
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

JANUARY 2026

WELCOME



The New Year is typically where we mark our accomplishments and start to formulate new expectations. What does it mean to those of us who do not organize our lives according to goals, or who seldom if ever reflect on the paths that have led us to the present?

What of the happy wanderer who settles in to the here-ness and nowness of life with very little regard for there and then? Time for these folks is marked by putting one foot in front of the other. Not a lot of ceremony involved with that lifestyle. Very little banging of the gong or clanging of the bell. And for these people – that's just fine.

Their lives are ordinary and yet – supremely fulfilling. There is a certain quiet joy in the living of a life. We all have our moments of intensity, but we are not all affected the same way by that.

For the gentle spirit that lets life flow through them and out into the wider world as servants, those moments are fleeting and filled with wonder. They are moments where coming out the other end is victory enough.

This community of faith has that servant's heart at its collective core. You are not driven by worldly goals or lofty ambitions, but by the desire to enrich the lives of others. And that desire to serve has taken this small but mighty congregation from the brink of closure to a vibrant church that continues to flourish. Not bad for a group of happy wanderers that just wanted a place to worship.

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.

CHECK OUT OUR



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 November & December, 2025

November 2	25	\$ 825.00
November 9	19	\$2312.39
November 16	29	\$ 785.00
November 23	22	\$ 305.00

December 7	21	\$ 815.00
December 14	12	\$ 210.00
December 21	20	\$ 420.00
December 24	27) (n/a)
December 28	(n/a)	(n/a)

Total Attendance 95
 Total November Offerings \$4227.00

Total Attendance 80
 Total December Offerings \$1445.00
 (minus 12/24 & 12/28)

**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, January 19th – January 23rd
 Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.

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

JANUARY LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Deacon-

January 4 Don Kowalke
January 11 Marilyn Johnson
January 18 Wally Velshek
January 25 Don Kowalke

Worship Leaders

January 4 JoEllen Kowalke
January 11 Pam Pint
January 18 Pastor Wayne Waibel
January 25 Laura Burkhard

Greeters

January 4 Marilyn McSweeney
January 11 Jim & Carol Schmidt
January 18 Dick & Tammie Coleman
January 25 open

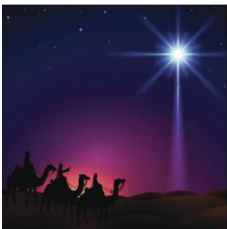
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S :

Happy Birthday to: Liv Swain, Marilyn Johnson and Jim 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.

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Epiphany is a Christian holiday that celebrates the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world. It is also known as Three Kings' Day, and is celebrated on January 6th or the closest Sunday.



Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will.

January Lectionary - 2026

1-1-2026 – New Year's Day

Psalm 8

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Revelation 21:1-6a

Matthew 25:31-46

1-4-2026 – Second Sunday after Christmas

Psalm 147:12-20

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1: (1-9), 10-18

1-6-2026 – Epiphany of the Lord

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

1-11-2026 – Baptism of the Lord

Psalm 29

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

1-18-2026 - - Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 40:1-11

Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

1-25-2026 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23