

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: We have not gathered here because we chose one another.

People: We are here because Christ chose us – and holds us together by his Word.

Leader: This community does not belong to any of us – not to those who lead, nor to those who have given longest.

People: It belongs to him. We are his congregation. He is our head.

Leader: Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: 'Christian community is not an ideal we have to realize, but a reality created by God in Christ.'

People: We receive this gift. We did not build it; we cannot keep it; we only live in it by grace.

Leader: Here there are no lords over one another. There is only one Lord.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus. Rule among us as only you have the right to do.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN “We Are One in the Spirit” Hymnal 300

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord, we confess that we have treated your church as ours. We have sought influence where you called us to service. We have lorded over one another – with titles, expertise, and spiritual authority – where you called us to wash feet. We have built platforms where you were building communities. We have allowed some voices to go unheard so that others could lead without accountability. We have admired strength in leaders when we should have looked for faithfulness. We have let charisma replace character, and

performance replace presence. And we have been complicit – in our silence, our deference, our unwillingness to speak when speaking was costly. Forgive us. Restore us to the posture of the servant and the learner. You are the head of this body. We are only members. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: Bonhoeffer wrote that 'the forgiveness of sins still remains the sole ground of all of life together.' The one who calls us to servanthood has himself served us to the uttermost – taking the lowest place, washing the disciples' feet, giving his life as a ransom for many. In his self-giving, your debt is paid. In his rising, your life is made new. The ground of forgiveness holds beneath you today – not because you have served well, but because he has. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Go in freedom to serve.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-16
Matthew 20:20-28

Pew Bible p.828
Pew Bible p.697

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN

“One Bread, One Body”

Hymnal 530

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (*Gluten-free bread is available in a cup on each tray.*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 "In Christ There Is No East or West" Hymnal 317

*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 with the office, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate during the collection time. 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.

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.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
June 7, 2026*

Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church



June 7, 2026

Weekly Walk

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Wednesday	9:30 am	Coffee hour at church



Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 53

Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$123,709.73

Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$114,942.34

~There is a new sign-up for **lawn mowing volunteers** this summer. Please check the bulletin board by the kitchen. If you have any questions, speak to Dale Berry.



~**Food pantry volunteer update:** The pantry only needs a couple of volunteers on Thursday mornings at around 10:30, to help sort and shelve food donations. Tuesdays are good for now. Please call 907-694-5753

Reference for today's sermon message:

Barmen Declaration — Thesis 3

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

Rejection: We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and would have to give itself, or allow to be given to it, special leaders vested with ruling powers.

Barmen Declaration — Thesis 4

The various offices in the Church do not establish a dominion of some over the others; on the contrary, they are for the exercise of the ministry entrusted to and enjoined upon the whole congregation.

Rejection: We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and would have to give itself, or allow to be given to it, special leaders vested with ruling powers, set apart from the congregation.

Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church



June 7, 2026

Weekly Walk

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Wednesday	9:30 am	Coffee hour at church



Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 53

Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$123,709.73

Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$114,942.34

~There is a new sign-up for **lawn mowing volunteers** this summer. Please check the bulletin board by the kitchen. If you have any questions, speak to Dale Berry.



~**Food pantry volunteer update:** The pantry only needs a couple of volunteers on Thursday mornings at around 10:30, to help sort and shelve food donations. Tuesdays are good for now. Please call 907-694-5753

Reference for today's sermon message:

Barmen Declaration — Thesis 3

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

Rejection: We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and would have to give itself, or allow to be given to it, special leaders vested with ruling powers.

Barmen Declaration — Thesis 4

The various offices in the Church do not establish a dominion of some over the others; on the contrary, they are for the exercise of the ministry entrusted to and enjoined upon the whole congregation.

Rejection: We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and would have to give itself, or allow to be given to it, special leaders vested with ruling powers, set apart from the congregation.



