



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 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

First Presbyterian Church

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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 3, 2017

Prelude

Call to Worship Isaiah 7:14

Hymn # 88
 "O Come O Come Emmanuel" v.1,2,4

Time with Children

Welcoming One Another
 *(Children may head downstairs for Kingdom Kids
 and will return for communion)*

Congregational Singing FISH
 "Here I Am to Worship"
 "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"
 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Anthem Chancel Choir
 "Christ Is Come"
 Fettke-Grassi

Scripture Readings
 Isaiah 2:1-5, 9:2-7, 11:1-9

Sermon
 "The Voice of Isaiah One is Coming"

Offering

Offertory
 "Pastorale"
 Martin

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Communion

Hymn # 88
 "O Come O Come Emmanuel" v.5,6,7

Benediction

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

Postlude
 "Noel! Noel!"
 J.S.Bach

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 worshippers. 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:
Wellness Clinic after the service today
Family Promise Week: Dec. 3-10
Christmas Cheer Project: Dec. 9
Fair Trade Sales: December 10
Jesus's Birthday Party: Dec. 17
Please be sure to secure your vehicles.

POSTSCRIPTS

Stewardship – November 26, 2017

Attendance: 91

Offering: \$2,954

Year to Date General Offering: \$219,424

Amt needed to meet the budget: \$254,016

Designated Offering: Deacons: \$1,004

“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.

Christmas Nativity Pageant

Practice for the Nativity Pageant begins on Dec. 3 in the Fellowship Hall. On Christmas Eve at 5pm we will share this wonderful story with the children and youth acting it out, with scriptures being read and with songs being sung. We ask that everyone who can please come and enjoy telling the story once again. We will practice every Sunday morning until Christmas from 9:15-9:45.

The Christmas Cheer Project which means: **WE NEED COOKIES!**

Everyone is invited to help in this service project to spread some Christmas Cheer. This Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10am-noon will be a wrapping party – not presents, but *cookies!* The PW group is asking **all** who are able to operate a ziplock baggie (this includes some men!) to help prep the dozens and dozens of cookies that will be used two ways:

1) in Good Cheer baskets for those in our congregation who are homebound this season

2) to be used by Wasilla Meals on Wheels who serves 225 meals in the valley **a day**.

Bakers, we need cookies: 500-600 or more.

The Good Cheer baskets (about 15) will include some cookies, but also some fun, little gifty items, so if you have something to contribute, bring 15 or so of them. Cookies may be dropped off as early as Friday, Dec. 8 from 10-2 in the church office. It will be Family Promise Week, so please don't just set them in the kitchen – Janis will have a box in the office for them. Or drop them by the church that Saturday as early as 9am, as folks will be there setting up. A sandwich lunch will be provided at noon for all participants! Call Caroline 355-3993 or Liz 355-0315 for more info.

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 individuals live locally, we will stop by for a 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).

Family Promise Week Starts TODAY

Please remember it is better to give than receive! Plan a little time to help FPC during this week of hosting Family Promise by hosting, cooking, overnighting, food shopping, laundry, etc. See the white board in the foyer to see where the schedule is still open, or talk to Laurie Kari or call her @ 355-2405 for more info.

Wellness Clinic TODAY!

Following the service, come down to the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Wellness Clinic where you can have your blood pressure checked, blood sugar level checked, and also speak with a Health Care Professional.

Fair Trade Sales – Dec. 10th

Christmas is coming soon. Olive Oil, Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate Mix make an outstanding gift and helps support our mission. Candy Bars and Fruit Bars make a great stocking stuffer. While your checking out the candy bars, check out the candy sleighs and decorated candy bars. If you need anything sooner, just ask Cindy Satterfield to get you what you need. She'll happily help: you can reach her at church, by phone (357-3047), or e-mail SatterfieldC@yahoo.com

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 caroling, and then at 11pm have a final service with communion and more candlelight caroling. Please come!

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."

Birthdays

Dec 4	Mary Carr
Dec 4	Maggie May
Dec 5	Lottie Poisal
Dec 8	Debbie Christiansen
Dec 10	Wendy Riekema

Anniversaries

None this week.

Activities for the Week

Sunday, December 3

Family Promise Week

9:15am Nativity Pageant Rehearsal

10:00am Worship Service

11:15am Table Talk

11:15am Wellness Clinic

11:30am Deacons Meeting

Monday, December 4

7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, December 5

10:30am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6

5:00pm Logos

7:00pm Choir

8:00pm FISH

Thursday, December 7

7:00pm Stained Glass Theology Class

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

8:00am Men's Breakfast

10:00am Christmas Cheer Project

Sunday, December 10

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11:30am Church Officers Meeting/Meal