



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.**

**May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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Worship Leaders Today

Preaching: Pastor Lois Hildebrand

Liturgist: Elder Shirley Novak

Worship Director: Dr. Garth Hangartner

Pianist: Carolyn Olsen

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A Service of Worship May 18, 2025

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn #804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Welcoming One Another

Let Us Sing

“Light the Way”

“The Power of the Cross”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Let Us Sing

“Holy Forever”

Scriptures

Acts 11: 1-18, John 13: 31-35

Sermon

“Love One Another”

Piano Meditation

Call for Offering

Doxology

Prayer

Hymn #366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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 & Coffee (downstairs)

Session Meeting

Deacon Meeting

Coming Up:

Mon. Corporate Prayer

Tue. 10:30am Women Bible Study

POSTSCRIPTS

Stewardship: May 11, 2025

Attendance 50 in person; 4 online

Offering: \$870.00

2025 General Offering: \$44,098.82

2024 General Offering: \$60,004.10

“Tithing is not giving; it is bringing.”

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:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” Psalm 118: 1

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning adult Bible Study meets at 9Am. We normally meet in the Fellowship Hall, and we are studying Exodus.

Thank You for supporting the Youth!

Kambe Padgett wants to give a big THANK YOU to the 57 folks who came out for the fancy dinner hosted by our Youth. It was a wonderful evening of great food and fellowship. Thank you for your generous “tips.” Family Gathering and Youth Group may meet a couple of times over the summer. **Note: At the present time, an event is in planning for June 11th. More details to come.**

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is on Tuesdays from 10:30 to noon in the Upper Room, or by Zoom at: meeting ID is: 513 208 5590, passcode is: 9ypyDq.

Prayer Meeting Schedule

Corporate Prayer is in the All Saints Prayer Room on the first and third Sundays at 1:30-2:30pm. It's on the second and fourth Mondays, from 6:00-7:00pm. Please contact Tom Class at **907-354-8961** if you have any questions.

Congregational Care Team

Are you needing help with a meal, ride, or visit? Do you know a church member who does? Contact: Gretta Trotter at 907-232-8997.

Elders of our church

Todd Broste, Meg Broste, Bob Christensen, Tom Class, Shirley Novak, Kerry Potter, Lois Tidwell, Gretta Trotter.

Deacons of our church

Joy Cypra, Lori Benner, Janis Elliott, Kelley Engel, Linda Frey, Dana Frey, Brenda Muller, Bruce Muller, Jeff Trotter, Ralph Wesser

Save the Date and Saleable Goods!

Our church has great financial needs and asks that you save the date and saleable items for Saturday, August 2 church-wide yard sale.

Food Bank Donations: 847 lbs!

Thank You so very much!

Did You Know?

When Kerry began the job of Treasurer, the MEA bill was around \$1,100 a month. After changing out incandescent bulbs for LEDs, timers on some lights, and a big effort from church goers and church users, the last bill was under \$500! Way to Go! Every dollar matters right now. *Thank you for turning off the lights.*

Beginning of Summer!

Make plans to join us after the church service on **May 25** for a picnic to celebrate the start of summer. Our Women's Group will furnish the hot dogs, hamburger patties, buns, and condiments. That is NEXT Sunday, so think about what you might bring by way of a side dish, chips, or desserts. **AND: Volunteers are needed to set up & clean up. Also, someone needed to grill hot dogs & hamburgers!!! Let Shirley [907-355-2686] know if you are willing to help**

Colors of the Cross

Liturgical colors mark the seasons and festivals of the Christian year. Note the current banner color is WHITE. White is used for significant days (Epiphany, Baptism, Transfiguration, and Ascension) or seasons (Christmas and Easter) in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, and for the other theological commemorations (Trinity, All Saint's Day, and Christ the King). The next color will be **RED**. There is only one day in the year when the banner will be **red**. Do you know the significance and when it is?

Birthdays

May 19	Gerrie Deal
May 20	Kelly Engel
May 24	Ruby Mayfield
May 20	Richard & Karen Jo Harvey
May 24	Rev. Bert & Helen Hall

Bulletin Bloopers:

"Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you."

Vacation Bible School available

WHEN: June 2nd -6th, 2025

TIME: 9am – 12:30pm

WHERE: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. 501 E. Bogard RD

PREREGISTER: Scan the QR Code on the flyer in our office window.