



**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 YouTube. Our channel is  
“First Pres Wasilla AK” Please visit our  
website for this year’s Sunday bulletins  
and more 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:**

**August 3, 2025  
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

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Worship Director: Dr. Garth Hangartner  
Pianist: Carolyn Olsen**

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# **A Service of Worship**

## **August 3, 2025**

***Prelude***

***Call to Worship***

***Let Us Sing***

*“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”*

***Prayer of Confession***

***Assurance of Pardon***

***Welcoming One Another***

***Let Us Sing***

*“The Power of the Cross”*

***Prayers of the People***

***The Lord’s Prayer***

***Scripture Reading***

***Sermon***

***Call for Offering***

*Offertory*

*Doxology*

*Prayer*

***Communion***

*“Christ Be All Around Me”*

***Let Us Sing***

*“This is Amazing Grace”*

***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](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 Time**

**1:30pm Corporate Prayer**

**Coming Up:**

**Tue. 10:30am Women Bible Study**

**Next Sunday Session**

## POSTSCRIPTS

### Stewardship July 20, 2025

Attendance: 39 in person 0 online

Offering - \$5,535.99

Designated offering: Youth - \$150.00

YTD 2024 - \$86,747.30

YTD 2025 - \$73,940.81

### Stewardship July 27, 2025

Attendance – 33 in person 2 online

Offering – \$3,951.00

Designated offering: Deacons - \$50.00

YTD 2024 – \$91,533.36

YTD 2025 - \$77,891.81

**“Tithing is a test of your heart’s commitment. It’s not just doing the right thing. It’s doing the right thing for the right reason. It’s an expression of gratitude and love toward a selfless and faithful God.”**

### 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.

### Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

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

### Family Gathering & Youth Group

The Family Gathering and Youth Group will meet 4:30 – 7pm **August 13<sup>th</sup>**. Come and join us for a great time of food, fun, fellowship, and Bible study.

### Deacons of our church

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

### A special request for our own:

Two of our members need some easy meals: Suzanne Edwards and Carolyn Olsen. Suzanne is having difficulty swallowing, so soft, creamy, smoothy type foods are best, such as yogurt, puddings, broths, popcicles, and the like. Soups are okay if the elements in the soup are small and/or soft. Carolyn just needs simple meals without much muss or fuss as maneuvering on crutches will be limiting. Contact our wonderful **Congregational Care Team** and let’s set up a meal train for these women!

### Prayer Meeting Schedule

Corporate Prayer is in the All Saints Prayer Room on the odd numbered Sundays at 1:30-2:30pm. It’s on Mondays, from 6:00-7:00pm for the even numbered Sundays. Please contact Tom Class at **907-354-8961** if you have any questions.

### Thank You for:

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Yard Sale was yesterday, and it took a number of folks to help make this event happen. A big thanks to Lois and her team that sorted and priced and displayed all the donations and organized this event, and all those who donated items or their time.

### PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES

New church office hours:  
Tuesdays 10:00 – 2:00pm  
Fridays 9:30am-until the bulletin is complete for the summer.

### Elders of our church

Todd Broste, Meg Broste, Bob Christensen, Tom Class, Shirley Novak, Lois Tidwell, Greta Trotter.

### **\*\*\*Streaming our Services\*\*\***

We have experienced issues with streaming our services on FaceBook, so we are going to try the “Live” function of our YouTube channel instead. Go to youtube.com and search for **First Pres Wasilla AK** and find our site with the front of the sanctuary as the banner picture. Click the “Subscribe” button and you will be good to go! Once you have subscribed, you can also click on the “bell” icon to turn on notifications as well. On Sunday mornings, come back to the site and you will be able to watch the live stream there instead of FaceBook. Thank you for adapting as we make our way through the changes in social media. We hope to see you Sunday – in person or online!

### **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 or Linda Carpenter 907-315-6998.

### **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. They are now following the Bible Recap study.

### **Food Bank Donations: 1,453 lb.**

FPCW is one of the few churches who consistently bring donations. Remember that fresh and perishable foods can be delivered between 10:00 – 12:00. There is ALWAYS a need for fresh and shelf stable milks. The Food Bank can now accept household items: cleaning supplies, paper products, shampoo, shaving cream and razors, diapers, even duct tape!

### **Birthdays**

August 4	Joyce Kvernplassen
August 5	Irene Ervin
August 5	Lysi Bushey

### **Anniversaries**

August 7	Jeff & Gretta Trotter
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### **The Serenity Prayer**

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.      Reinhold Niebuhr