

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.

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.

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.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home>.

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Announcements for May 10 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

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Reminder that the time for worship service will change to **10:00 a.m.** **on May 31.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the library. Come and join the class in May and enjoy conversation centered on loving God and neighbor. The last class (before summer break) will be on May 24 and will be a breakfast potluck and a time to reflect on the year.

CONGRATULATION GRADUATES!

Today we honor Deng Bithow, Anna Schultz, and Madeline van Rooyen who are graduating from high school this week. Check out the insert to learn more about each one of them. In addition, we say CONGRATULATIONS to AJ (Andrew) Schultz who graduated from University of Alaska Southeast and Devony Irwin (daughter of Sue Heverling) who received her master's in education from University of Alaska Fairbanks.

“BIKE TO WORK” FOOD STATION AT FPC

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a “Bike to Work” food station this Friday, May 15 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. to support the city's first “Bike to Work” day. Folks stopping by will be treated to mini-waffles and egg bites at our station. If you would like to volunteer for part of the morning, please contact Diana Rotkis in the church office. If you are interested in helping to

organize future events but cannot help at this one contact Marcus Geist who chairs our Membership and Outreach Committee.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING FOR VOLUNTEERS ON MONDAY

Anyone interested in helping to make our VBS and J.O.Y. Camp a success this year is invited to our planning meeting this Monday (May 11) at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Even if you can't help the week of VBS you may have insight that will help us move forward this year with a limited number of volunteers. Working together we can make it happen!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND J.O.Y. CAMP IS 3 WEEKS AWAY!

Check out the insert in today's bulletin for lots of information about registering, volunteering and donations needed. Registration and Volunteer forms are available at the VBS display table and on the FPC website.

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).

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>.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MONTHLY GATHERING IS MAY 19

Women from First, Immanuel, and Eagle River meet monthly for our Presbyterian Women's Bible Study. We will be meeting this month on Tuesday, May 19 at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. All women are welcome to attend and bring a friend! If you want a study book, contact Danna Larson.

PENTECOST IS COMING!

FPC will celebrate Pentecost on May 24 with a birthday party! Part of the celebration will include flying kites on the park strip for children of all ages! We will gather at 10:30 a.m. and decorate kites and then move to the park strip to fly them before, during, and after the worship service! If you want to help with this, contact Danna Larson (907-538-7313). Worship will begin at the normal 11:00 a.m. time.

CONTEMPLATIVE WALKING GROUP WILL MEET AT FPC

Join the contemplative walking group this spring for walking and conversation on Wednesdays at noon. Now that spring has arrived the group will be meeting at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays and walking around the park strip or neighborhood. Join the group at noon for about 20 minutes of walking followed by 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)

JANET STILES MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Janet Stiles (former choir director at FPC) will be this Friday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church. Choir members from our church will be part of the choir for this service.

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 lgeist@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, May 10 *Happy Mother's Day*

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

Monday, May 11

12:00 p.m. CE meeting (zoom)
6:30 p.m. VBS and J.O.Y. Camp planning meeting

Tuesday, May 12

6:00 p.m. S&E Committee meeting (zoom)

Wednesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 14

12:00 p.m. AMEN lunch, Village Inn, 1130 E. Northern Lights
5:00 p.m. Trustees' meeting
7:00 p.m. M&O Committee meeting

Friday, May 15

7:00 a.m. Bike to Work Day
3:00 p.m. Janet Stiles Memorial Service (St.John's Methodist)

Sunday, May 17

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Celebration
12:00 p.m. Merry Makers meeting (Room 8)