shirley Novak
Worship Director: Dr. Garth Hangartner
Pianist: Carolyn Olsen**

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A Service of Worship

March 23, 2025

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn #65
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Welcoming One Another

Let Us Sing
"King of My Heart"
"The Loin and the Lamb"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music
"The Power of the Cross"

Scriptures
Isaiah 55: 1-9, Luke 13: 1-9

Sermon
"What does forgiveness look like?"

Call for Offering
Meditation
Offering
Doxology
Prayer

Hymn #2
"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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

Coming Up:
Monday: Corporate Prayer 6-7pm
Tue. 10:30am Women Bible Study
Wed. 5pm Youth Group & Family Gathering

POSTSCRIPTS

Stewardship: March 16, 2025

Attendance 44 in person; 5 online

Offering: \$1,585.00

Designated Offerings: Deacons: \$1,100.00

OGHS: \$90.00

2025 General Offering: \$26,285.82

2024 General Offering: \$33,921.09

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” II Corinthians 9:7

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.

Faith Note:

God Designed you, God Created you, God Blesses you, God Heals you, God Defends you, God Forgives you. GOD LOVES YOU.

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 an old-fashioned sit-down dinner and then break into groups for devotionals and much more. Everyone is welcome

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is on Tuesdays from 10:30 to noon in the Upper Room and on Zoom. They are working through the Presbytery Outlook Digital Bible Study entitled “Grieving Change and Loss: The unpredictable, non-linear, faith-filled journey toward resurrection.” There are extra copies of the study on the back table of the sanctuary if anyone would like to do the study. The Zoom meeting ID is: 513 208 5590, passcode is: 9ypyDq.

A Minute for Ministry

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:

For more than 75 years this special offering has partnered with others to take action to share God's love. This offering helps people in the U.S. and around the globe recover from disasters, fight systemic poverty, and hunger, and develop the skills they need to transform their communities in ways only they know how. *Isaiah 58 says: “If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of afflicted...you shall be called repairers of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.”* In your bulletin there is an information insert and an envelope for this special offering. More are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary, along with *Fish* banks if you want to collect coins. If you want more info contact Kerry 907-354-2941.

Prayer Meeting Schedule

Corporate Prayer is held in the All Saints Prayer Room, located through the door behind the FISH musical equipment and down the stairs. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, it will be 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.

Easter Breakfast

The Men's Group will serve Breakfast before Worship Service on Easter Sunday. More info will be provided later.

REPAIRS NEEDED!

With the Youth Group growing and doing more activities, to include playing outside, this has brought attention to the poor condition of the church playground. Repairs are needed and this is a request for volunteers to make that happen. Please contact Kerry at 907-354-2941 or Lois at 907-631-8008.

QUILT RAFFLE

Ruth Johnson donated a beautiful quilt to the church, and we are going to do a Quilt Raffle. Ticket sales are under way and sell for \$10 each or six for \$50. Please see Shirley Novak to get your tickets!

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.

2025 Nominating Committee

Tom Class, Lois Tidwell, Linda Carpenter, and Winston Tallman were elected for the 2025 Nominating Committee.

Please Note: Kids of the Kingdom

Our children's activities for kids K-5 during church include crafts, lessons, and snacks. If there are children in attendance, they will meet up at the sanctuary doors to go with their leader down to the Fellowship Hall.

Food Bank Donations

Donations to date: **369 pounds! Thank You!** First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla donates generously to the Food Pantry. It is only open from 10:00am-1:00pm Mon-Fri. They are always in need of volunteers, and you can check out their Facebook page or call them at 907-357-3769.

CROSS BANNERS

There have been questions about the banner colors on the Sanctuary Cross. The Liturgical colors (typically, white, purple, red, and green) mark the seasons and festivals of the Christian year. For example, you will note the current banner color is purple which marks the seasons of penitence and preparation (Advent & Lent). When the color next changes, there will be words about what it (white) marks.

Birthdays

Mar 23	Alyssia Phillips
Mar 26	Annalise Hangartner
Mar 27	Dakota Mayfield
Mar 28	Ralph Basner
Mar 28	Jordan Johnson

Anniversaries

None this week

FREE! FREE! FREE!

A new batch of used books are free for taking downstairs in the fellowship hall on the back table under the cross.

Bulletin Bloopers:

"The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth."