
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

Our Mission Statement:

Welcome, Learn, Serve

**We welcome persons to faith in Jesus Christ;
Learning together to live that faith in the real world;**

Serving God Together.

PRACTICING FAITHFULNESS IN ALL SEASONS!!

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Worship Service: Sunday, 10:30 am

CHURCH OFFICE HORUS:

Wednesday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

APRIL 2026

WELCOME



Jerusalem is a city of maybe forty thousand people during the first century. With the Jewish festival of Passover being celebrated, its ranks have swelled to upwards of two hundred thousand pilgrims. Anticipating civil unrest with that conglomeration of humanity, a Roman garrison enters the city from the west with Governor Pontius Pilate in the lead on his war horse, in full armor. They make no pretense about why they have come. It is a very deliberate show of force designed to intimidate and control. That is how Empire operates.

Jesus and His followers enter Jerusalem from the east. He sits atop a donkey, which puts Him just barely above the heads of the throng that accompanies Him. This is Christ's last public appeal to join the kingdom of God. His entry is the complete antithesis of the Roman oppressors.

Lordship, especially messianic lordship, is defined in terms of servanthood, gentleness, humility, peacableness, mercy and self-giving acts of generosity and compassion.

This was to become the dividing moment in history where Jesus, entering from the east - would intersect with empire, entering from the west and ultimately, absolutely, and forever - change the course of humankind. It's of little wonder that the transformation would be brutal.

Peace.
Always.
Pastor Wayne

Office hours:

Pastor Waibel is in the office on Wednesday mornings from 10:00am – 12:00 pm
He can be reached anytime on his cell phone 612-750-3443.

LuAnn Dahn (secretary) -Wednesday and Friday mornings. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Clergy Meeting

Pastor Wayne attends clergy meetings monthly. If there is anything you would like him to bring up to discuss with the other clergy in the area, please let him know.

Prayers

Marilyn Johnson, Denise Johnson, Karen Wakup,
Nikki Bartholomew, Leona Fabel, Brian Stolt,
Katy Keohen, Gladys Oberstar, Earl Tiegs,
Randy Baumgard, Clifford Boateng, Wendy Diers
Victims of violence; Leaders;
Those hard to love, gratitude for our friends, family, and community.



LEARN

Coffee hour Please join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am prior to worship service for coffee and fellowship.



WEB SITE! FPC Church Website – Check it out – www.fpcbp.org

Reminder – If you are unable to attend a service at the church on Sunday mornings, Pastor Wayne is recording a message each week and this will continue even though we are meeting in the church.

SERVE



Our Monthly OFFERINGS February 2026 – March 2026

February 1	11	\$13193.00	March 1	18	\$ 660.00
February 8	19	\$ 683.75	March 8	14	\$ 415.00
February 15	15	\$ 505.00	March 15		No Church-Snow
February 22	19	\$ 515.00	March 22	21	\$ 925.00
			March 29		French Toast Bfst.

Total Attendance 64
Total February Offerings \$14,896.75

Total Attendance 53
Total March Offerings \$2000.00

**A detailed copy of the financial report is available in the church office.
For more information, contact a Session member.*



Meals On Wheels

First Presbyterian Church will be serving Meals on Wheels –
Monday-Friday, April 13th – April 17th

Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.

Meals on Wheels coordinator and contact is Susan Volek at– 507-381-2028

APRIL LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Deacon-

April 5 Marilyn Johnson
April 12 Walt Lehtinen
April 19 Dick Coleman
April 26 Don Kowalke

Worship Leaders

April 5 Pastor Wayne Waibel
April 12 Helen Lehtinen
April 19 Laura Burkhard
April 26 JoEllen Kowalke

Greeters

April 5 Jim & Carol Schmidt
April 12 Walt & Helen Lehtinen
April 19 Dick & Tammie Coleman
April 26 Marilyn McSweeney

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

We held our second French Toast Breakfast on Sunday, March 29th. Once again, we had an opportunity to interact with the Belle Plaine Community enjoying a wonderful breakfast and fellowship. Thanks to all who helped make this a success!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN APRIL BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES:

Happy Birthday to: Carol Schmidt, Isabella Iovino and Jay Bartholomew

Happy Anniversary to: Walt and Helen Lehtinen and Jim & Carol Schmidt

****Please note:** If you, or someone you know is having a birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we may observe it in our newsletter. Please call the church office at 952-873-2966.

April Lectionary - 2026

4-2-2026 – Maundy Thursday

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Exodus 12:1-14

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

4-3-2026 – Good Friday

Psalm 22

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1-19:42

4-5-2026 – Resurrection of the Lord

EASTER Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

4-19-2026 – Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Acts 1:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

4-12-2026 – Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm 16

Acts 1:14a – 22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

4-26-2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

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As we think of Spring, we begin to think of planting and gardening
Below are a few quotes from the Bible regarding this season.

“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce.” -Jeremiah 29:5

“The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”
– Isaiah 58:11

“Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.” – Genesis 2:8

“Awake, O north wind, And come, wind of the south; Make my garden breathe out fragrance, Let its spices be wafted abroad. May my beloved come into his garden And eat its choice fruits!” – Song of Songs 4:16