

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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



“**What was I made for?**” This is a question asked by many people ranging from teenagers figuring out what they want to do for an occupation to retired adults striking out on a new path. The fact of the matter is we all were made for the same thing. Ephesians 2:10 says “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.” It is just a matter of **how** we go about doing what we were made for.

The theme of our 2025 Pledge Drive is “**What We Were Made For.**” It is not a question – it is a statement. As children of God, we have been made to be in relationship with God, love others, and take care of the rest of creation. It is through the giving of our time, talents, and treasure that we can work towards what we were made for and help our church’s mission which is Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ’s Name.

Through everyone working together, our church has helped many, both locally and globally, be able to do what they were made for. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial contribution for the year 2025 and indicate that on a pledge card to be turned in by September 22 – the date of our Celebration Sunday. We will gather on September 22 after the church service for a luncheon and time to give thanks for our blessings and celebrate all that we will be able to do with what we give back. Please let the church know by September 8 if you will be able to come to lunch so that we may plan accordingly.

Thank you so much!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL
CELEBRATION SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 22, 2024
In Fellowship Hall following worship

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.”
Ephesians 2:10

Celebration Sunday Response Card

Kindly Respond On or Before September 8, 2024

M _____

_____ **Will Attend** _____ **Will Not Attend**

of Children _____

SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to:

the Rick and Kay Exley family on the death of their cousin, Rick Kepshire;

the John and Trish Lawson family on the death of Trish’s grandmother, Rose Monteleone; and

the Jason and Becky Gordon family upon the death of Jason’s brother.

PLANNED GIVING

SEEDS AND TREES; JOY AND GIVING

In last month's Tidings, Paul Knauff reminded us again of all the reasons good stewardship of our resources requires that we have a will. At our last Planned Giving meeting we acknowledged that statistics confirm that despite ongoing encouragement to do so, many of us still don't have a will. Some of us have one, but it needs to be updated. Many of us have one but have never gotten around to being specific about how much we want to leave to those other than our children. **That last statement led several on our team to acknowledge a feeling of comfort and joy knowing that "my will includes a gift to the church that expresses not only my love of God but also the deep love and connection I feel for my church family and their future."**

One of Pastor Kim's sermons talked about planting seeds" for trees we'll never see." Gifts given through our wills become seeds providing future life and growth to the mission of First Presbyterian Church, "a future we will never see."

We also talked about the even greater joy of contributing to our church projects and missions here and now. A large portion of that contribution is given through our time and talents! We are also committed to funding our annual budget. Melding our time, talents and treasures together, we further His Kingdom in an atmosphere of joy, love, and thanksgiving!

Beyond that, there are times when we find opportunities to give back even more. What a blessing and joy it was, as we came to the Sharing Table and dedicated additional funds to enhance God's work and our worship and fellowship! Our energy-saving solar panels are among the first fruits of our Sharing Table initiative.

Many of us have been able to give, during our lifetime, additional gifts to benefit our church and its mission. We are greatly blessed by experiencing the joy of "planting trees that we do get to see"...and enjoy with our church family!

Examples of those gifts: the children's playground, the Meditation Pathway, the Memorial Pavilion, the picnic tables, chairs and tables, the remodeled garage, the chancel furniture, the comfy couches, chairs and tables, the grand piano, funding for the assistant pastor, the bikes and scooters, all the 2nd Mile Offering and food pantry donations, and more...

We are all blessed to have time, talents, and resources to give back to the glory of our Creator who gave them to us. What joy it is to give back...when our hearts are filled with love for God and others!

Doug Hollar

BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITY

LUNCH & PRAYER

Join Pastor Julia as she guides us through the next leg of the journey in the Sensible Shoes series:

