

ANCHORAGE AGAINST CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Anchorage Against Christian Nationalism meets the first Tuesday of each month through April, 2026 with the following mission: Promoting religious freedom for all through education, advocacy and action to ensure secular governance and separation of church and state. All are welcome in the Unitarian Universalist fellowship hall, 2824 E. 18th, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. For more information contact Larry Michael, [907-317-3151](tel:907-317-3151).

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.

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 April 12 after worship. Contact Susan Schnering - sschnering@aol.com or 907-231-9030.

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Announcements for April 5 2026 Easter Sunday

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN will gather for an Easter Celebration immediately after being dismissed from worship. The event features an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt, where children will search for clues and eggs to help them reflect on Jesus' life and resurrection. Children will be in Fellowship Hall for parents to pick them up following the service.

THE CHILDCARE CENTER is open today. Children 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 center.

JOIN US TODAY FOR

11:00 a.m. Worship and Easter Celebration for Children

EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT TODAY!

All children are invited to fellowship hall when dismissed from worship today for an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. Join the fun as we celebrate and shout "Christ is Risen!"

ACLU FAMILY SAFETY PLANNING FACILITATION TRAINING

The ACLU of Alaska is supporting immigrants and refugees through Family Safety Plans, a collection of information and documents that can help families prepare in case someone is detained by immigration law enforcement. This training is geared towards friends, family and allies of impacted community members to help them fill out a Family Safety Plan and prepare for immigration emergencies. The training is being held on Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. in FPC's Fellowship Hall. Registration is required for this training. Please scan the QR code to register or pick up a flyer in the lobby.



FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES AT FPC

Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays 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.” Service projects are also a part of the curriculum each month.

Youth: The youth meet monthly for a service project and provide leadership in worship regularly throughout the year.

High School Confirmation Class: Meets on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., providing an opportunity for youth to explore and deepen one’s understanding of relationships with God and others.

Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study: Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month rotating between Immanuel and First Presbyterian Churches. Next meeting is April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel.

“Turning Tables” Book Study and Lunch: 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. We meet on Wednesdays for lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a group discussion from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. to accommodate work schedules. Books are available in the church office.

Pentecost Celebration: Join us on Sunday, May 24 for our intergenerational Pentecost Celebration as we celebrate the birthday of the church! Weather permitting, we will fly kites on the park strip while reflecting on the symbolism of the wind and the Holy Spirit and enjoy birthday cake!

SERVICE-ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT FPC

Check out the following ways you can get involved in our community. If interested contact Lorissa Jackson or Danna Larson for more information.

Food Bank of Alaska Senior Box Build: Third Wednesday of each month (April 22 and May 20 at 9:00 a.m.).

In Our Backyard: Help deliver prepared meals to guests 1 - 2 times per month.

F.I.S.H.: Pack and/or deliver food to those who are housebound; children bag rice on the 4th Sunday of each month; donate pasta on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Family Emergency Cold Weather Shelter: Provide a meal or healthy snacks; help with evening or overnight hospitality; FPC provides hospitality and overnight security for the shelter on Monday nights.

Habitat for Humanity: Be part of the FPC team and help with the building of a home for a person in our community. F.I.S.H. will have a booth at Habitat’s annual Recycling Event on April 18, from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Go to their website for more information.

Support Those Who Are Marginalized: Explore available resources in the narthex and be a voice to your representatives about issues that matter to you. Contact Service-Engagement Committee for support.

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

COST: Youth and adults to volunteer
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 to register.

VOLUNTEER: Volunteers needed to help with VBS and J.O.Y. Camp. Contact Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) for additional information.

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING!

Thanks to all who donated to the PC(USA) OGHS offering last Sunday which 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 empower the poor and oppressed. You can donate to this offering through May 15:

1. Give on-line at: <https://firstpresanchorage.org/give> - designate OGHS
2. Write a check to FPC and designate it OGHS
3. Children: bring your fish banks to the church

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 next Sr. Box Build is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our group also 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 lkeist@yahoo.com to be added to the weekly updates. Text her at 907-297-8917.