

# First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Mission Statement: Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name



## SESSION SYNOPSIS OF FEBRUARY 27, 2025

The February Session Meeting was held on February 27<sup>th</sup> with nine Elders in attendance and with our Associate Pastor in Residence, Pastor Julia, moderating the meeting for this first time. Her moderating a Session Meeting is a part of the experience and exposure that has been scheduled during her time with us in preparation for a future role for her as the Pastor of a congregation.

The February Meeting was also the Annual Joint Meeting with Deacons where all Deacons are invited to attend, and their work and activity is discussed and applauded. As a reminder, the current Board of Deacons consists of: Beth Germann, (Moderator), Sheya Bennett, Jason Gordon, Jim Peyton, Gina Peyton, Ben Keller, Paul Knauff, Connie Knauff, Jean Patton, Bonnie Swarner, Betty Richardson and Denise Walker.

Pastor Kim affirmed to Session and to the Deacons what a vital part of the life of this congregation and how important their caring, connecting and communicating with the members of our congregation is. The Deacons are truly recognized for their work and appreciated.

Pastor Julia expressed that the work of the Deacons with whom she has had the privilege to participate have been some of her most important connection points with our congregation. The Deacons present, many of whom have served as Deacons multiple times over the years, confirmed they enjoy the opportunity being a Deacon provides to them to connect with and build relationships with members they serve. A few of the key comments made included:

- ⇒ Deacons 'do' things with and on behalf of our members and that is meaningful to them.
- ⇒ As Deacons they feel they are the hands and feet of the church.
- ⇒ Connecting with members, in-person or even via telephone, is important to the members and that importance comes through to the Deacons.
- ⇒ Love is a verb...and the Deacons exemplify that with their time with members.
- ⇒ Once you can make a meaningful connection with members who often can't get to church, that results in a relationship built to last over many years.
- ⇒ They highly recommend being a Deacon to all church members; it is an experience that brings personal satisfaction from serving others.

### OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

- ⇒ Sharon Kinsey attended the February Assembly meeting of Presbytery and reported that the focus of our Presbytery in 2025 will be on 'the Radical Message of Jesus.' Jesus called us to be committed and to communicate, to show mercy, be welcoming, encourage justice and to protect vulnerable people. We need to stick together as we try to do what Jesus called us to do.
- ⇒ Finance Team Moderator Jerry Kahrs presented findings of the just-received outside audit report which included the statement there were "no material issues identified."
- ⇒ iEngage Team and Buildings & Grounds Team, in conjunction with Director of Technology Jeff Whitney, have installed and are testing a 'hearing enhancement' system in the Sanctuary that "should" allow individuals with hearing aids AND Bluetooth capability between their cell phone and their hearing aids to be able to have 'enhanced' sound in the Sanctuary without feedback from the speakers already emitting sound in the Sanctuary. If it works as expected, it will be permanently installed.

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### MOTIONS APPROVED

- The **Job Description for the role of Treasurer** at FPCVG as presented by the Personnel Team. This will be used when speaking to anyone about what this role for our church entails. Today, and for the past several decades, our church has had a volunteer in this part-time role. However, that may not always be the case if a qualified and interested volunteer is not available and willing to serve. Remaining to be determined is the estimated number of hours per month this role requires of a person.
- **Policy & Procedures Guideline: For Weaponry on Church Premises** that calls for posting that *“the possession of firearms, knives (other than small pocket knives), explosives or any other weapons is strictly prohibited on church property.”* This policy statement was presented by the Polity Task Force and will be posted at all entrances and elsewhere on church property.
  - ◇ This policy applies to all individuals on church property, including but not limited to congregants, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors.
  - ◇ Holders of concealed weapons permits are NOT exempt from this policy unless they meet the identified Exceptions in the policy for Uniformed or Badge-Carrying Law Enforcement Officers or have special written prior permission by Session.
- A **banner**, presented by iEngage, to be installed above the name badge holding area in the Narthex that recognizes FPCV as a member of the Covenant Network and confirms we are a ‘welcoming’ church. The banner includes symbols displaying all the “inclusionary” symbols such as those welcoming those in wheelchairs, those with hearing impairments, et.al.
- **Funds raised during Vacation Bible Church** to be used for purchasing backpacks and other school supplies.
- **Reports from the following Teams and Staff** were received without discussion:

