

INVITATION TO JOIN HANDBELLS OR CHOIR

The Handbells and Choir are always seeking new ringers and singers! If you love music and friendly people, we hope you will join us. Check out the handbells after the service today if you're curious, or come to a rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. (bells) or 7:00 p.m. (choir). Park in the back lot and text Lisa at 907-297-8917 since the doors are kept locked.

FOOD BANK SENIOR BOX BUILD

FPC Group Volunteer Team has 7 slots reserved for the May 21, 2025 Senior Box Build, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Food Bank of Alaska. If you've volunteered before, just go to the Food Bank of Alaska's website to sign up. If this is your first time volunteering at Food Bank, you'll need to complete a profile as part of getting registered as a volunteer. Please contact Rich Jackson with any questions at 907-727-9217 (cell/text) or via email: rjackson6098@gmail.com.

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Announcements April 27, 2025

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN will meet following the "Time with Children" today. They will be bagging rice in Fellowship Hall. Parents may pick up their children in Fellowship Hall following the worship service

The **CHILDCARE CENTER** is open today. Children five and under are welcome to go to the childcare center during the worship service. Parents need to take their children down so you can sign them in with our childcare providers. You can watch the service with your cell phone in the childcare room if you want to stay with your children.

JOIN US TODAY FOR:

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children
- 12:00 p.m. F.I.S.H. Service Project – Fellowship Hall

JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Caring for Creation" is the biblical practice for faithful living the adult Sunday School class will be exploring in May at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Join others each Sunday morning for stimulating conversation and biblical reflection as we consider our responsibility to be partners with the rest of creation in caring for our earth.

F.I.S.H. SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Thanks to those of you who brought pasta today to donate to F.I.S.H. (Fellowship in Serving Humanity) to help us reach our goal of donating 100 pounds of pasta each month. Thanks also to the children for bagging 200 pounds of rice during their Faith Formation time. If you forgot your pasta today you are welcome to bring any Sunday and put in the F.I.S.H. basket.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

All children are welcome to be a part of our Sunday morning Godly Play and Faith Formation when they are dismissed during the worship service. The older children and youth are learning to use their Bibles and the stories in the Bible through interactive experiences. The younger children experience the

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Bible stories through imagination and wondering questions using the Godly Play curriculum. All ages live out FPC's Matthew 25 commitment by having monthly service projects which include making sandwiches for our houseless guests, bagging rice for F.I.S.H., creating cards for the elderly in our congregation, and volunteering at the I-Street Garden in the summer.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing will be received through the end of April. This PC(USA) offering enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help to empower the poor and oppressed. If you would like to donate you can:

1. Give on-line at: <https://firstpresanchorage.org/give> - designate it OGHS.
2. Write a check to FPC and designate it "OGHS" offering.

PC(USA) YOUTH TRIENNIUM

Join other youth from the Yukon Presbytery for this conference to be held July 28 - 31 in Louisville, KY. Youth who are currently 8th - 12th grade are welcome to register. Contact Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) for additional information and the registration form.

END OF YEAR ECWS GATHERING ON MAY 5

All volunteers who have helped at the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families this past year or those who are interested in learning about volunteer opportunities are invited to our end of the year gathering to be held at First Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. We will gather for a simple meal and time to reflect on our volunteer experience this past year. If you have made a meal, donated items or money, volunteered at the shelter, prayed for us or are interested in learning what we do as volunteers please join us. Bring a friend!

REGISTER FOR VBS AND J.O.Y. CAMP

Children aged 4 years to 6th grade are welcome to come to our Vacation Bible School: "Road Trip: On the Way with God!" The week will include exciting music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation and memorable Bible stories that will show children that God is with them all the time! Each afternoon children are welcome to stay for J.O.Y. Camp; an afternoon camp centered around the theme of "Changing the World with Loving Kindness."

When: June 2-6

VBS: 9:30 a.m. - 12 00 p.m.

J.O.Y. Camp: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (no J.O.Y. Camp on Friday)

VOLUNTEER FOR VBS

Volunteers are needed for VBS, both youth and adults. There are many ways one can volunteer: lead teacher, assist a teacher, help lead music, help with registration, provide snacks, help with getting rooms ready, help prepare crafts and decorate for VBS, help with clean up after VBS, and help with the picnic.

Pick up a registration or volunteer form on the VBS display table or go to the FPC website and download the fillable forms or sign up online.

Contact Larry Micheal or Danna Larson for information.

CONNECTING WITH THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN IN OUR CHURCH

First Presbyterian Church is committed to being an intergenerational congregation where all ages worship, learn and serve together. We are always looking for ways to encourage this. One of the ways is by having a variety of ages volunteer with our children and youth in our faith formation experiences. Volunteering is not an every-Sunday commitment; instead, we invite you to help 1 - 3 times per year. Volunteer opportunities include assisting with faith formation experiences on Sunday morning; helping with VBS; helping organize a youth group event; helping out in the childcare center when our staff are absent, helping set up service projects, and helping with our special seasonal events following worship. If you are interested in learning more about how you can use your gifts here at First Presbyterian Church contact Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) or Larry Micheal (CE Chair).

BIBLE PRESENTATION NEXT SUNDAY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Next Sunday FPC will be giving Bibles to some of our youth and children who are in 4th grade or older. If you have not been contacted and would like to have a Bible given to a child in your family, please contact Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) by Tuesday noon (April 29).

MERRY MAKERS

The Merry Makers knitters and sewists at FPC are looking for others to join our group. We have some small projects to make and would love to include all who could help with our next Christmas sale. Please contact Susan Schnering, 907-231-9030 or by email sschnering@aol.com.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 27

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class

11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children

12:00 p.m. F.I.S.H Service project

Monday, April 28

5:00 p.m. Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 p.m. Handbells

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, May 1

10:00 a.m. Pioneer Home Service

Sunday, May 4

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – “Caring for
Creation”

11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children