

STEWARDSHIP

As we look to the sound stewardship of our building, we are taking time to listen for God's guidance and to one another. One way you can be part of that process is by completing a brief congregational survey. Your responses are confidential and will help shape our understanding of where we are and where we are being called next. The survey takes about 7–10 minutes and is available here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPCAnchorage>. Or you may scan this QR code:



Printed copies are available through the church office for those who prefer them. Thank you for sharing your voice in this important time of discernment.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3

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, May 4

5:30 p.m. Legacy Committee meeting
6:00 p.m. ECWS End of Year Gathering

Wednesday, May 6

12:00 p.m. Contemplative Walking Group
6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, May 7

10:00 a.m. Pioneer Home worship service

Sunday, May 10 *Happy Mother's Day*

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children

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Announcements for May 3, 2026

FAITH FORMATION for children will meet downstairs when they are dismissed from worship.

Parents may pick up their children when the service is over.

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
12:15 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."

HONORING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES NEXT SUNDAY

We will be honoring our high school graduates during the worship service on Sunday, May 10. If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school this spring, please make sure you let the church office or Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) know today.

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>.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR VBS AND J.O.Y. CAMP

Early Bird Registration Ends May 1!

WHEN: June 1-5 (VBS: is from 9:30-12 noon; J.O.Y. Camp: 1-4 pm)
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.

LEND A HAND WITH VBS

The Christian Education Committee organizes the VBS each year as an outreach to our community. Families look forward to this special week every year, and we need your support to make it happen. Pick up a volunteer form (or find one on the FPC webpage or app) and prayerfully consider how you can help us. If you know of others in the community who love children and love God, invite them to join our VBS team as well. We need volunteers to help with recreation, storytelling, and teaching our 4 – 5-year-old class; as well as others to help with snacks, the Friday picnic and preparation of the VBS materials for the classrooms. Contact Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) for additional information.

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).

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)

EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE TODAY

Stop by the Equal Exchange cart today and pick up a supply of chocolates, tea and coffee.

Purchasing Equal Exchange products supports small farmer cooperatives through fair pricing, sustainable practices, and ethical trade.

END OF YEAR ECWS GATHERING TOMORROW NIGHT

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 tomorrow night (May 4) 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!

FOOD BANK SENIOR BOX BUILD

The next Sr. Box Build is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Our group also has 8 slots reserved for Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. 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.

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.

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.voterveice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home>.

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.