◇ Minutes of the Annual Meeting 02.02.25	◇ Session Mtg Minutes 01.22.25
◇ Director of Faith Formation	◇ Associate Pastor in Residence Julia
◇ Deacons	◇ Pastor Kim Adams
◇ Congregational Life	◇ Buildings & Grounds
◇ Mission	◇ iEngage
◇ Treasurer	

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes which will be *posted in the glass-enclosed announcement board* in the Hospitality Center once they are approved. **In the meantime**, please contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk Pro Tem if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hubbard, Clerk Pro Tem of Session



## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY



### *Palm Sunday Lunch*

Sunday, April 13, 2025  
Following Worship/  
Palm Sunday Processional  
Fellowship Hall

RSVP by April 6, 2025 to  
Rose Ross: [heross@comcast.net](mailto:heross@comcast.net)  
All are welcome!

### ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON  
MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.  
AND  
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned dates/times during the in-person at FPC Valpo. Online worship is available (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC YouTube channel).

All are invited to the communion table in your home by bringing a piece of bread/cracker and a cup of juice/wine or whatever common elements you have to celebrate communion. This way, our faith community can be joined together for the sacrament even though we are physically apart.

### DUE DATES: TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

DUE DATE FOR TIDINGS ARTICLES is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. March articles are due by Feb. 15.) Please email articles to Dawn in the church office at [dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org)

DUE DATE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES, SCREENS, FIRST NOTES AND/OR ADVERTISEMENTS is noon the Monday prior to the publication.

Please email bulletin announcements and First Notes articles to Dawn in the church office at: [dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org).

Please email screen announcements to Jeff at [jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org).

THANK YOU!





## EASTER FLOWERS

It's that time of year again! If you would like to order flowers for Easter Sunday Worship Services, please forward the following information to **the church office** by **Friday, April 11, 2025**. Flowers to choose from are Daffodils and Tulips. The price is \$12.79 per plant. Please include Easter Flowers on the check memo line.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Daffodils: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.79 per plant

Number of Tulips: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.79 per plant



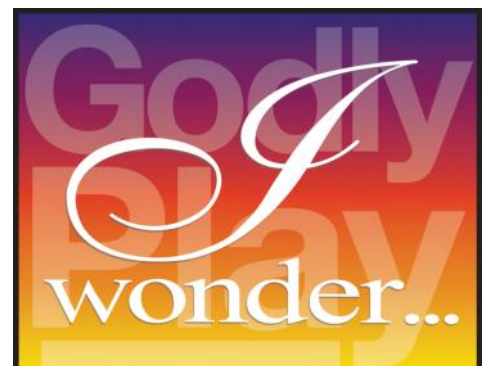
### JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS AS WE EXPLORE ALL THE STORIES OF THE BIBLE THROUGH WONDER & PLAY.

Meet us at 9:00 a.m. in room 144 for  
Music with Mr. Harry.

Followed by our Godly Play lesson in room 141.

Class will conclude at 9:45 a.m. when children will be  
led to the Playground in the Sanctuary.

Any questions, feel free to reach out to:  
Trish Lawson, Director of Faith Formation at  
[tlawson@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tlawson@fpcvalpo.org)



## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

In March, our preschool classes had a Book-A-Thon fundraiser and participated in many spring learning activities. In April we will be having fun celebrating with an Easter party and Donuts with Dad.

The preschool is always welcoming volunteers and donations. In April, we would love to have a volunteer come to share their favorite Easter book.

