
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

MARCH 2026

WELCOME



We are going to be reminded throughout the season of Lent that we are an Easter people. I find it interesting that at this precise time in the church calendar we are directed toward the foundational texts of our faith, where we are reminded of how flawed we are as humans, and how God keeps trying to start over, only to have us screw it up - again!

The way postmodern Christendom has evolved, whether intentional or not, the structure of the Revised Common Lectionary presents a scriptural track upon which to build a form of worship. And as we hear the Word preached and sing the Hymns and simply immerse ourselves in the joy of worship, that which resonates within each of us is refreshed and renewed.

Over and above saving the world, Christ's primary mission was to proclaim the Kingdom of God, knowing full well we were unable to even come kind of close to imagining what it would be like. But when we gather and worship, we represent the hope of God's eternal Reign.

The daily grind can be exactly that. Thank God we can endure those times with grace and humility, because there is a moment each Sunday morning where we gather, and for that moment – our world is at peace, and it is enough.

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 January 2026 - February 2026

January 4	14	\$ 775.00	February 1	11	\$13193.00
January 11	14	\$1515.00	February 8	19	\$ 683.75
January 18	11	\$ 530.00	February 15	15	\$ 505.00
January 25	15	\$ 300.00	February 22	19	\$ 515.00

Total Attendance 54
Total January Offerings \$3120.00

Total Attendance 64
Total February Offerings \$14,896.75

**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, March 16th – March 20th

Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need.

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

MARCH LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:

Deacon-

March 1 Dick Coleman
March 8 Marilyn Johnson
March 15 Walt Lehtinen
March 22 Don Kowalke
March 29 Wally Velishek

Worship Leaders

March 1 Dick Coleman
March 8 Pam Pint
March 15 Helen Lehtinen
March 22 JoEllen Kowalke
March 29 Laura Burkhard

Greeters

March 1 Dick & Tammie Coleman
March 8 Jim & Carol Schmidt
March 15 Walt & Helen Lehtinen
March 22 Marilyn McSweeney
March 29 Open

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

We are planning another French toast breakfast to be held on Palm Sunday, March 29th at FPC. We will need a few volunteers to make this a successful Fund raiser. Please contact Jane Bohlman if you are able to help.
Phone number – 952-217-6104.

On March 29th – we will have our worship service in the church fellowship hall. Pastor Wayne will preach and record the service.
We encourage all who can, to be there for this service of worship and fellowship while preparing for the breakfast. Encourage your friends to come!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MARCH BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES:

Happy Birthday to: Audrey Schultz, Beverly Geisler, Tom Johnson and Bill Fabel & Randee Velishek

Happy Anniversary to: William and Leona Fabel

****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.

March Lectionary - 2026

3-1-2026 – Second Sunday in Lent
Psalm 121
Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

3-8-2026 – Third Sunday in Lent
Psalm 95
Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

3-15-2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
Psalm 23
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

3-22-2026 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
Psalm 130
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

3-25-2026 – Annunciation of the Lord
Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10
Isaiah 7:10-14
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

3-29-2026 – Palm Sunday
Psalm 31:9-16
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27 or
Matthew 27:11-54

March Calendar Happenings:



Sunday, March 8th – Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time (DST) in the United States starts on **Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 2:00 a.m.**, when clocks "spring forward" one hour to 3:00 a.m.. It ends on **Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 a.m.**, when clocks "fall back" one hour to 1:00 a.m.. This shift brings more evening light, but most people lose an hour of sleep. Impact: Evenings will have more light, while mornings will have less light.



Sunday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday, March 17, 2026. It is an annual celebration of Ireland's patron saint, marking his death on March 17, 461. St. Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century.



Wednesday, March 20th – First Day of Spring!!!!

What Does Spring Equinox Mean?

Vernal translates to "new" and "fresh," and *equinox* derived from the Latin *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night).



Palm Sunday on March 29, 2026, marks the start of [Holy Week](#), commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal, humble entry into Jerusalem on a donkey before his crucifixion. It symbolizes peace, victory, and the transition from Lent to the Passion.

It serves as a reminder of the need to welcome Christ into one's life..