Two Steps Forward

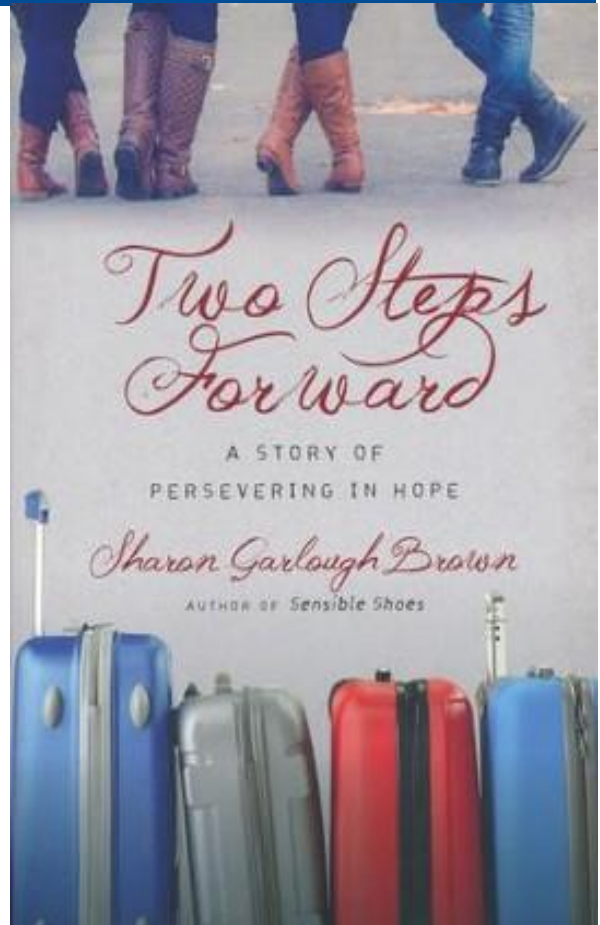
by pastor and spiritual director
Sharon Garlough Brown

with continuing prayer and Scripture reading practices from Christian tradition.

This is an 8-week offering
Sundays, Sept. 8th through Oct. 27, 2024 (skipping
September 22nd) 12pm-2pm in Room 101
*(Lunch will be served on September 8, 2024; all are
welcome to bring a sack lunch on the
other gathering dates.)*

Books can be purchased at
Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Target.

Those interested feel free to email Pastor Julia at
jzhao@fpcvalpo.org



ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned date/time during the in-person at FPC Valpo and online worship services (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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

September is the start of our new school year! We are very excited to offer two classes: Early Learners and Pre-K with the option of extended day.

Our Early Learners will be learning about colors and the routines of school.

Pre-K students will have units on apples, bears, cars, and dinosaurs.

Movement is so important for children; so we have gym time and outdoor activities (weather permitting) each school day.

If you are interested in volunteering in our classroom or subbing, there are opportunities available! Please send all inquiries to fpp@fpcvalpo.org

CRAFT FAIR OPPORTUNITY



CRAFT FAIR REGISTRATION FORM



VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

2024 Holiday Craft & Vendor Show

Saturday November 2, 2024

9am-3pm

3401 N. Valparaiso St.

Valparaiso, In, 46383

Non-refundable Registration Fee: \$25 (1 table and 2 chairs)

****Additional tables are \$25 each****

PAYABLE IN FULL AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

Check or Money Orders payable to:

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

(Spots are NOT reserved until the registration forms and fees are turned in)

Business Name (if applicable) _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Email _____

Website or Facebook _____

Cell Number _____

Number of tables requested _____ **Electrical needed: Y or N **End spot: Y or No

****Electrical and end spots are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis.**

Please provide a brief description of your product for the purpose of further advertisement

There will be two options for set up this year. You may choose to come Friday night from 5-7pm enter at door C or you can choose to come and set up Saturday as early as 7am.

Choose 1: Friday night set up _____ Saturday morning set up _____

Any questions please reach out: Trish Lawson 219-671-1205 or tmlawson77@yahoo.com

Certificate of Recognition

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In recognition of your commitment and dedication to the American Red Cross Premier Blood Partner Program. Your support is critical to our lifesaving mission. Each year we deliver nearly 6.4 million blood products to hospital patients—and we could not do it without you.