If you would like to donate to the preschool supplies; we would appreciate:

- Clorox Wipes
- Elmer's Glue
- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Mini Plastic Cups
- Napkins

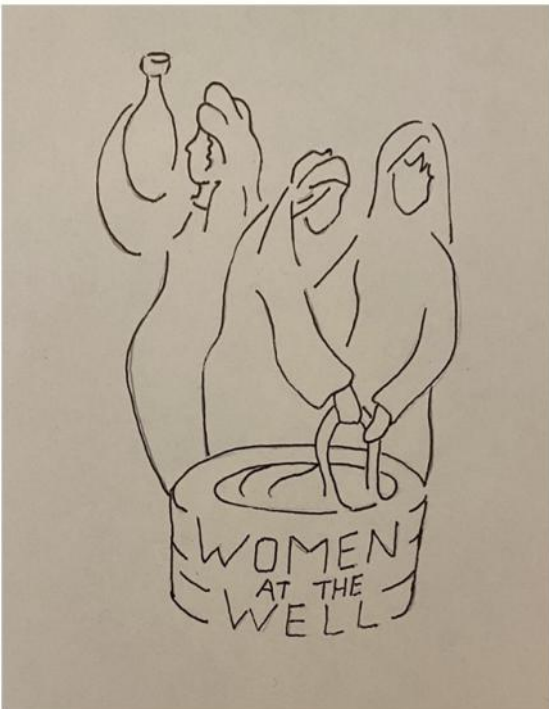
Please email your inquiries to [Fpp@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:Fpp@fpcvalpo.org)

**FALL REGISTRATION:** The registration for the 2025-2026 preschool classes is open. More information on class offerings and registration forms can be found on our Facebook page or website:

<https://www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org/classes>.

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## THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM NEWS



The Women's Ministry Team invites the women of First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso, friends, family and neighbors for a day of Faith, Food and Fun with the day's theme:

### *The Tree of Life*

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

First Presbyterian Church  
3401 N. Valparaiso St  
Valparaiso, In. 46383

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**RSVP by April 11, 2025**

[tlawson@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tlawson@fpcvalpo.org)

***\*Childcare will be available\****

*I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.  
~Ephesians 3:17*

*You make a difference.*

**Thank you  
for your continued  
support.**



**American Red Cross**



## **BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS**

### **First Presbyterian Church**

Goal = 34 pints

Donors Registered = 37

First-time Donors = 1

Pints Collected = 34

**Your support will go a long way toward replenishing blood  
supplies and ultimately saving lives!**

**One single blood donation can help save more than one life.**

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [facebook.com/redcrossblood](https://facebook.com/redcrossblood) | [@redcrossbloodXX](https://twitter.com/redcrossbloodXX)

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. Theme078.Size005 | 2012/07 © 2012 The American National Red Cross | 07/12AP295

### **RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT**



Soon-to-be third-grader Ben received blood and platelet transfusions while waiting for a bone marrow transplant. At age 3, he was diagnosed with severe aplastic anemia, a disease that caused his bone marrow to function improperly and compromised his immune system. While waiting for a bone marrow transplant match, blood and platelet transfusions helped keep him alive. Now after his transplant, Ben is doing well. He enjoys sports, is an avid gamer and will soon enter third grade.

*A Zen saying.....*

*If there is light in the soul,  
There is beauty in the person,  
If there is beauty in the person,  
There will be harmony in the house,  
If there is harmony in the house,  
There will be order in the nation,  
If there is order in the nation,  
There will be peace in the world.*

To some, this saying may seem quaint. After all, given the current level of division and animus in our country; shifting alliances throughout the world; on-going wars and the unwillingness among countries (including our own) to work together to solve pressing existential problems that threaten all life, our world (like an individual experiencing severe emotional breakdown) seems to be becoming increasingly disordered.

So how might we expect the practice of gratitude to rectify this strife? **To understand how gratitude can affect a society more broadly, perhaps we, first, need to recognize that it's opposite is *resentment*.** Resentment is a complex multilayered emotion of grievance. It is often described as a mixture of disappointment, disgust and anger frequently resulting from a *perceived or real* insult or injury. Inherent in resentment is a perception of unfairness and “*sense of lack.*”

When we understand the underlying emotions that contribute to resentment it is not hard to recognize resentment in the public sphere, often *intentionally* played out daily before our eyes and ears. It has infected our country and society (one of the richest in the world) and our personal relationships.

