



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.

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Advent
First Presbyterian Church
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Pastor Rev. Henry H. Woodall
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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 24, 2017

Call to Worship

Carol **#123**
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
Vs 1,4,5

Time with Children

Advent Wreath & Chrismon Tree

Offering

Offertory
"While the Child Sleeps"
Smith

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Stars of Glory
by Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

Prophecy and Advent

Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:14
Scripture Reading Luke 1:26b-33
"Christ is Come"
"Stars of Glory"

Nativity

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1,3-7
Narration #1: The Glow of God's
Promise
"What Child Is This? And Lullaby"
"Great God of Heaven"

Angels and Shepherds

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-16
Narration #2: Glorious Counterpoint
"Light is Shining All Around"
Narration #3: The Shepherd's
Invitation
"The Shepherd's Carol and In the
Lonely Midnight"

Praise and Rejoicing

Scripture Reading Luke 2:17-20
"Love Came Down at Christmas and
Love Has Come"
Narration #4: The Morning Star is
Born!
"Good Christians All, Rejoice"

Prayer

Carol **#132**
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" all verses

Benediction

Choral Benediction **#110**
"Love Has Come" v.3

Postlude

"Carols of Joy and Wonder"
Scott

Chancel Choir
Director: Garth Hangartner
Pianist: Allayne Dinkel
Solosists: Karen Foster, Ashlyn Broste, Meg
Broste, and Henry Woodall
Liturgist: Kerry Potter
Narrator: Janis Elliott

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!

Please be sure to secure your vehicles.

POSTSCRIPTS

Stewardship – December 17, 2017

Attendance: 114

Offering: \$12,753

Year to Date General Offering: \$243,097

Amt needed to meet the budget: \$269,892

Designated Offering: Christmas Joy: \$616
(total to date: \$846)

"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.

Nativity Pageant TONIGHT

Our final rehearsal is TODAY at 4:00PM

to put on costumes and practice in the sanctuary for the 5:00PM Christmas Eve service.

Fair Trade:

MERRY CHRISTMAS! May you and your family have a Christmas filled with wonder, peace, and joy. THANK YOU. Your support this past year has made it a great year for Fair Trade. If you run out between our monthly sales, just ask Cindy Satterfield to get you what you need. She'll be more than happy to help. See her at church, talk by phone (357-3047), or e-mail SatterfieldC@yahoo.com.

Next Sale Date: January 14th

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group will take a break and resume meeting and finish Lesson 3 on **January 9th**. Merry Christmas everyone, and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Officer Reports due January 9

If you are responsible for a report in the 2017 Annual report, please email it to wasilla@mtaonline.net attention Shirley. This makes it easier for the Annual report to be assembled. All reports should be submitted by Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Thank you – Shirley Novak

Got Dinner??

Plans fall through for Christmas Dinner? Oven on the fritz? Turkey still frozen? Know a family in need? We've got Christmas!! Come out to the Curtis Menard Sports Center from 11am-3pm for a homecooked meal, Santa and Mrs. Claus, music, presents for the kids, and a wonderful holiday atmosphere. This is a free event and no donations are accepted Christmas Day. If you wish to donate baked goods, they 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. (www.christmasfriendshipdinner.org)

Many Thanks to all the Cookie Bakers, Cookie Wrappers, Cookie Deliverers!

What a gift of joy you shared! The abundant shower of Christmas cookies for our Seniors receiving Meals on Wheels brightened many hearts – mine included. On behalf of the Seniors we serve: "Thank you, and may you enjoy a Merry Christmas!"

Chuck Foster, CEO

Birthdays

Dec 24	Jeremy Collier
Dec 25	Jesus
Dec 26	Faye Maxwell
Dec 28	Braydon Perrupato

Anniversaries

Dec 31	Phil & Laurie Kari
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Activities for the Week

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

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed this week

Wednesday, December 27

7:00pm	FISH
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Thursday, December 28

Friday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve

10:00am	Worship Service
11:15am	Table Talk