## First Presbyterian Church 547 7th Avenue · Fairbanks, Alaska · 99701

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Dear Church,

We stand at a crossroads today. The world all around us is anxious, uncertain, and often despairing. In a modern, secular world, there is little hope for tomorrow and no hope at all after death.

In Christ Jesus, we have every treasure of heaven poured out for us: the grace of God, the love of the Father, joy in this moment, hope for tomorrow, and perfect peace for the future as we know that we will join Christ in His resurrection. There is suffering. There is plenty of suffering, to be certain. But we do not have a distant deity who is unacquainted with our struggles or uncaring toward our sorrow. We have a God who knows our suffering, steps into our lives, suffers with us, suffers for us, and carries us out of suffering. The cross of the resurrected Christ proclaims this to be true. With every act of faith (worship, prayer, fellowship, stewardship, charity, serving the community), we proclaim this to be true. We tell a hopeless world that there is a hope infinitely greater than what anyone could imagine: the Creator of the universe is at work in this world to mend and restore that which sin and death have broken!

This is the work of Christ's church. This is the work of First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks, Alaska. We strive to proclaim this gospel of hope with every single expression of our ministry as we raise up the younger generations to be faithful servant leaders for Jesus, cultivate discipleship and fellowship for people of all ages, serve our community with radical love, and welcome all people with genuine hospitality.

Will you join us in this crucial work for Jesus and His Kingdom? Will you please pray for your church every day? Will you join us in worshipping God and serving our beloved community of Fairbanks? Will you consider pledging to give what you can to invest in your church in 2026?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor David

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved sisters and brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

(1 Corinthians 15:57-58)

Our vision is to become a beacon for Jesus Christ. With His love and joy, we will draw people into a safe harbor where they are welcomed, healed, restored, and nurtured, becoming radiant witnesses.