
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

DECEMBER 2025

WELCOME

The "Real" Night Before: Start with the familiar lines of [Clement Clarke Moore's poem](#) ("Twas the night before Christmas...") but pivot to the actual biblical night before Jesus' birth, focusing on the world's spiritual need

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the earth,
Every creature was stirring, awaiting a birth.
The time for Messiah was certainly near,
The prophets foretold it; the Bible was clear.

From the book of beginnings, the very first sin,
God's word made it clear how His grace entered in.
Born of a virgin, He'd come as a man.
The Creator among us, the time was at hand.

The stars were arranged to show marvelous things,
Setting Wise Men to journey and find the true King.
Shepherds in Bethlehem gazed on the sky,

Longing to see him, their Lord the Most High.
How could they know that the very next night
An angel of God would speak words of delight?
How the Savior was born, it was news of great joy.

In a cloth and a manger they'd find the dear boy.
And a heavenly host would soon join to sing
Of the glory of God and of wonderful things.
He entered creation, set position aside
To show us how deeply his love did abide.

Sin sent us away from our almighty Lord.
He became one of us that we might be restored.
He's the Prince of our Peace; He's the one who makes whole.
He is Wisdom Incarnate, a Shepherd of Souls.

He's the Author of Life; He's the Ruler of All.
He can offer salvation, on His name we call.
The shepherds and Wise Men would bow to adore
Holy God among men, our greatest reward.

All glory and honor is due to this King.
Let all join in worship; let every tongue sing.
Jesus is Lord, all creation proclaims.
He's the first and last, He is always the same.

History turned on the first Christmas day,
When God became man in a humble display.
As we think of the manger in which He was laid,
Let our hearts welcome Him to the world He made!

Peace.
Always.
Pastor Wayne

Office hours:

Pastor Waibel is in the office on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am – 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 (Denise's brother).
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.



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.

SERVE



Our Monthly OFFERINGS October & November, 2025

October 5	19	\$ 695.00	November 2	25	\$ 825.00
October 12	21	\$ 625.00	November 9	19	\$2312.39
October 19	24	\$ 560.00	November 16	29	\$ 785.00
October 26	No church Fr.Tst Bfst.		November 23	22	\$ 305.00
			November 30	11	\$ 261.00

Total Attendance 64
Total October Offerings \$1880.00

Total Attendance 106
Total November Offerings \$4488.39

**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, December 22nd through December 26th
Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.

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



DECEMBER LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Deacon-

December 7 Walt Lehtinen
December 14 Marilyn Johnson
December 21 Don Kowalke
December 28 Dick Coleman

Worship Leaders

December 7 Helen Lehtinen
December 14 Pam Pint
December 21 JoEllen Kowalke
December 28 Dick Coleman

Greeters

December 7 Walt & Helen Lehtinen
December 14 Jim & Carol Schmidt
December 21 Marilyn McSweeney
December 28 Dick & Tammie Coleman



We packed 25 boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
This project has been led by Felica Sellnow.
Thanks to all who donated items and helped with packing
the boxes on Sunday, November 16th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Presbyterian Church was host to a French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, October 26th – This was a very successful fundraiser for our church and a time of great fellowship with outside community. And we made \$2189.05!
Thanks to all who helped with this special event for our church.

Per Capita for 2026 – Our commitment for the upcoming year is a total of \$1225.00. This breaks down to \$43.75 per member. The payment are made 4 times a year, 3/1, 5/1, 7/1 and 9/1. If you would like to see the breakdown of how this money is used. Please contact the church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S And ANNIVERSARIES:

Happy Birthday to: Leona Fabel, Kathy Hodapp and Allison Stolt
Happy Anniversary to: Loren & Peg Edberg

**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.

December Lectionary - 2025

12-7-2025 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

12-14-2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Psalms 146:5-10

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

12-21-2025 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19,

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

12-28-2025 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Psalms 148

Isaiah 63:7-9

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

