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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**

**FEBRUARY 2026**

**WELCOME**



I'm just going to get this out of my system.

The Kingdom of God is at hand.  
Everything else is secondary.

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.  
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](http://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      December 2025 & January 2026

|             |    |           |            |    |           |
|-------------|----|-----------|------------|----|-----------|
| December 7  | 21 | \$ 815.00 | January 4  | 14 | \$ 775.00 |
| December 14 | 12 | \$ 210.00 | January 11 | 14 | \$1515.00 |
| December 21 | 20 | \$ 420.00 | January 18 | 11 | \$ 530.00 |
| December 24 | 27 | \$ 593.00 | January 25 | 15 | \$ 300.00 |
| December 28 | 12 | \$ 95.00  |            |    |           |

Total Attendance    92  
Total December Offerings    \$2133.00

Total Attendance    54  
Total January Offerings    \$3120.00

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

**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.



**Meals On Wheels**

First Presbyterian Church will be serving Meals on Wheels –  
Monday-Friday, February 16th – February 20th  
Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.

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

**FEBRUARY LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:**

**Deacon-**

February 1 Dick Coleman  
February 8 Walt Lehtinen  
February 15 Marilyn Johnson  
February 22 Wally Velishek

**Worship Leaders**

February 1 Dick Coleman  
February 8 Helen Lehtinen  
February 15 Laura Burkhard  
February 22 Pastor Wayne Waibel

**Greeters**

February 1 Dick & Tammie Coleman  
February 8 Walt & Helen Lehtinen  
February 15 Open  
February 22 Jim & Carol Schmidt

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY’S & ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Happy Birthday to:** Loren Edberg, JoEllen Kowalke, Denise Johnson, Leyton Swain  
& Randee Velishek

**Happy Anniversary to:** Glen & Audrey Schultz

\*\*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.

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## **February Lectionary - 2026**

2-1-2026 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 15

Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

2-2-2026 Presentation of the Lord

Psalm 84

Malachi 3:-14

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

2-8-2026 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 112:1-10

Isaiah 58: 1-12

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

2-15-2026 – Transfiguration Sunday

Psalm 2

Exodus 24:1-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

2-18-2026 – Ash Wednesday

Psalm 51:1-17

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

2-22-2026 – First Sunday in Lent

Psalm 32

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



There are many quotes in the Bible about love –

Some to think about over Valentine Day And how it is love of all people ---

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7:** "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres".

**John 13:34,** "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one

**1 John 4:18** "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love".

**1 Peter 4:8** "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins".

**1 Corinthians 13:13** "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love".

**Romans 13:8** "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law".