



**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

**December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent**

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Worship Leaders Today

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A Service of Worship

December 1, 2024

Prelude

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Let Us Sing #88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time

Welcoming One Another

Let Us Sing

“Hope for Everyone”

“Face of God”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Special Music

“Glory of it All”

Scriptures

Isaiah 7: 10-14, Psalm 23,

Revelation 21: 1-7, John 14: 8-23

Sermon

Call for Offering

Offering

Doxology

Unison Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

Let Us Sing #145

“What Child Is This

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:

Sun. 9:00am Sunday School

Fellowship

Corporate Prayer 2 PM

Coming Up:

Tue. 10:30am Women Bible Study

Wed. 5:00pm Family Gathering

POSTSCRIPTS

Stewardship: November 24, 2024

Attendance 46 in person; 4 online
Offering: \$1,065 + \$2,517 [Nov. E-giving]
= \$3,582

Designated Offerings:

Valley Blessing (to date): \$1,415
2024 General Offering: \$165,688.64
2023 General Offering: \$196,768.02

“Everything we have has come from You, and we give You only what you have already given us.”

1 Corinthians 29: 14

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...”

URGENT: Valley Blessing Needs \$

Wasilla Bible Church hosts the Valley Blessing event and pays for the costs up front. The best prices are negotiated with the Food Bank of Alaska, and while they do the best they can, ***donations are way behind the increased costs this year.*** Please write “Valley Blessing” on your check to donate through our church. Please help if you can.

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 are **3,224** pounds! **We have PASSED 3,000 pounds** of food and home goods! Thank you, FPCW!!! With so many families in need and no relief in sight, we are helping to “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!**

Faith Note: Start each day with a grateful heart.

Sunday School is Back

Adult Sunday School class is at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall, but the location may change to the Upper Room. Check when you arrive.

Youth Group & Family Gathering

Everyone is invited to join the food, fun and fellowship on Wednesday nights from 5:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The evening starts with games for all, dinner at 5:30, family style, followed by a time of devotion. Don't miss the fun!

Prayer Meeting

Note: Corporate Prayer time has changed from Mondays to Sundays at 2 PM in the All Saints Prayer Room. 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.

Call for Cookies

The PW Group is looking for cookies for WASI to bless them this Christmas. If you would like to help with this, the cookies will need to be at the church by Sunday, Dec. 15, so they can be delivered on Dec. 16.

Congregational Care Team

CHANGE!!

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 907-216-9222

Wedding Announcement:

Isaiah Woodall and Zoe Hill are getting married December 12, 2024, in Gibraltar.

Birthdays

Dec 4 Margaret May
Dec 4 Mary Carr

Anniversaries

None this week.

Bulletin Bloopers:

"There has never been a better time to invite your fiends to church."