***But, friends, the opposite of resentment is gratitude!*** With that in mind, I am sharing the following article which suggests that the virtue of gratitude, internalized and more broadly practiced, can steer us back to a stronger sense of personal integrity and, ultimately, contribute to a more stable world. Perhaps that is what Jesus meant when he invoked the idea of “the kingdom.”

Peace to you during this Lenten season,

Kathy Joseph

**“In *everything* give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”**

**--1 Thessalonians 5:18**



***How Can Our Gratitude Contribute to World Peace?***

By Dr. Carrie Howells

If we are to bring about world peace, we first need to ask ourselves if how we think and what we say and do can make a difference. This is not a trite question. We need to ask this first if gratitude is to have relevance and be a transformative force.

Gratitude brings light to the soul because it shines a light on our sense of interconnectedness with one another. It immediately awakens us to what we receive from each other. This extends beyond our immediate connections with people we know personally to include a wide array of people who contribute to our world. For example, just reflecting on gratitude for the rice we are about to eat at mealtimes can expand our awareness of those who planted the rice in India and then to those who harvested the rice and transported it and sold it. Thousands of people could have our thanks extended to them in this way.

Such a sense of interconnectedness brightens the ‘light in our soul’ because it moves us out of our individualism and separateness and towards a recognition of our absolute dependence on others. This may make us feel less indifferent to the senseless hurt inflicted on others. The philosopher Emmanuel Levinas has argued that it is a sense of interconnectedness that is required if we are to assume the “radical responsibility” for the other that is needed to make us act ethically and behave truly as a human being.

***“One of the most powerful ways to give back is to acknowledge to others what we have received from them.”***

When we acknowledge what we receive from another it has a motivating force that urges us to give back. One of the most powerful ways to give back is to acknowledge to others what we have received from them. This brings about what the social anthropologist Margaret Visser describes as “reconnaissance” – recognition of the others’ value in their very humanness through expressing gratitude to them.

For example, if we go to the corner store and the shopkeeper looks tired at 9:00 p.m. after a long day’s work, we might say something like: “I really appreciate your efforts in keeping the store open this late at night so I am able to buy this milk.” It seems like such a small gesture but one that could have an enormous impact in a world where that shopkeeper is seen as someone who is there solely to provide a transactional service, so not particularly deserving of our thanks. Every time we express genuine gratitude, we are basing our relationships less on transactions and more on a sense of appreciation for being given to by another. As sociologist Georg Simmel says, gratitude provides the moral cohesion of humankind.

***“Most importantly she teaches us that we cannot give affirmation – this reconnaissance through gratitude – to ourselves. It must be given to us by others.”***

When people feel recognized through the gratitude expressed by others, they feel more affirmed. Margaret Visser tells us that this is essential to our sense of belonging, identity and relationships. Most importantly she teaches us that we cannot give affirmation – this reconnaissance through gratitude – to ourselves. It must be given to us by others.

Gratitude also shines a light on the state that is its opposite – resentment. The words we use towards and about others are key points of reflection as to whether they arise from resentment or gratitude. If we find ourselves backbiting or gossiping or disparaging, we are doing the opposite of reconnaissance or interconnectedness. We are separating and dividing ourselves from others and disaffirming them.

At the core of most wars and atrocities is the resentment we hold in our hearts. Our reflection on how we could do things differently next time, not only steers us back towards gratitude and personal integrity, but is a crucial step towards world peace. We are taking ‘radical responsibility.’ Our own gratitude can make a difference.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for scholarships and the service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church will be available on-line at <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/scholarships> on April 1, 2025. Please submit completed forms to the following address by June 8, 2025:

First Presbyterian Church, 3401 N. Valparaiso Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383 Attn: Scholarship Committee

- The annual Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are available to high school graduates of any age who are pursuing education toward an associate, baccalaureate, or advanced academic or professional degree.
- The annual Lillian Wilson Graeber Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is active in First Presbyterian Church and in the community, and who has been accepted by a two or four-year institution of higher learning.
- The First Presbyterian Church Service Award will go to a graduating high school senior who has made meaningful contributions to church, school and/or community and is implementing post-secondary education plans.
- Additionally, because of a generous and anonymous donation made last year, the scholarship committee is able to offer an award to adult or traditional-aged church members pursuing any type of post-secondary education plans.

