

offerings throughout the summer! Soloists, small groups, singers, and instrumentalists are welcome. Contact the church office 907-272-6411 to schedule a Sunday slot. You can also reach out to Lisa Geist, choir director, at [lkgeist@yahoo.com](mailto:lkgeist@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### **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](http://bread.org).

### **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](mailto:mschultz@firstpresanchorage.org).

### **SIGN UP FOR PC(USA) ACTION ALERTS**

Are you struggling with the “how” and “what” of advocating with and for your neighbors? The Presbyterian Church (USA)’s Office of public Witness’s “Action Alerts” can notify you over email and/or text about the topics, items, and events that Presbyterians nationwide are raising their voices to address. Go to their website listed below to sign up.

<https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home>.

### **FOOD BANK SENIOR BOX BUILD**

The next Sr. Box Build is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2026. 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](mailto:rjackson6098@gmail.com) with any questions or if you need assistance signing up.

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### **Announcements for May 31, 2026**

**FAITH FORMATION:** Children will be bagging rice today during Faith Formation in Fellowship Hall. Children will return to worship for the offering.

**THE CHILDCARE CENTER** room is open today but our childcare worker is on vacation. You are welcome to use the room with your children and watch the service on your cell phone in the childcare room.

### **JOIN US TODAY FOR:**

10:00 a.m.      Worship service

11:00 a.m.      All Church Retreat Meeting

11:15 a.m.      VBS Volunteer Work Party

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND J.O.Y. CAMP BEGINS TOMORROW!**

Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS is here! Children (youth and adults) will learn how we find strength to face all kinds of challenges through learning Bible stories about how people in the Bible faced challenges with God’s help. J.O.Y. Camp meets in the afternoon and campers will travel with Jesus and learn what it means to share God’s love wherever you go.

**REGISTER:** There is still time to register for VBS or J.O.Y. Camp. Pick up a registration form today on the VBS table or go online:

<https://www.firstpresanchorage.org/vacation-bible-school>. Invite a neighbor to come to our VBS.

### **VOLUNTEER:**

**Today:** Following worship; help with sanctuary furniture moving, registration set up and other jobs.

**Friday Picnic (June 5):** Need volunteers to help with set up from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.; need people to help with welcoming parents at picnic 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; need help with clean-up from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

**Friday afternoon clean-up (June 5):** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.: Need help with cleaning up sanctuary, narthex and fellowship hall

**J.O.Y. Camp Assistance:** Need an adult volunteer to assist lead teachers: 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Monday – Thursday; if you could help for one afternoon that would be great.

**PRAY:** Please pray for the volunteers, staff, youth and children who are a part of the VBS.

**FINANCIAL DONATIONS:** Financial donations can be given by check or online through the FPC website: Click Give; General Church Budget; scroll down to Vacation Bible School.

Questions: Contact Danna Larson at 907-538-7313 or [dllsitka@gmail.com](mailto:dllsitka@gmail.com)

### **SHALLOWFORD YOUTH MISSION TEAM**

We say good-bye to Westminster College on Tuesday and will be welcoming 37 youth and adults from Shallowford Presbyterian Church (Atlanta, GA) June 20 - 28. The team will be doing service work in the Anchorage area and enjoying our state. We invite you to help welcome this team to First Presbyterian Church by making homemade baked goods that they can enjoy while they are here. Please bring your treats to the church on Sunday, June 21 and leave them in the kitchen. Thanks!

### **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>.

### **TODAY IS F.I.S.H. SUNDAY**

Thanks to everyone who is bringing pasta (and other non-perishable food items) for F.I.S.H.

The donations are very much needed as F.I.S.H. has received an additional 50 percent increase for those who need food in the last six months.

### **YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT WITH F.I.S.H.**

Youth will be delivering food to the homebound on Friday, June 19 for F.I.S.H. from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to join us please RSVP to Danna Larson or Margaret Young by Wednesday, June 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Youth can also sign up to help at the Food Bank for the senior box build on Wednesday, June 17. Contact Rich Jackson for information.

### **WEAR ORANGE**

Join others in the Anchorage community June 5 - 7 to honor survivors and build community with those working to end gun violence during Wear Orange Weekend. Learn more about how you can be an advocate to end gun violence at <https://wearorange.org/> or on the PC(USA) website:

<https://pcusa.org/how-we-serve/justice-peace/gun-violence-prevention-response>.

Join others at the Bear Tooth Theatre on Monday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. for a movie and panel discussion co-hosted by Alaska Chapter of Moms Demand Action. More information at:

<https://beartooththeatre.filmbot.com/movies/the-body-politic/>

### **FPC COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Join others from FPC on Tuesday nights at the I Street Community Garden from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. to help produce vegetables to be donated to Lutheran Social Services food bank. I Street Garden is located south of City Market.

### **CONTEMPLATIVE WAKING GROUP WILL MEET AT FPC**

Join the contemplative walking group for walking and conversation on Wednesdays at noon at First Presbyterian Church. The group walks for about 20 minutes and then gathers for conversation centered on a biblical passage.

### **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](mailto:dllsitka@gmail.com)).

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

FPC will be having an all-church day retreat at Birchwood Camp on Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Put it on your calendar now! This year's theme: Asking Good Questions. Enjoy returning favorites—boating, campfire, singing, and lodge puzzles—plus new activities built around our theme. Details to follow. Don't miss it!

### **MUSIC UPDATE**

The Choir and Handbells weekly rehearsals will resume in late August. However, musicians are encouraged to sign up and provide Special Music

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, May 31**

10:00 a.m.           Worship service  
11:15 a.m.           VBS Work Party  
11:15 a.m.           All Church Retreat Meeting

### **Monday, June 1**

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.   VBS and J.O.Y. Camp  
5:50 p.m.           Legacy Committee meeting

### **Tuesday, June 2**

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.   VBS and J.O.Y. Camp  
6:00 p.m.           I Street Gardening

### **Wednesday, June 3**

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.   VBS and J.O.Y. Camp  
12:00 p.m.           Contemplative Walking Group  
6:00 p.m.           Joan Lindemuth funeral

### **Thursday, June 4**

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.   VBS and J.O.Y. Camp

### **Friday, June 5**

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.   VBS  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.   VBS Family Picnic  
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.   VBS Clean Up

### **Saturday, June 6**

1:00 p.m.           Anneslia Turner funeral

### **Sunday, June 7**

10:00 a.m.           Worship service