



Welcome to our church this morning. We are glad you are here. Please fill in our Friendship Book, which is located on the inside aisle of our pews. We hope to greet everyone today and to make our time together a source of inspiration and service.

We have childcare available during our service, for children five years and younger, located just beside the entrance to the sanctuary. We also have a special time for worship designed specifically for K-5 grade folk. They can go downstairs at the conclusion of our Congregational Singing in our order of service. If you would like to go with them for a few moments the first time or two you are encouraged to do so.

After each service, there is a time for fellowship in our fellowship hall located downstairs and around the corner from the sanctuary. We have some refreshments and encourage everyone to come and visit for a few minutes before heading home.

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Thank you for coming today and may the offering of our worship together be a blessing not only for this time but for the week ahead.

First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla is part of Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. We have been here in Wasilla for over 70 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:

Upward in worship,
Inward in fellowship and discipleship,
Outward in service and evangelism.

December 17, 2017
Third Sunday in Advent

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Worship Leaders Today
Preaching: Rev. Henry Woodall
Music/Media Director: Garth Hangartner
Organist/Pianist: Allayne Dinkel
Pianist/Organist: Jan Krsnak

Service of Worship
December 17, 2017

Prelude

Call to Worship #104
“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

Hymn # 82
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Time with Children
Advent Wreath & Chrismon Tree

Welcoming One Another
(Children may head downstairs for Kingdom Kids)

Congregational Singing FISH
“Christmas Offering”
“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading
Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon
“The Voice of Matthew”

Offering

Offertory
“Away in the Manger”

Doxology Martin

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #121
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Benediction

Choral Benediction #110
“Love Has Come” v.3

Postlude
“Angels We Have Heard on High”
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FELLOWSHIP TIME - *Everyone* is encouraged to come downstairs to have some coffee and snacks immediately following the Service of Worship. The refreshments are good, but the best part is visiting with your fellow worshipers. If you are new, this is a wonderful time for us all to get to know one another better!

Fellowship Pads - It is a pleasure having you with us this morning. We would love for you to sign the fellowship pad at the end of the pew. Thank you.

Would you like to pray? 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 available at the front of the sanctuary to pray for you personally and confidentially about any concern you may have.

Prayer Chain - If you have prayer joys or concerns please send an email to Laurie Kari at laurie.kari6@gmail.com.

Visit Our Revamped Website –

<http://www.FirstPresWasilla.org>
Check it out for sermon audio recordings, video of the complete worship service, bulletins, Henry’s blog, and an online calendar & more!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jesus’s Birthday Party Today!

Christmas Caroling Today Noon -3pm

Nativity Pageant: Sunday Dec. 24 5pm

Fair Trade Sales: Jan 14

Please be sure to secure your vehicles.

POSTSCRIPTS

Stewardship – December 10, 2017

Attendance: 92

Offering: \$4,622

Year to Date General Offering: \$230,344

Amt needed to meet the budget: \$264,600

Designated Offering: Christmas Joy: \$230

**“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever
you do, do all to the glory of God.”
I Corinthians 10:31**

Sunday, December 24 Services:

10:00am Choir Cantata and Gospel of Luke

5:00pm Nativity pageant, Communion,
Candlelight Caroling

11:00pm Communion and Candlelight
Caroling

Table Talk

After church, grab a snack and coffee, then join us in the Youth Room at the back of the Fellowship Hall. We'll discuss and examine the scriptures & sermon in depth and also have a chance to get better acquainted. We will wrap things up by noon.

Logos on Wednesdays Our Children and Youth Ministry meet Wednesday nights at 5:00pm. We provide a sit-down meal, activities, singing and bible study. Logos will meet this week, and then take a break until February 7th.

Christmas Nativity Pageant

Our last rehearsal is Sunday December 24th at 4:00PM (*no rehearsal next Sunday morning*) to put on costumes and practice in the sanctuary before the 5:00PM service.

Here We Go A Caroling!

Today from noon to about 3pm a group of us will head out to sing carols and deliver good tidings and great joy!

Visitations for Christmas

Presbyterian Women are asking for names of women, men, and couples to visit during the Christmas season. If you know someone who is ill, grieving, needs company, or just needs cheering up, please let us know. If the folks live locally, we will visit and deliver a card or small gift, otherwise, we will send cards. We will need contact information (see forms at the back of the sanctuary). Questions? Call Cindy 232-5606 (cell) or Liz 355-0315 (cell).

Christmas Friendship Dinner/Needs

We received a lovely letter from the organizers of the annual Christmas Friendship Dinner (www.christmasfriendshipdinner.org). They greatly appreciate the yearly monetary support from our congregation. But they had two additional requests: first, they need bibles for the children's gift bags that are given out each year, approximately 350-400, and even a New Testament with Psalms would be good; second, there is always a need for homemade pies, cakes, and cookies for this free, joyful community dinner Christmas Day. Baked goods can be delivered to the Curtis Menard Center December 23-24 from 8am-5pm in the kitchen area. For more info, see their website or call Cheryl 354-6115.

Women's Bible Study Tuesdays

In the Upper Room from 10:30-noon, all women are welcome to join our current Horizons Bible Study, "Cloud of Witnesses." This week, we will be bringing favorite carols and Christmas treats to share! Janis has an easy craft idea, so bring a sharp pair of fabric scissors if you want. No meeting Dec. 26.

Fair Trade Products Available

Although our next scheduled Fair Trade sales date is January 14th, there is still time to pick up last minute stocking stuffers for this Christmas. Olive Oil, Coffee, Tea, Chocolate Mix, and Candy Bars make a great stocking stuffer. Just ask Cindy Satterfield to get you what you need. She'll be more than happy to help: ask her at church, call her phone (357-3047), or e-mail (SatterfieldC@yahoo.com). The next scheduled sales date is January 14th.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, which means there are many opportunities to celebrate Christ's birth at church! Sunday will begin with our usual 10:00am Service of Worship which will include a Christmas Cantata and the Gospel of Luke. Then Sunday evening at 5pm we will have the Nativity Pageant, communion and candlelight caroling, and then at 11pm have a final service with communion and more candlelight caroling. Please come!

Birthdays

Dec 17	Don Dinkel
Dec 19	Kathryn Downs
Dec 23	Jan Stotts
Dec 24	Jeremy Collier

Anniversaries

Dec 17	Ray & Rose Dronenburg
Dec 18	Kerry & Liz Potter

Activities for the Week

Sunday, December 17

9:15am	Nativity Pageant Rehearsal
10:00am	Worship Service
11:15am	Table Talk
12-3pm	Caroling

Monday, December 18

Tuesday, December 19

10:30am	Women's Bible Study
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Wednesday, December 20

5:00pm	Logos (last one until Feb.)
7:00pm	Choir
8:00pm	FISH

Thursday, December 21

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

10:00am	Worship Service
11:15am	Table Talk
4:00pm	Nativity Pageant Rehearsal
5:00pm	Nativity Pageant/Caroling
11:00pm	Caroling, Communion