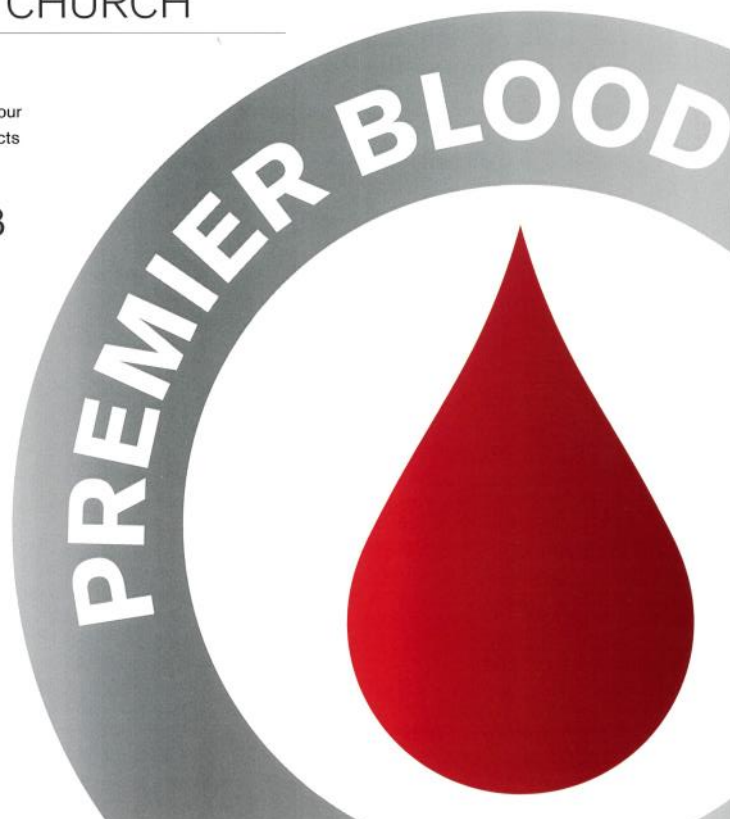
129 UNITS COLLECTED IN 2023



J. Chris Hrouda, President
Biomedical Services



American Red Cross
Premier Blood Partners Program



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 April 15.) Please email articles to Dawn in the church office at 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.

Please email screen announcements to Jeff at jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org.

THANK YOU!

Your Blood Program *Impact*

First Presbyterian Church January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

The lifesaving chain from blood donor to a patient in need depends on the commitment of our partners to host drives regularly throughout the year. Here's a snapshot of your recent lifesaving impact:



3 blood drives



129 units collected



112% efficiency



2 first-time donors



18 Power Red Donors



119 Registered Donors



43 APO (Average units collected per Operation)



Thank you for your lifesaving impact—your support proves to be an invaluable resource to the patients whose lives depend on it.

Behind all of the numbers, there are real people, real families and real hope!



Cody Hermeling was involved in a horrific car crash. After being-rescued from his crushed vehicle, Hermeling was transported to a local hospital where doctors gave him less than a 3 percent chance of survival. He sustained severe head trauma, numerous fractures and a ruptured spleen. Emergency treatments included receiving 187 pints of red blood cells, platelets and plasma. Hermeling survived his injuries—thanks in large part to medical care and volunteer blood and platelet donors. While the crash left him blind, he is otherwise healthy and well today. Since 2011, Hermeling and his mother have sponsored an annual blood drive with the Red Cross—collecting hundreds of pints of blood to benefit patients in need.

It is real peoples' stories like this that provide a true measure of the incredible impact of our combined efforts. Thank you for standing with the American Red Cross to help save lives.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Program
Leader

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP NEWS



Your Presbyterian Church Resale Shop is having a very good year! Donations have been plentiful; and sales have allowed us to donate \$14,500 to a variety of local causes, as well as providing lots of shoes, boots and T-shirts to Hilltop House and tons of bed linens to several animal shelters. We are fulfilling our mission and making a difference in our community.



August was devoted to summer clearance sales in preparation for our seasonal changeover. We plan to take full advantage of Popcorn Festival by offering sale prices on summer clothing and by featuring some very unique items that we have received.

We have welcomed several new volunteers; and we are always looking for more! We especially need help sorting donations and creating attractive sales displays. Can you give two hours per week? We also have special, one-time projects. Can you spare a few hours?

Being a volunteer could be the most rewarding "job" you have ever had! We'd love to have you join us!

Mary Linda Scott
Co-Moderator
Presbyterian Church Resale Shop Management Team
nana6987@hotmail.com
231-590-5799

DEACONS DOINGS

It's time for Deacons and other church bakers to dust off their cookie sheets and baking pans for the annual bake sale which is one of the features of the craft show to be held on November 2, 2024. The proceeds from the bake sale are used to fund work of the Deacons throughout the year. I'm already warming up my taste buds for Mary's famous pumpkin rolls!

Deacons continue to visit and send greetings to those unable to participate in regular church activities or who have special needs, as well as other duties,

Reminder to individuals and groups to be working on small gifts for Advent Bags which will be distributed at the end of November. Our goal is for 25 bags. Thanks to all.

A special shout out to Bob and Linda Marrs who prepared such a thorough set of guidelines for the Advent Bag project.



CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1, 2024		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Nom Com (TBC)	154, 155
Monday, September 2, 2024 – Labor Day:	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday, September 3, 2024		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	PCPS Board Meeting	154, 155
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
2:00 PM	Membership Team (TBC)	154, 155
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Awakening Team	FPC
6:30 PM	Planned Giving	101
Wednesday, September 4, 2024		
11:00 AM	Building and Grounds	154, 155
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	154, 155
Thursday, September 5, 2024		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, September 6, 2024		
Saturday, September 7, 2024		
Sunday, September 8, 2024		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FF Classes
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	FPC
11:00 AM	Nom Com (TBC)	154, 155
12:00 PM	Two Steps Forward - Book Club	101
Monday, September 9, 2024		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, September 10, 2024		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Awakening Team	FPC
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154, 155
Wednesday, September 11, 2024		
10:00 AM	Stewardship Team	154, 155
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
Thursday, September 12, 2024		
9:00 AM	MT Meeting	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, September 13, 2024		
Saturday, September 14, 2024		

