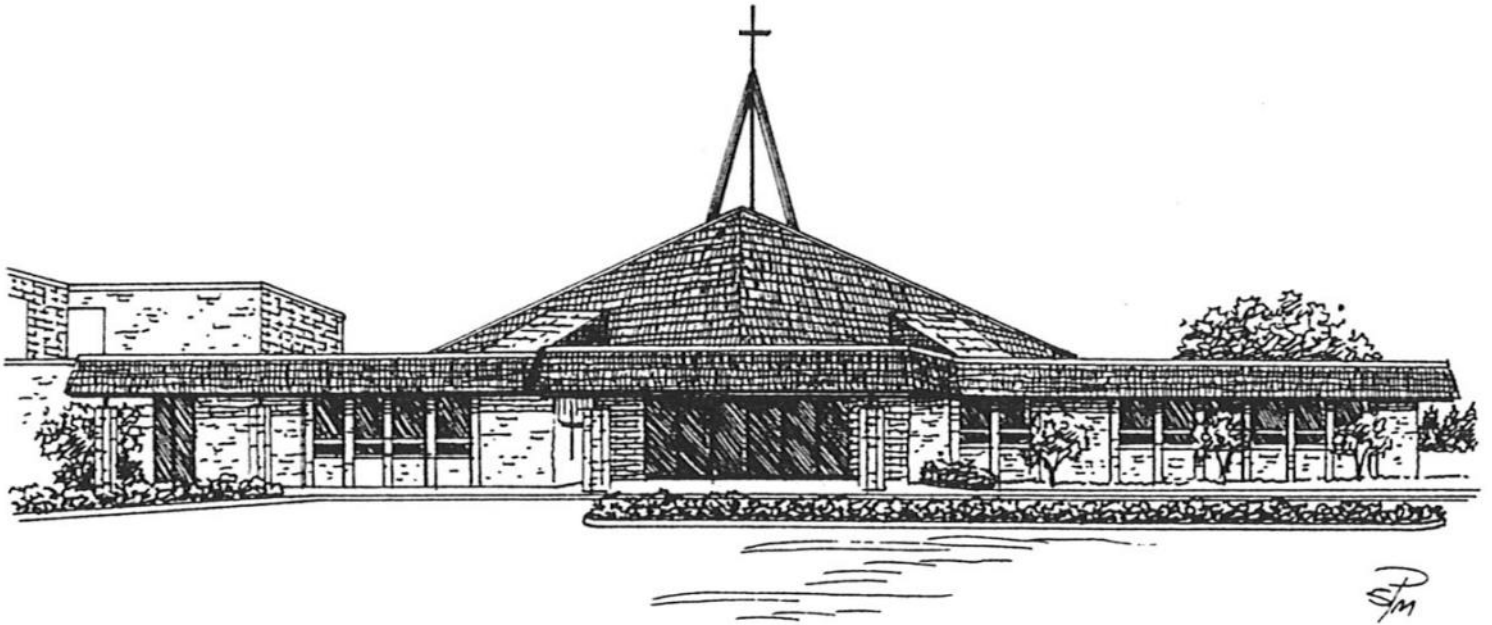


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M. (CST)

JANUARY 21, 2024

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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*Please silence your phones.*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus called to Simon and Andrew.

**Many: And they followed him.**

One: Jesus called to James and John.

**Many: And they followed him.**

One: Jesus called to many, of all life situations, all ages, all ethnicities and all over the world.

**Many: And they followed him.**

One: Jesus calls to us.

**Many: Let us follow him.**

\*HYMN

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

No. 692

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you, to proclaim your love and lordship through our thoughts, words and actions. And yet, so often, we do what is easy and comfortable, instead of what you call us to do. Forgive us, Lord, and in your mercy and love, help us to know that because you love us, you give us the ability to love others. Help us, in our words and actions in our families and communities, to reflect your love and joy. In your name we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confession*

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

### \* PRAISE RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

No. 581

### \* PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Likewise, greet each other in Christian love.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Come and Follow Me*

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## THE WORD

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### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

Psalm 62:5-12

#### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*Following Jesus*

Rev. Julia Zhao

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## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

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### \* HYMN

*Take My Life*

No. 697

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church<sup>+</sup>; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission Church World Service Blanket Ministry

Screens

### \* HYMN

*The Summons*

No. 726

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \* POSTLUDE

## GLIMPSES OF VIBRANCY

- Live streaming on severely cold days that joins us together in worship with Word and music, even at home including the richness of seeing at least some of us
- “Who’s Listening?” in the lesson of Eli & Samuel and the invitation to “come and see” in the lesson of Philip & Nathanael, and then do the work to talk about and take action when the Spirit reveals “uncomfortable truths” like racism and poverty
- Prayers through hymns and spoken words that remind disciples of Jesus to engage in conversations and ministry that bend toward justice for disadvantaged people with a “Day-On” instead of a day-off, remembering the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

(vv. 1, 2, 6)

*Apostles' Creed*

<sup>+</sup>denotes Universal Church

Offering/gifts to the church are received in the offering plates, mailed to the church, online at [fpcvalpo.org](http://fpcvalpo.org) and via electronic transfer. Grateful for all.

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

## GRATITUDE FOR ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Sexton: Ushers: Cathy Cole  
Open: Mike Becker  
Close: Jim Hubbard Zane Cole  
Steve Scarborough

Elder on Call: Gina Peyton Children's Moment: Trish Lawson

Liturgist: Ron Phillips

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### ROSEBUD

Today's rosebud is given in praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of new life, a son, Harrison Graham born December 29 to Jordan and Megan Heckard. Proud grandparents are Steve and Dawn Heckard.

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### PRAYER & 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.

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- ♦ Building congregational vitality
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- ♦ Eradicating systemic poverty

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 22, 2024

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
12:30 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
2:00 PM	Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
7:00 PM	PADS	FPC

Thursday, January 25, 2024

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

Friday, January 26, 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2024

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

### PADS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Volunteers are needed for PADS ministry. Please find the following opportunities:

January 24	February 14
6-10 PM	6:30 -7:30 PM Intake
7 PM Dinner	6-10 PM
2 - 6 AM Shift	2 - 6 AM Shift
6-7 AM Thursday Breakfast	6-7 AM Thursday Breakfast
January 31	February 21
6-10 PM	6:30 -7:30 PM Intake
2 - 6 AM Shift January	6-10 PM
6-7 AM Thursday Breakfast	2 - 6 AM Shift
Laundry Pick Up on Thurs., Feb. 1	6-7 AM Thursday Breakfast
February 7	February 28
6:30 -7:30 PM Intake	6:30 -7:30 PM Intake
6-10 PM	6-10 PM
7 PM Dinner	2 - 6 AM Shift
2 - 6 AM Shift	7 PM Dinner
6-7 AM Thursday Breakfast	6-7 AM Thursday Breakfast

If you have any questions,  
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219-477-9964

or

[bcgermann@gmail.com](mailto:bcgermann@gmail.com).

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### SECOND MILE OFFERING

January's Second Mile Offering is being received  
for

Church World Service's Ministry and its work with worldwide refugees.



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