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FOOD BANK SENIOR BOX BUILD

The Sr. Box Build is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our group also has 8 slots reserved for Wednesday, April 22. 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.

NEX TREX CHALLENGE!

The Junior Girl Scout Troop at Inlet View School is working on their Bronze Award – the Nex Trex Challenge! Save “plastic” film, flexible plastic bags, plastic around TP; in cereal boxes; plastic in cracker boxes and much more – clear or colored plastic! 1,000 lbs. of plastic is the goal – a new bench will be sent to the new school. It takes 20 years for this plastic to decompose. There is a Nex Trex box in the lobby for your donations.

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 lkggeist@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.

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Announcements for March 15, 2026

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN will meet during the worship service today. Children can be picked up from their classrooms following the worship service.

The **CHILDCARE CENTER** is open today. Children aged five and under are welcome to use the childcare center 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 room.

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. Merry Makers lunch
12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

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 **today** after worship. Contact Susan Schnering - sschnering@aol.com or 907-231-9030.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

There is still time to join the high school confirmation class that meets following worship each Sunday from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. This class gives participants a chance to build connections with other young people, deepen their faith, learn about Scripture and the Reformed tradition, and discover ways to be active disciples of Christ. Join us today in the youth room. For more details, please contact Danna Larson.

“TURNING OVER TABLES” LENTEN STUDY

Join others as we journey with the radical Jesus—someone who not only taught but lived out a vision for a more just and equal world. The class meets every Wednesday, with lunch starting at 11:30 a.m., followed by a discussion of the book “Turning Over Tables: A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power” from

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. making it convenient for work schedules. Copies of the book are available in the church office.

PALM SUNDAY WALK THROUGH JERUSALEM

After worship on Palm Sunday (March 29), we invite you to Fellowship Hall. You'll be able to reflect on Jesus' last days by exploring thoughtfully created interactive stations that engage multiple senses. Individuals and families alike are welcome to join in inspiring activities that nurture faith and encourage loving God and loving others.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING TO BE TAKEN NEXT SUNDAY!

The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering (OGHS) will be taken at First Presbyterian Church on March 29. For over 50 years, Presbyterians have joined with other Christians throughout the nation in responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need through this offering. A gift to OGHS 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.

Children:

Bring your One Great Hour of Sharing Offering banks to church on March 29! If you don't have a OGHS fish bank and calendar pick up one on the Lent Resource table in the lobby today.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to participate in our monthly Bible Study, which includes members from First, Immanuel, and Eagle River Presbyterian Churches. The group gathers on the fourth Tuesday of each month, alternating between different churches and homes. Our next meeting will be on March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. If you would like a copy of our study, "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ," please contact Danna Larson.

F.I.S.H. SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY

Every fourth Sunday of the month is F.I.S.H. Sunday at FPC. The children pack 200 pounds of rice, and everyone is encouraged to bring pasta, which is given to F.I.S.H. (Friends In Serving Humanity) for delivery to people who are homebound or struggling with food insecurity. F.I.S.H. is also looking

for more volunteers to assist with packing food and driving deliveries. The time commitment is about three hours once a month. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Katherine Osborne-Hightower or Danna Larson.

ECWS

Supporting our families who are houseless in the community during the coldest months of the year will be coming to a close on April 27, with our Monday night hospitality and overnight security at the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families. If you are interested in learning more about ways you can support this ministry please contact Lorissa Jackson, Marcus Geist or Danna Larson.

Our current needs are:

Snacks: Donate healthy snacks for the shelter; drop off at the church.

Evening Hospitality: Volunteers provide hospitality for the families from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Overnight Hospitality: Volunteers provide overnight security and hospitality for the families from 9:30 p.m. – 9:00 a.m. Each person is awake for a 3-hour shift.

March 23: 2 overnight hospitality

April 6: 1 evening hospitality; 4 overnight hospitality

April 13: 5 overnight hospitality

April 20: 1 evening hospitality; 5 overnight hospitality

April 27: 1 evening hospitality; 4 overnight hospitality

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Worship Leadership, Sunday, March 22: Interested in helping with the worship service? Let Danna Larson know by Tuesday, March 17 so leadership parts can be distributed.

DEACONS NEED COOKIES!

Calling all bakers! Our cookie supplies for Sunday fellowship is dwindling. If you can help out, please take your cookies to the church Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or bring them in on Sunday. Thanks!!!

PICK.CLICK.GIVE

This year, for the first time, the Presbytery of Yukon is participating in Pick.Click.Give. The Presbytery works hard to support all twenty of its churches across Alaska without much Outside assistance, so we encourage you to donate via PCG. As a friendly reminder, apply for your PFD by March 31 if you are eligible. If you have already applied, you can change