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 15, 2024

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FF Classes
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Nom Com (TBC)	154, 155
12:00 PM	Two Steps Forward - Book Club	101

Monday, September 16, 2024

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting (TBC)	Hospitality Center
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101

Thursday, September 19, 2024

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

Friday, September 20, 2024

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Sunday, September 22, 2024

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FF Classes
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Nom Com (TBC)	154, 155
11:00 AM	Celebration Sun. Dinner	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 23, 2024

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, September 24, 2024

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

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155

Thursday, September 26, 2024

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

Friday, September 27, 2024

Saturday, September 28, 2024

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29, 2024

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FF Classes
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Nom Com (TBC)	154, 155
12:00 PM	Two Steps Forward - Book Club	101

Monday, September 30, 2024

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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* *on calendar denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel:*

www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream,
www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAmVd6XW_pTQ, or
www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us for 10:00 a.m. Worship outside under the pavilion first and third Sundays of the month, weather permitting, and in the sanctuary on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month at 10:00 a.m. through September.

WORSHIP FLOWER OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to donate worship flowers in honor/memory of a loved one or celebration, please fill out the information below and return it to the church office. **If you would like to have the flowers delivered to the church, please do so by noon the Friday prior to the Sunday service.** If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact the church office at 219-464-4985. Thank you.

Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22
Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 1 Bonnie Swarner	September 13 Suzan Von Her
September 2 Owen Hebert Ray Miller	September 14 Tracy Campbell
September 3 Della Hutton	September 15 Cathy Greenawald Robbie Greenawald
September 4 Evelyn Crews Justin Giles	September 19 Sylvia Graham David McGonigle
September 5 Katelynn Stanko	September 22 Jerry Seegers
September 7 Sandra Corso Darlaine Lorz	September 23 Anne Henriksen
September 8 Garry Anderson Kyla Deible Bridgett Kinsey	September 24 Sheya Bennett
September 9 Dan Higgins	September 25 Steve Heckard
September 10 Ansen Andrews	September 27 Kathy Welter
September 12 Gary Germann Jerry Valdivia	September 29 Emily Coffin Becky Gordon Ann Klipstine
	September 30 Christine McAloon

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

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Doug Hollar
Close: Zane Cole

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 Chip Wilkes
Sept. 15 Sharon Kinsey
Sept. 29 Harry Karabel

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 8 June Olling
Sept. 22 Beth Germann

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 Jerry Kahrs
Sept. 8 Michael McKee
Sept. 15 Sharon Kinsey
Sept. 22 Mike Becker
Sept. 29 Andrew

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 Jason Adams
Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard

Sept. 8 Mary Brown
Julie Golding
Molly

Sept. 15 Jim Gray
Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff

Sept. 22 Amy Press
Ryne Press
Steve Scarborough

Sept. 29 Jason Adams
Michael McKee
Suk McKee

COMMUNION SERVERS

Sept. 1 Leila Buford
Jim Gray
Chip Wilkes

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

Sept. 1 Sheya Bennett

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Rev. Kim Adams	kadams@fpcvalpo.org
Rev. Nancy Becker, Parish Associate	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Rev. Dr. Julia Zhao, Associate Pastor in Residence.....	jzhao@fpcvalpo.org
Rhonda Clark, Handbell Choir Director.....	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Sue Davis, Business Manager	sdavis@fpcvalpo.org
Brad Dirks, Organist.....	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Dan Higgins, Custodian	
Valarie Smart-Higgins, Custodian	
Judy Hollar, Clerk of Session.....	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Trish Lawson, Director of Faith Formation	tlawson@fpcvalpo.org
Dawn Scarborough, Church Administrator.....	dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org
John Stocks, Custodian	
Jeff Whitney, Director of Worship Music & Digital Technology	jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office at 219-464-4985.

<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Matthew Byerly.....	iEngage* Worship Team*
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation*
Jerry Kahrs	Finance Building and Grounds*
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Team Worship Team*
Linda Long.....	Mission
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Membership Team Nominating Team Stewardship Team*
Kathryne Penninga.....	Worship Team Congregational Life* Mission *
Ron Phillips.....	Adult Faith Formation Team Faith Formation Team*
Rose Ross.....	Congregational Life
Jeanne Turner.....	Stewardship Team Membership*
Chip Wilkes	Personnel Team* Finance Team*

*denotes Elder Rep.

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

MISSION STATEMENT: BUILDING DISCIPLES; GROWING IN FAITH; SERVING IN CHRIST'S NAME



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