Happenings in the Presbytery (June 2026)

Hello from the Presbytery Office! We want to reach all our members (including you!) to keep you aware of the highlights, joys, and needs of your Presbytery. We also have a monthly newsletter, which you can sign up to receive at www.yukonpres.org.

Happy Summer! Congratulations to all grade school and college graduates! Let us also give thanks to the return of the light, the warmth, and the green of plant life and flowers.

Community Highlight! We want to fill you in on the happenings in our churches around the state, starting with our Alaska Native Rural Churches.

Kaktovik PC, Kaktovik: Kaktovik Presbyterian Church has been closed for over a year. Elder Ida Angasan was thankfully able to attend our in-person presbytery meeting in October of 2025 but has let us know she is now retiring from her work with the church. Presbytery staff are still in contact with two inactive elders from the church to encourage ongoing communication. EP Rev. Elizabeth Schultz is in contact with elders from Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church about increasing connection to the community. She and Rev. Charley Brower, Executive Director of Intergenerational Arctic Ministries (IAM) and member of our Presbytery, plan to visit in person in August of 2026 to meet with community members.

More Ways to Like and Share: After jumping through many hoops, the Presbytery has regained access to our Facebook page. Please like and follow our page – and feel free to send us articles, events, pictures, memes that we could share!

Presbytery Needs! Volunteers are always needed to serve on our various committees and/or lend their professional knowledge and skills to the wider church from time to time. We are especially in need of folks knowledgeable in law, finance, construction and skilled trades, and IT. If that is you, please reach out to your church leaders or to us directly at office@yukonpres.org.

Prayers and Thanksgivings! Rev. Rich Mauer, a beloved long-time member of the Presbytery and pastor at Delta Presbyterian/Faith Lutheran Church in Delta Junction, passed away peacefully early in the morning on May 13th. Please keep Rich's family and his church community in your prayers as they grieve this loss. A celebration of life will take place at 1pm, Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the Delta High School large gym.



Happenings in the Presbytery (June 2026)

Hello from the Presbytery Office! We want to reach all our members (including you!) to keep you aware of the highlights, joys, and needs of your Presbytery. We also have a monthly newsletter, which you can sign up to receive at www.yukonpres.org.

Happy Summer! Congratulations to all grade school and college graduates! Let us also give thanks to the return of the light, the warmth, and the green of plant life and flowers.

Community Highlight! We want to fill you in on the happenings in our churches around the state, starting with our Alaska Native Rural Churches.

Kaktovik PC, Kaktovik: Kaktovik Presbyterian Church has been closed for over a year. Elder Ida Angasan was thankfully able to attend our in-person presbytery meeting in October of 2025 but has let us know she is now retiring from her work with the church. Presbytery staff are still in contact with two inactive elders from the church to encourage ongoing communication. EP Rev. Elizabeth Schultz is in contact with elders from Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church about increasing connection to the community. She and Rev. Charley Brower, Executive Director of Intergenerational Arctic Ministries (IAM) and member of our Presbytery, plan to visit in person in August of 2026 to meet with community members.

More Ways to Like and Share: After jumping through many hoops, the Presbytery has regained access to our Facebook page. Please like and follow our page – and feel free to send us articles, events, pictures, memes that we could share!

Presbytery Needs! Volunteers are always needed to serve on our various committees and/or lend their professional knowledge and skills to the wider church from time to time. We are especially in need of folks knowledgeable in law, finance, construction and skilled trades, and IT. If that is you, please reach out to your church leaders or to us directly at office@yukonpres.org.

Prayers and Thanksgivings! Rev. Rich Mauer, a beloved long-time member of the Presbytery and pastor at Delta Presbyterian/Faith Lutheran Church in Delta Junction, passed away peacefully early in the morning on May 13th. Please keep Rich's family and his church community in your prayers as they grieve this loss. A celebration of life will take place at 1pm, Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the Delta High School large gym.

