

## First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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



## The Caring Place



### OUR NEIGHBOR, THE CARING PLACE, NEEDS THE COMMUNITY'S HELP!

With the recent changes to SNAP benefits, many of their residents are facing added challenges in accessing consistent meals. They are asking our amazing community to come together and help them provide warm dinners for the clients currently living at their shelter.

Sign up to provide a meal, gather a group, or send takeout...  
every meal makes a difference!

[Meal Train for The Caring Place, Inc](https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/n9o3zq)  
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## 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.

## PRESBYS YOUTH GROUP

### PRESBYS YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR 2026

#### January:

- January 4th Souper Bowl of Caring collection begins  
January 7th Presbys 5:30-7:30 p.m. room 100  
January 14th Presbys 5:30-7:00 p.m. Boys and Girls Club Teen Room  
January 21st Presbys 5:30-7:30 p.m. room 100  
January 25th TBD

#### February:

- February 4th Presbys 5:30-7:30 p.m. room 100  
February 8th Souper Bowl of Caring last collection date  
February 11th Presbys 5:30-7:300 p.m. Boys and Girls Club Teen room.  
February 17th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 4:00 p.m. (cook & set up) 5-7 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
Presbys led and FF team support  
February 18th Ash Wednesday Family Service 5:30-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary  
February 22nd Presbys Sunday night service **TBD**

### MEMBERSHIP TEAM NEWS



#### MEMBERSHIP TEAM NEWS PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS DONATION BOX

During this season of giving it is also an opportunity to think about our neighbors. As you shop, all are welcome to pick up a couple of extra items to add to the donation box in the Narthex. These donations will be delivered to Hilltop House regularly. Those in need greatly appreciate your gifts for their personal care and FPC's Membership Team thanks you for your support of the project.



**SECOND MILE OFFERING  
FOR  
JANUARY IS RECEIVED FOR  
Church World Services Blankets**

### **CWS BLANKETS**

*Blanket the World in Love*

Blanketing the world in love is easy when people of faith unite through the Church World Service (CWS) Blankets and Kits ministry. Together, we can offer comfort, hope and warmth to our neighbors during their most challenging times.

Imagine the impact of your compassion. Each blanket and kit serves as a tangible expression of God's love—sharing warmth on a chilly night, relief in a crisis and a reminder that someone truly cares.



**Join other generous donors and share tangible expressions of love with our neighbors in need:**

**\$10** Provides a CWS Blanket to someone in need.

**\$25** Provides a CWS Blanket and a CWS Hygiene Kit, offering warmth and essential supplies.

**\$60** Family Bundle! Provides blankets and hygiene kits for an entire family, ensuring that they have what they need during challenging times.



*Be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.  
Donate to CWS Blankets today! Scan this QR code to get started*



*Scan Me!*



### Join Others in Sharing *Love and Hope*

"Seeing families' faces light up as we hand them CWS Blankets and Hygiene Kits was unforgettable. These blankets and kits are more than supplies—they're gifts of hope."

—Tamara Skillern, *Rise & Shine, Rosenberg Library, Galveston, TX*

**When you support CWS Blankets you:**



*Provide Immediate Solutions*



*Connect with Other People of Faith*



*Follow Christ's Example*

God of hope and promises, we pray by sharing these blankets and kits that God's love will be spread far and wide.

**Donate today! Give cash, write a check payable to CWS Blankets or visit [cwsblankets.org/donate](http://cwsblankets.org/donate)**

*"And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God."*

*-2 Corinthians 9:11*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our preschool is back and ready to kick off the 2026 new year! Winter Break has come to an end and our students are back, rested and ready to learn! We loved hearing all of their stories about the holiday season and all that the students did over break with their families and friends. What a blessed and magical time for all!

This month, our Early Learners will be focusing on shapes and our Pre-K students will continue to build on learning the alphabet, numbers and writing names. We will be having parent/teacher conferences this month to discuss each child's progress throughout the school year as well.

As we look ahead to future student enrollment, registration is open for families looking for a wonderful place for their child's education. We would be happy to give a tour of the facility and speak to any families interested in our preschool program. Families can register online or registration forms are available as well!

### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

For more info, please call: 219-464-4985 or email: [Fpp@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:Fpp@fpcvalpo.org)

Register online at [www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org](http://www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org) or visit our First Presbyterian Preschool Facebook page as well.