Anyone with questions may contact Committee members: Jason Gordon [jrgordon@comcast.net](mailto:jrgordon@comcast.net), Connie Knauff [pcknauff@comcast.net](mailto:pcknauff@comcast.net), Doug Hollar [djhollar@comcast.net](mailto:djhollar@comcast.net), Cathy Greenawald [cathygreenawald@comcast.net](mailto:cathygreenawald@comcast.net).

## MISSION NEWS

### DAYBREAK/PADS OPPORTUNITIES

**Daybreak Homeless Shelter is in need of volunteers!!**

Visit: <https://daybreakvalpo.org/volunteer>

They really need volunteers to provide and cook meals for around 30 people starting at 5:00 PM each night. To help with the overnight, Shifts run from 7:00pm - 11:00pm, 11:00pm - 3:00am, and 3:00am - 7:00am.

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### THANK YOU

I personally want to thank everyone who participated in feeding those who came to the Hilltop soup kitchen and made desserts for their annual Soups dinner. There was an amazing turnout for both events! As they say, many hands make light work. -Lisa

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### WE MAKE INDIANA NEWS

We Make Indiana is a non-Partisan organization that unites faith communities to make Indiana safe, healthy and whole. We work together to transform our community, so everyone has the opportunity to prosper. In Porter County, we envision where all people have access to healthcare, live in safe, affordable housing, and enjoy clean air and water. We are a movement that partners with public officials to affect public policies so everyone can flourish.

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

- ◆ April 1: **6:00 PM CT Turnout Training for Housing Assembly Tuesday, April 1, Trinity Lutheran Church, Valparaiso** to fill the room with 200+ people, we need at least five people from each congregation to attend this training and help organize turnout. Will you join us? [RSVP](https://secure.everyaction.com/MO6L3_cEnkCopwP99jaXfw2?emci=a4b2c983-3700-f011-90cd-0022482a9fb7&emdi=cb704b22-cd01-f011-90cd-0022482a9fb7&ceid=50261) ([https://secure.everyaction.com/MO6L3\\_cEnkCopwP99jaXfw2?emci=a4b2c983-3700-f011-90cd-0022482a9fb7&emdi=cb704b22-cd01-f011-90cd-0022482a9fb7&ceid=50261](https://secure.everyaction.com/MO6L3_cEnkCopwP99jaXfw2?emci=a4b2c983-3700-f011-90cd-0022482a9fb7&emdi=cb704b22-cd01-f011-90cd-0022482a9fb7&ceid=50261)) today to ensure your community shows up!
- ◆ April 4: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM with Sen. Ed Charbonneau at St. Paul Catholic Church's Social Hall
- ◆ May 3: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Large group assembly with all legislators to discuss affordable/attainable housing.

**Please come to as many events as possible!**

If you have any questions, reach out to Beth Germann or Bonnie Swarner.

# CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	PCPS Board Meeting	154, 155
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Building and Grounds	154, 155
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	154, 155

Thursday, April 3, 2025

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, April 4, 2025

Saturday, April 5, 2025

8:00 AM	Awakening Team	FPC
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Sunday, April 6, 2025

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	FPC

Monday, April 7, 2025

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, April 8, 2025

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:00 PM	Preschool Team	100
4:30 PM	Membership Team (TBD)	Friendship Room
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154, 155

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
7:00 PM	Finance Team (TBD)	154, 155

Thursday, April 10, 2025

9:00 AM	MT Meeting	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, April 11, 2025

Saturday, April 12, 2025

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Sunday, April 13, 2025		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:30 AM	Palm Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 14, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, April 15, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 16, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
Thursday, April 17, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, April 18, 2025		
Saturday, April 19, 2025		
Sunday, April 20, 2025		
7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Service	Pavilion
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
9:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt	Pavilion
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, April 21, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, April 22, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 23, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	Finance Team (TBD)	154, 155
Thursday, April 24, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	FPC
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, April 25, 2025		
7:00 AM	Report/Minutes due for Session packet	Email
Saturday, April 26, 2025		
9:00 AM	Women's Retreat (until 4:00 p.m.)	FPC

