

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Make Peace
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children
12:10 p.m. Congregational Meeting

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—office closed

5:00 p.m. Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

Tuesday, January 21

10:30 a.m. PW Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Food Bank Senior Box Build
6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, January 22

12:00 p.m. AMEN lunch, Village Inn, 1130 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

Sunday, January 26

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Make Peace
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children
12:00 p.m. F.I.S.H Service Project

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Announcements January 19, 2025

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN will meet following the “Time with Children” today. The children will be meeting downstairs in their classrooms.

The **CHILDCARE CENTER** is open today. Children five and under are welcome to go to the childcare center during the worship service. Parents need to take their children down so you can sign them in with our childcare providers. You can watch the service with your cell phone in the childcare room if you want to stay with your children.

JOIN US TODAY FOR:

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: MAKING PEACE

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Join others at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the library as we consider the different paths and skills needed to create peace. The class focuses on cultivating inner peace, seeking to understand where others are coming from and having courage to overcome fear.

EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTER

Thanks to those of you who serve as a volunteer for the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter.

A team of 3-4 evening volunteers and 4-5 overnight volunteers staff the shelter each Monday night. In addition, another volunteer provides the evening meal for the guests staying at the shelter. **We are hoping to increase our volunteer base to another ten volunteers from First Presbyterian Church in 2025.** You could be one of them! The commitment varies but we ask that each volunteer (unless bringing the evening meal) sign up a minimum of two times during the season. You can help us by:

1. Preparing an evening meal (Sign up at the ECWS display in the narthex.).

2. Evening Hospitality (Provide hospitality and security from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.: 3-hour shift.).
3. Overnight Hospitality (Provide security and hospitality from 9:30 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. (Overnight divided into 3-hour shifts.).
Contact Danna Larson, Lorissa Jackson or Marcus Geist to get the application to fill out if you can help with the evening or overnight hospitality.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY MEETS THIS TUESDAY MORNING

Is one of your commitments for 2025 to work to educate yourself and be part of the change needed to address and counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment?

Join us this Tuesday as we discuss the impacts climate change is having on access to water; not just for humans but for all of God’s creation.

When: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Who: Women from FPC, Immanuel and Eagle River Presbyterian Churches & friends

SUPPORT THE RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Check out the insert provided by the PC(USA) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in today’s bulletin to learn how the Presbyterian Church (USA) is responding to the fires in southern California.

You can donate directly to PDA (see insert) or give through First Presbyterian Church by:

1. Go to church webpage and drop down to click on” Southern California Wildfires.”
2. Write a check to First Presbyterian Church and designate it: Southern California Wildfires.

Danna Larson is in contact with the staff at the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church, who lost their church building in the Eaton Fire, to find a way for our children and youth at FPC to contribute in a meaningful way with the children and youth of this congregation and community. Details will follow when the community is able to regather, and we learn of appropriate opportunities. Please continue to pray for all those lives affected, for containment of the fires, and the safety of first responders.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: WALK FOR WARMTH

Walk for Warmth is an annual walk that FPC partners with United Way and Enstar to raise awareness and funds for households that struggle to pay their

eating bills. This event helps keep people in their homes during times when so many have to make choices on how to use their limited income.

When: Saturday, February. 15 at 11:00 a.m.

All participants will gather and then walk together to Town Square

Where: First Presbyterian Church

Who: All ages are welcome!

Details: Register online at liveunitedanc.org/working-together/volunteer/walk-4-warmth

(Put First Presbyterian Church as your team.).

Donations: Donate on-line to United Way: *see* above link.

Donate through First Presbyterian Church:

Go to church website donation page and use the drop down to click on “Walk for Warmth.”

Write a check to FPC and designate it “Walk for Warmth.”

Danna Larson will be on study leave attending the Association of Partners in Christian Education January 26-February 1 and on vacation February 2 - 7.

THANK YOU FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

Last week we received this thank you from Dave Kuiper, staff person for the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families. In addition to the volunteers and meals we provide on Monday nights we were able to send a financial donation of \$2,500 in December from donations we have received to support the families at the ECWS.

Thank you for your recent and generous contribution to our Family Emergency Cold Weather Shelter. The funds you provided will help us support families moving from shelter into long term housing and greater sustainability. Thank you too for the great team of volunteers from your church who care for families on Monday nights!

California wildfires



*God will cover you
with their feathers,
and under their wings
you will find refuge;
God's faithfulness will be
your shield and rampart.*

Psalm 91:4

CAL FIRE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in response to the devastating fires in California, which authorities are calling a historic and deadly wildfire event. PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate care. The magnitude of this event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by these catastrophic wildfires? — **Give. Act. Pray.**

GIVE: Gifts can be made **online** at pcusa.org/CAfires25, by **phone** at 800-728-7228, ext. 5885, or by **check** made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "PDA-CF25-BI" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



ACT: Assemble Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas. For more information, go to pcusa.org/GOHkits.

PRAY: *God, our refuge and strength, you are an ever-present help in trouble. You see the devastation caused by the California wildfires. You hear the cries of loss and know the exhaustion of those waiting and helping. For those forced to flee, grant rest. For those fighting fires, grant strength. For those mourning, grant comfort. For those still in danger, grant protection. May your Church be a presence of hope. In Christ's name, Amen.*

\$500 \$125 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church, or mail with your check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



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