### **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. February articles are due by January 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!**



## CALENDAR

Thursday, January 1, 2026 - Happy New Year - Church Office Closed

Friday, January 2, 2026

Saturday, January 3, 2026

Sunday, January 4, 2026 – Souper Bowl of Caring Collection Begins

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Congregational Life	Friendship Room

Monday, January 5, 2026

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

10:00 AM	Faithful Friends Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Building and Grounds Team	154/155
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	145
5:30 PM	Presbys	101
6:30 PM	Worship Team Meeting	154/155

Thursday, January 8, 2026

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

Friday, January 9, 2026

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary

Monday, January 12, 2026

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, January 13, 2026

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
4:00 PM	Preschool Team Meeting	100
4:30 PM	Membership Team (TBC)	101
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154/155

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

10:00 AM	Faithful Friends Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Presbys	Boys & Girls' Club
6:00 PM	iEngage Team	Online

Thursday, January 15, 2026

10:00 AM	Comfort Stitchers	154/155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, January 16, 2026

Saturday, January 17, 2026

## CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18, 2026	9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
	10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
January 19, 2026 - Martin L. King, Jr. Day ~	Church Office Closed: Day of Service		
	6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, January 20, 2026	12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
	1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
	6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Deacons Meeting	154/155
Wednesday, January 21, 2026	10:00 AM	Faithful Friends Bible Study	101
	11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting (TBC)	FPC
	2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
	5:30 PM	Presbys	101
	7:00 PM	Finance Team	154/155
Thursday, January 22, 2026	10:00 AM	Comfort Stitchers	154/155
	5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 23, 2026			
Saturday, January 24, 2026			
Sunday, January 25, 2026	9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
	10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	TBD	Presbys	TBD
Monday, January 26, 2026	6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, January 27, 2026	12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
	1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
	4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
	6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	10:00 AM	Faithful Friends Bible Study	101
	2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
	6:30 PM	Session Meeting	
Thursday, January 29, 2026	10:00 AM	Comfort Stitchers	154/155
	5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, January 30, 2026			
Saturday, January 31, 2026	7:30 AM	Scouts Event	Fellowship Hall

***Worship is in-person and streamed online: Facebook, [fpcvalpo.org](http://fpcvalpo.org), FPC YouTube Channel:***

[www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream](http://www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream),

[www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAMVd6XW\\_pTQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAMVd6XW_pTQ), or

[www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo](http://www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 1 Rose Ross Scott Werhane	January 15 Kennedy Thomas
January 3 Beverly Dudek	January 16 Jason Adams Judy Schumacher
January 5 Mary Brown	January 18 Brad Dirks
January 6 Matthew Byerly Judy Hollar	January 20 Stacey Buehler Ethan Luick
January 7 Sharon Harris	January 22 Olga Koch
January 9 Ruth Dickey	January 25 Lynsey Buehler
January 10 Todd Coffin	January 29 Aubree Hughes Amy Press
January 11 Owen Crews Ginger Hedrick	January 31 Bob Sopata
January 12 Pat Lowe	

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

## MINISTRY ROSTER

<b>SEXTON</b>	
Open:	Mike Becker
Close:	Jim Hubbard
<b>ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE</b>	
January 4	Rose Ross
January 18	Jim Peyton
<b>DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE</b>	
January 11	Paul Knauff
January 25	Dan Saros
<b>LITURGIST SCHEDULE</b>	
January 4	Michael McKee
January 11	Jason Adams
January 18	Jim Peyton
January 25	Presbys
<b>USHER SCHEDULE</b>	
January 4	Jim Gray Denise Walker Mike Walker
January 11	Jason Adams Rose Ross
January 18	Ben Keller Madison Keller Julie Fletcher-Golding
January 25	Mary Brown Jim Hubbard Sharon Hubbard
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>	
January 11	Mike Becker Sharon Kinsey Michael McKee
<b>COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP</b>	
January 11	Beth Germann

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CHURCH STAFF

## E-MAIL ADDRESS

Rev. Kim Adams .....	..... kadams@fpcvalpo.org
Rev. Nancy Becker, Parish Associate.....	..... churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Dr. John Bernthal, Organist.....	..... churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
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*In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office at 219-464-4985.*

### Elders of Session

### Ministry Team

Rhonda Coffin .....	Stewardship Team
Jim Gray .....	Finance Team   Worship Team*
Madison Keller.....	Membership Team*   Mission Team*
Leila Buford .....	Faith Formation Team   Nominating Committee
Jim Gray .....	Finance Team
Jerry Kahrs .....	Finance Team*   Building and Grounds Team*
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Team
Johnny Lawson.....	iEngage Team*
Jim Peyton .....	Mission Team
Andrea Phillips.....	Member Team
Kathryne Penninga .....	Worship Team   Congregational Life Team*
Rose Ross .....	Congregational Life Team
Allison Schmitt.....	Faith Formation Team*   Personnel Team*

\*denotes Elder Rep.

\*\*denotes Vice Moderator

### Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer, Moderator

### Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

### Membership Clerk

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

Jerry Kahrs

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First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso (public) and  
FPCVALPO (closed)