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## CALENDAR

Sunday, April 27, 2025

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	GLS/Sweet Adelines Family & Friends	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 28, 2025

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, April 29, 2025

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155

*\* on calendar denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel:*

[www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream](http://www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream),  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAmVd6XW\\_pTQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAmVd6XW_pTQ), or  
[www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo](https://www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo)

### MISSION STATEMENT:

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 Serving in Christ's Name

**FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:**



- Building congregational vitality
- Dismantling structural racism
- Eradicating systemic poverty

[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 3  
Victoria Olling

April 6  
Kim Klancer

April 11  
Allison Schmitt

April 12  
Connie Knauff

April 14  
Ginger Boys  
Pat Buckwell  
Rhonda Coffin  
Janice Loudermilk  
Stephen Williams

April 15  
April Fifield

April 16  
Julie Fletcher-Golding  
Hayden Hughes

April 18  
Jeanne Turner

April 19  
Mike Croarkin

April 20  
Mary Henrichs  
Kathryne Penninga

April 21  
Mark Ribordy

April 22  
Kathy Evans  
Tom Swihart

April 23  
Cameron Hebert  
Michael McKee

April 30  
Terry Diedrich  
Mike Nuppnau  
Denise Stanko

*If we inadvertently  
missed your  
birthday, please  
contact the church*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE MINISTRY

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, don't hesitate to contact the Prayer Warriors through the Prayer and Praise Ministry chain:  
[bcgermann@gmail.com](mailto:bcgermann@gmail.com) or (219) 477-9964

## MINISTRY ROSTER

### SEXTON

Open: Rick Exley  
Close: Paul Knauff

### ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

April 6 Harry Karabel  
April 20 Rose Ross

### DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

April 13 Paul Knauff  
April 27 Jean Patton

### LITURGIST SCHEDULE

April 6 Mike Becker  
April 13 Andrew  
April 20 Mike Becker  
April 27 Presbys

### USHER SCHEDULE

April 6 David Goodwin  
Michael McKee  
Suk McKee  
April 13 Connie Knauff  
Paul Knauff  
Steve Scarborough

### Maundy Thursday

April 17  
7:00 p.m. Kathy Joseph  
Jerry Kahrs  
Trent Olling

### Easter Sun.

April 20  
10:00 a.m. Amy Press  
Ryne Press  
Rose Ross

April 27 Julie Fletcher-Golding  
Ben Keller  
Madison Keller

### COMMUNION SERVERS

### Maundy Thursday

April 17  
7:00 p.m. Sheya Bennett  
Gina Peyton  
Jim Peyton

### Easter Sunday

April 20  
10:00 a.m. Mike Becker  
Michael McKee  
Rose Ross

### COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

### Maundy Thursday

April 17  
7:00 p.m. Jim Peyton

### Easter Sunday

April 20  
10:00 a.m. Sheya Bennett

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CHURCH STAFF

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<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Matthew Byerly.....	iEngage Team*   Worship Team*
Rhonda Coffin.....	Stewardship Team
Jim Gray.....	Mission Team
Madison Keller.....	Faith Formation Team*   Membership Team*
Sharon Kinsey.....	Faith Formation Team   Stewardship Team*
Jerry Kahrs.....	Finance Team   Building and Grounds Team*
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Team
Johnny Lawson .....	iEngage Team*
Linda Long.....	Mission Team **
Kathryne Penninga.....	Worship Team   Nominating Committee *
Rose Ross.....	Congregational Life Team
Chip Wilkes .....	Personnel Team*   Finance Team*

\*denotes Elder Rep.

\*\*denotes Vice Moderator

### Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer, Moderator

### Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

### Membership Clerk & Moderator of Membership

Elizabeth Monroe

### Board of Deacons

Beth Germann, Moderator

### Personnel Team

Jim Hubbard, Moderator

### Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

### Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

### Treasurer

Linda Long

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