

VOICE FOR THE UNHEARD

Are you looking for information on how to practice loving your neighbor through the practice of advocacy? Several handouts are available in the narthex to guide and support you through the process. You can also find resources by googling the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, or organizations like Bread for the World at bread.org.

ANNUAL JEWEL LAKE PARISH GARAGE SALE

The Annual Jewel Lake Parish Garage Sale and Bake Sale are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will begin accepting donations Monday (April 20) through Thursday (April 23), preferably already priced.

I will be in the Church Cafe setting up and organizing on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday I'll be there from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Any help during those hours or additionally would be appreciated. And, of course, with the actual sale. We need any and all volunteers. Anyone with a love for this ministry is invited to help with set up and on sale days.

We will need baked good items to sell. Individual items and quick breads sell well. Homemade baked goods are always a hit! Please bring them by as early as possible on Friday morning or Thursday afternoon.

Clean out your closets and your garage. Remember, **no clothing**. Session will be voting on the charity(s) to receive the donations this week and any unsold items will be donated to local charities.

Most importantly, we need volunteers. This is our opportunity to minister to our neighbors. Sharing the Good News through Care Notes and invitations to join us in worship and share God's love. We need volunteers to cover the bake sale table and the check-out table. Those shifts are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

Please respond by email to (Jilljefson@gmail.com) or phone (907-242-3290) with how you can help. Your prayers are appreciated. We are called to share God's love,

Jill Jefson

MERRY MAKERS

The Merry Makers of the Church are looking for other members who sew, crochet, knit, or are crafty. We are making items for a sale in early November. We are meeting every month and sharing ideas. If you're interested, please join us for lunch on May 17 after worship.

Contact Susan Schnering - sschnering@aol.com or 907-231-9030.

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Announcements for April 19, 2026

FAITH FORMATION for children will meet in the downstairs classrooms when the children are dismissed from worship. Parents need to come down and pick up your children.

THE CHILDCARE CENTER is open today and is available for children five and under to use during the worship service. Parents should accompany their children to sign them in with the childcare staff. If you prefer to stay with your child, you can watch the service on your cell phone in the childcare center.

JOIN US TODAY FOR:

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children
12:15 p.m. High School Confirmation Class

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday in the library. The discussion-based class is using a PCUSA Follow Me series that focuses on biblical practices for faithful living. The class is currently exploring the theme of “Do Not Fear.”

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN meets each Sunday when they are dismissed from the worship service. “Make Peace” is the theme for this spring and will focus on Jesus’ words in the Beatitudes, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS

The class will be meeting today in the youth room following worship to explore and deepen one’s understanding of relationships with God and others. Open to all high school students.

“TURNING TABLES” BOOK STUDY AND LUNCH

Our final lunch and study session will take place this Wednesday, April 22, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us as we explore ways to help build a more just and equitable world. If you haven't been able to attend but are interested in purchasing our study book, “Turning Over Tables” by Kathy Escobar, copies are available in the church office for \$15.

REGISTER FOR A BIRCHWOOD CAMP

Check out the Birchwood Camp summer schedule. There are weeklong camps for people of all ages but the camps are especially geared for elementary and youth. FPC is hoping that we can get at least six from our church to attend camp this summer. Scholarships are available to help support those who want to attend. Pick up a brochure in the narthex or go to the Birchwood Camp website: <https://birchwoodcamp.org/camps>.

VBS AND J.O.Y. CAMP AT FPC!

WHEN: June 1 - 5 (VBS: is from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; J.O.Y. Camp: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
WHO: Children 4 years to 6th grade
Youth and adults to volunteer
COST: VBS: \$15 by May 1; \$20 after May 1
J.O.Y. Camp: \$20 by May 1; \$25 after May 1
Scholarships are available

REGISTRATION: Stop by the information table and/or check out our website or app to register.

VOLUNTEER: Volunteers needed to help with VBS and J.O.Y. Camp. Pick up a volunteer form (or find it on our webpage or app) and fill it out. We need about 25 volunteers for our VBS and J.O.Y. Camp. Contact Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) for additional information

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to participate in our monthly Bible Study, which includes members from First, Immanuel, and Eagle River Presbyterian Churches. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. If you would like a copy of our study, "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ," please contact Danna Larson.

J.O.Y. CAMP TEACHERS NEEDED

First Presbyterian Church is hiring two teachers (preferably school teachers) to teach the afternoon J.O.Y. Camp, June 1 - 4. If you are interested or know of someone interested in this paid position, please contact the church office at (907) 272-6411 or Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com).

BRING YOUR PASTA FOR F.I.S.H.

Many in our community need help providing food for their families. F.I.S.H. is seeing increased demand, with over 100 more calls for assistance each week. If possible, please bring extra pasta or other non-perishable food items this week. On April 26, children will bag 200 pounds of rice as their monthly service project during Faith Formation.

END OF YEAR ECWS GATHERING ON MAY 6

Everyone who has volunteered at the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families this past year, or anyone interested in learning about volunteer opportunities, is welcome to join our end-of-year gathering. The event will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. We'll enjoy a simple meal together and reflect on our volunteering experiences over the past year. Whether you made a meal, donated items or money, assisted at the shelter, prayed for us, or just want to learn about what we do, please come—and feel free to bring a friend!

CHILDCARE STAFF NEEDED

First Presbyterian Church is looking for additional staff for our childcare center on Sunday mornings and occasional evenings as needed. If you know of someone who might be interested in this paid position, please contact the church office at (907) 272-6411 or Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com).

FOOD BANK SENIOR BOX BUILD

The Sr. Box Build scheduled for Wednesday, **April 22, 2026** is **CANCELLED**. Our group has 8 slots reserved for Wednesday, May 20. If you've volunteered before, please go to the Food Bank website to sign up as you have in the past. If you're a first-time volunteer, you'll need to complete a profile as part of getting registered. Please contact Rich Jackson at 907-727-9217 (cell/text) or via email: rjackson6098@gmail.com with any questions or if you need assistance signing up.

CHOIR/HANDBELLS REHEARSALS

The Choir and Handbells have resumed for the season! Singers and ringers are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings for rehearsals in the Sanctuary or on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Please email the choir director, Lisa Geist, at lkgeist@yahoo.com to be added to the weekly updates. Text her at 907-297-8917.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Know your rights, be prepared. A handout is available in the foyer with links provided by ACLU which may be helpful for immigrants or refugees seeking to understand the evolving federal policies. Our church staff is always available to listen to your concerns, pray with you, and work to connect you with those who can provide legal advice. Call 907-272-6411 or email mschultz@firstpresanchorage.org.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 19

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children
- 12:15 p.m. High School Confirmation Class (youth room)

Monday, April 20

- 5:00 p.m. Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families

Wednesday, April 22

- 11:30 a.m. Turning Over Tables” Lunch and Book Study
- 12:00 p.m. Contemplative Walking Group
- 6:00 p.m. Handbells
- 7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, April 23

- 12:00 p.m. AMEN lunch, Village inn, 1130 E. Northern
Lights
- 5:30 p.m. Session meeting

Sunday, April 26

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children
- 12:15 p.m. High School Confirmation Class