



# First Light

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## FPC WELCOMES NEW TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

**Please join me in welcoming Peter Dembroski as our new Transitional Pastor at First Presbyterian Church Fairbanks.**

**Pastor Peter has been married to his lovely wife Cynthia for 34 years. They enjoy spending time together and have maintained a weekly “date night” for over 32 years. Together they have five children ages 21 to 33. Peter enjoys being active weight lifting, golf, racquetball, skiing and biking (regular and motor) as some of his favorites. He also enjoys cooking for others and spending time with his 5 children, 2 son-in laws and 2 grandsons.**



**PASTOR PETER DEMBROSKI AND FAMILY**

**Over the past 31 years, Peter has had the privilege of spreading the Gospel in Anchorage, Alaska, both Southern and Northern California, Clearwater, Florida, Gahanna, New California, Ohio, and Mercer, PA.**

**Peter graduated from the International Bible College in San Antonio, TX with a Bachelor of Ministry Degree. He moved back to Anchorage, Alaska and attended the University of Alaska, Anchorage. He received the Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California and his Doctorate of Minister from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida.**

**Peter has a passion for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, revealed in his son.**

**Please join in welcoming him as he joins us in fulfilling the Great Commission.**

## SESSION ZOOM CHATS WITH NEW TRANSITIONAL PASTOR



## CHURCH NEWS

**Annual Reports Booklets Are Available  
in the Narthex**

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**The Winter Semi-Annual Congregation  
Meeting will take place on February 14**

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**The front office will be closed on  
Monday, February 15 in recognition of  
President's Day**

*God is Love,  
whoever lives in  
love lives in God,  
and God in them.*

*1 John 4:16*

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**What follows is a short summary of the decisions and actions of the Session, at the January 19, 2021 Session Meeting. The minutes of the meeting will contain a more complete record.**

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- The Session of First Presbyterian Church met, virtually via Zoom at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 19th. The meeting was opened by Ruling Elder Jim Williams with prayer and a devotion.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the agenda as presented.
- Chair of the Pastor Search Committee, Teddy Riggs Sr. provided an update on the search process to the Session. Ruling Elder Terry Reichardt led the Session in a prayer for the members of the Pastor Search Committee.
- Vital Statistics from December 15, 2020 to January 19, 2021, as well as Minutes from the December 15, 2020 Stated Session Meeting and the January 3, 2021 Called Congregational Meeting, were received. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve them as presented.
- Correspondence was received from Deacon Debra Foster (& Logan Foster) resigning their positions on the Board of Deacons. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept their resignation, with regret.
- Correspondence was received from the First Presbyterian Church of Enterprise (PCA), Enterprise, AL releasing into our care, Joe LaMagna upon us receiving him into membership. It was moved, seconded and passed to invite Joe to the February Session Meeting, in order to complete the membership process.
- David McConnell-Booher informed Session that at 11:35 am on Friday January 20th, he will be appearing before the Presbytery of Pacific Northwest to be examined and taken under care of Presbytery, in his journey towards ordination as a Teaching Elder.
- There were no Consent Calendar items.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to set the date of the Winter Semi-Annual Congregational and Corporate Meeting as Sunday, February 14, 2021 after the morning service. The meeting will include in-person and online options for attendance.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the agenda for the Winter Congregational and Corporate meeting.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to call a Special Session Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of meeting the new Transitional Pastor.
- Session Ministry Teams presented written and verbal reports.
- Devotions for the February Session Meeting will be provided by Ruling Elder Keith Nore.
- Elders spent time in prayer. After making prayer requests known, elders prayed for one another and for First Presbyterian, and the meeting was adjourned, in prayer by David McConnell-Booher.
- The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on February 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm via Video Conference.





## Lent - It's Not Just For Pockets Anymore

With the month of February comes the Church Season of Lent. The youth recently began doing a study on prayer using the book "Prayer: 40 Days of Practice" by Scott Erickson and Justin McRoberts. It is a fairly simple idea: each day includes an illustration and a brief prayer inviting you to draw nearer to God through prayer and contemplation. The youth love it so much, we were inspired to make our own 40 days of prayer book. Paper copies will be available for the whole church beginning Ash Wednesday (February 17). We would love for you and your family to walk through Lent utilizing these creative prayer prompts and inspiring illustrations with us. We will also be posting the prayer prompts and images to Facebook and Instagram every day. Will you answer God's invitation to pray every day this season?

David McConnell-Booher  
Director Youth Ministry/Ministry Staff Resource Person



2 Danny Sheets  
4 Chole Albert  
6 June Champlin  
7 Russ Vander Lugt  
7 Hayden Masterson  
7 Esmeralda Sheets  
8 Diane Henry  
9 Austin Foster  
12 Samuel Craft  
13 David Jones  
15 Autumn Vander Lugt  
15 Lily Sunderland  
17 Christina Repasky  
19 Ellucia Boswell  
20 Lonny Marney  
23 Claude Klaver  
24 Dale Feist