

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Please take a moment during the Prelude to silence your cell phones and quietly prepare yourself for worship.

WELCOME AND MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

People: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

People: Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

*PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN "Seek Ye First" Hymnal 175

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you — to hide our faces, to hide our sin — yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you — in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops — yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader : Our God comes and does not keep silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Mark 9:2-9**

MESSAGE *Pastor Blake Severson*

*HYMN "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" Hymnal 193

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord's Prayer (we say *sin*)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal 606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" Hymnal 314

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able please stand*

WELCOME to worship – we are glad that you’re here! If you are visiting today and would like to share your contact information, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate. Everyone is invited to stay for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex after worship.



LARGE PRINT HYMNALS with a black cover are on the small bookcase in the rear of the sanctuary.



ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available. Please request one from the Sound Tech at the sound desk.

Children up to Kindergarten age are welcome in the nursery. There are clipboards with coloring pages in the narthex if your children wish to stay in the sanctuary.



The February flowers are sponsored by Nancy and Bruce Davis.



Eagle River Presbyterian Church
February 11, 2024



Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church

February 11, 2024

Weekly Walk

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	10:15 am	Sunday school for k-6 th graders
Wednesday	9:00 am	Coffee hour @ church
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday service
Saturday	10:00 am	Walk for Warmth

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 50

Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$27,520.32

Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$28,132.89

Today after worship, during fellowship time, there will be the option to make chocolate-covered strawberries for yourself or your **Valentine!** (A \$5 donation per participant toward the cost of supplies is appreciated).



This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. There will be a worship service at 6 PM. It will not be livestreamed.

This Saturday is United Way's annual "Walk for Warmth". Please see the additional bulletin insert for more information.

There is a Caring Bridge website set up for Megan Severson, to provide updates on her health, as well as ways to help. Please visit: www.caringbridge.org/visit/meganseverson.



Feb. 17

Begins at First Presbyterian Church
Bring your family and friends!

As we know from our Emergency Cold Weather Shelter, Anchorage is experiencing a crisis of family homelessness, with kids and their families drifting between cars, couch surfing and shelters. Once a family falls into homelessness, the road to recovery and financial stability is considerably steeper, and a child's development is compromised. In many cases, family homelessness is *preventable*. Sometimes, **a little bit of help with rent or utility bills** can be the only assistance needed to keep a family from falling off the financial tightrope and keeping kids on track.

WALK FOR WARMTH is United Way's annual event that raises money to directly fund rent and utility assistance for Anchorage families when they need it most; the coldest months of winter. Community members, companies, schools and churches form teams and raise funds that are distributed to families needing assistance.

BE A NEIGHBOR and WALK FOR WARMTH

When: Saturday, Feb. 17

Start Location: First Presbyterian Church

End Location: Anchorage Museum

Event Check-In: 10 am to 11 am

Remarks and start of walk: 11 am

Register and/or donate at:

<https://liveunitedanc.org/walk-4-warmth/>

Volunteer Opportunities Available:

contact Danna Larson (907) 538-7313

KEEPING HOMES WARM KEEPS PEOPLE HOUSED

January 17, 2024 by United Way of Anchorage

Cold homes are often a sign that people are struggling to make ends meet.

Danna Larson, Director of Faith Formation and Mission at Anchorage First Presbyterian Church, has been actively involved in Walk for Warmth since its inception. She is bringing attention to the impact that cold homes have on our community.

“Having a cold home is ultimately facing a loss of control,” Danna says. **“When you can’t afford heat, you’ve already begun asking yourself several hard questions.”** She lists several, counting with her fingers and including *Can I feed my family? Can I pay my electric bill? Are my pipes going to freeze and burst? Will I get sick? Will people come visit me?*

Danna’s sensitivity to the impacts of cold homes stems from volunteering in Anchorage’s emergency cold weather shelters. “When I’m there, I listen to stories,” she says. **“People feel responsible when they can’t meet their needs.** They shouldn’t feel shame, but they often do.”

We wish no one lived in cold homes or experienced homelessness. When people end up in that situation, it’s usually after dealing with many challenges over long stretches of time. Preventing them from mounting helps people stay housed.

Walk for Warmth, a free community event is helping to overcome hurdles by securing financial assistance for those living in cold homes. Help us spread the word that the impacts of a cold home are preventable.

Walk for Warmth occurs on Saturday, Feb. 17 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Attendees follow a pre-planned, three-quarter-mile route in downtown Anchorage. Register info on other side of flyer.

ENSTAR, United Way, Danna and many other people and organizations are doing their part to offer heat, hope and change—and you can too. **Keeping homes warm keeps people housed.**

