



Prelude: "Give Me Strength, O Lord" Warriner

Silent Meditation: "Faith tells what the senses do not tell, but not the contrary of what they see. It is above them and not contrary to them."
 – Blaise Pascal, 17th c. Fr. writer

Bringing the Light

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise:** "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" R. 559

Greetings and Announcements

***Covenant**

We covenant with God and with one another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all His ways, according as He is pleased to reveal Himself unto us in His blessed Word of Truth. (Salem Church Covenant)

***Invocation - The Lord's Prayer - Gloria Patri** B. 575

Children's Moment

Psalm: Psalm 85

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 5:28-33
 Romans 3:21-26, ref. 3:9-20, 27-31

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Giving

Offertory: "In the Hour of Trial" Vevenger

***Doxology:** B. 572

***Dedication of Gifts**

***Hymn of Dedication:** "Water, River, Spirit, Grace" R. 366

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Anthem: "The Only Road to Easter Morning" arr. Beall & Carter

Sermon: "Romans Romp: Paul's Nuts and Bolts"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: "When You Do This, Remember Me" R. 400

Preface to the Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

(Inner Rings – Wine; Outer Ring – White Grape Juice)

***Hymn of Commitment:** "You Have Called Me" R. 455

***Taking the Light into the World**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude: "A Joyous Alleluia" Birchwood

(R=Red Hymnal; B=Blue Hymnal)

***Congregation is invited to stand**

Please join us for conversation downstairs.

*Flowers were given by Ellen Sutphin
 In celebration of Joel's Birthday
 Flowers from Carrs on DeBarr*

Welcome to First Congregational Church. We're delighted to have you with us this morning. We hope that you will find something of substance to take home with you and that you will meet new people who will become friends.



Everyone is invited to sign the green visitor cards, which are located in the pews. If you are a visitor or new to our community and would like to receive our newsletter and other church information, please include your address, email address, phone number, and check any appropriate boxes.

We invite each of you to join us downstairs for coffee, tea, juice, and cookies following the service. Stop in and greet the people you know and meet those you don't.

Nursery service is available downstairs for children 3 and under. If you choose to bring your children to the service and they become restless, the boardroom is equipped with speakers, and you are welcome to take them there.



Position Available

Part time admin assistant for church office. Minimum qualifications: high school diploma; college degree or equivalent work experience preferred. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office software to include Word, Excell, Publisher, and Access as well as Quicken are required. Demonstrated strong public contact skills, the patience of

Job and a good sense of humor are necessities. Must provide State Trooper background check at the time of interview. Twenty hours per week, \$14.00 per hour. Provide letter of intent, resume and names and contact numbers of three references to: First Congregational Church attn: Human Resources, 2610 E. Northern Lights. Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99508. Closes March 20, close of business.

Coming Up

Sunday, March 14th

11:30 Fellowship Hour

12:00 Sermon Chat
 CAWS & Music Mtgs.

Monday, March 15th

6:30 Search Committee Mtg.

Tuesday, March 16th

7:00 Host Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, March 17th

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

8:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 18th

12:00 Hour of Prayer

7:30 Spirit Seekers

Friday, March 19th

7:00 Dinner Koinonia

Sunday, March 21st

9:30 Adult Forum

Choir Rehearsal

10:30 Worship/Sunday School

11:30 Fellowship Hour

12:00 Council Mtg.

Looking Ahead



Sun. Mar. 28th

Bean-a-Fit & Cache Building

Thurs. Apr. 1st

Maundy Thurs. Tenebrae Service

Fri. Apr. 2nd

Good Friday Service

Do you really know Jesus?

Explore with us Sunday at 9:30 the "historical" Jesus.

Ministers

PEOPLE OF FCC

Sr. Minister

The Rev. Mark E. Long

Interim Minister of Youth

Randy Tomson

Ministers of Music

Peggy McBride, Choir Dir.

Ellen Sutphin, Handbells

Nursery Ministry

George White

Serving Today

Deacon: Jeanette Dillon

Fellowship: Gordon Shortman

Greeting: Susan Faith

Lay Reader: Kathy Means

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Oxy News

The Oxys had a grand time at the Fur Rondy carnival on Sunday afternoon.

Armed with Hotties for their boots and gloves and treated to a fine sunny day, they took in the carnival rides, ate turkey legs and hot dogs, followed by a visit to the snow sculptures.



The next Oxy event is Sunday, March 21st, right after church. We will eat lunch, make homemade dog biscuits and deliver them to the homeless dogs at the animal control shelter on Tudor Road, then watch them in a training session. Parents can pick up their kids at about 2:00 pm at the church. All Oxys and interested siblings are welcome.

Pilgrim Fellowship

All PF Youth are invited to hang together for a meal and a movie this Sunday March 14th. Following Sunday school we will get a bite to eat and take in a PG-13 movie. Admission is \$9.00. Please check with your parents about the list of PG-13 movies running on Sunday, just in case there are any movies that are off limits. Roundtrip transportation will be provided for everyone who wishes or you can arrange for your own ride home per our finalized plans on Sunday. I estimate that everyone will be home by 5:00 pm. For more information contact Randy Tomson at 345-0559.



Palm Sunday Pageant

On March 28th the Sunday school is going to put on its first Palm Sunday pageant! We will be working with the kids on the pageant and music for the next three Sundays. We have CDs and lyric sheets to hand out so you can practice in the car and at home. We welcome all kids to join in on this day of celebration!

First You Get An Oryx...

... But in a pinch an Ibex will do. That's Femen Dillon's description of how to make Bobotie which is what he and Jeanette will be serving for the next Dinner Koinonia on Friday March 19th at 7:00 pm at their home, 19254 Adak Cir. in Eagle River. I think he was kidding about the Oryx – at least I hope he was. Jeanette describes the dish as a spicy beef, lamb, or caribou dish served over rice or couscous. At any rate it sounds like a lot of fun, and you're invited to join in. Give the office a call at 272-8363 by Wednesday, March 16th to let us know you're coming and to find out what part of the meal to bring to round out the feast.

"A [person] is not paid for having a head and hands, but for using them.

- Elbert Hubbard

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