

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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



JOIN US FOR THE NOURISH OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN LAUNCH!

Online and in-person
Register below for the launch on
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
at
6:00 p.m. (CT) / 7:00 p.m. (ET)

It's here:

The child-focused advocacy campaign we've been building together for the past year, with input from more than 1,400 Bread for the World members, partners, policy experts, and people directly impacted by hunger.

Join us online as we launch this campaign together, to make a historic impact against child hunger and malnutrition, both in the U.S. and around the world. Come and learn about the issues and the legislative priorities we will pursue over the next two years, why they matter for children, and what you can do to make a difference. Take your place in this campaign, and help us pursue a world without hunger.

It's time to Nourish Our Future.

Enter your info to register: <https://go.bread.org/page/73502/survey/1?chain>

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION FEBRUARY 2, 2025

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2025, following 10:00 a.m. worship for the purpose of receiving the 2024 Annual Report and the 2025 Operating Budget, presenting the names of officers for the Corporation as elected by Session, approving the Terms of Call, and receiving the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee on the Members-at-Large nominations to the 2025 Congregational Nominating Committee.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

We have a lot planned this month! Both classes will have a Valentine's Day party and exchange valentines with their classmates. Mr. Sarver is coming to speak to both classes about dental health, and we have a field trip to the Valparaiso Public Library. Our classes are always busy! We welcome any volunteers! Please email us at fpp@fpcvalpo.org for more information. In addition, registration for the 2025-26 First Presbyterian Preschool year has begun.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CLASSES AVAILABLE:

Early Learners-2 day-Tuesday/Thursday 9-11 AM \$140 a month
3 Day Kindergarten Readiness-Mon/Wed/Fri 9-12 \$180 a month
3 Day Kindergarten Readiness Extended Day 12-2 PM \$80 a month
5 Day Kindergarten Readiness-Mon-Fri 9-12 \$260 a month
5 Day Kindergarten Readiness Extended Day 12-2 PM \$170 a month

There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. You may drop it off at the church office or mail it in.

The preschool open house is on Sunday, February 2, 2025, from 1:00 p.m.— 2:30 p.m. for new families. All are welcome!



Soup Can Collection is available in the Narthex before & after 10am Worship through February 9, 2025.

Whomever you root for in the big game, we're all winners when we support our neighbors!



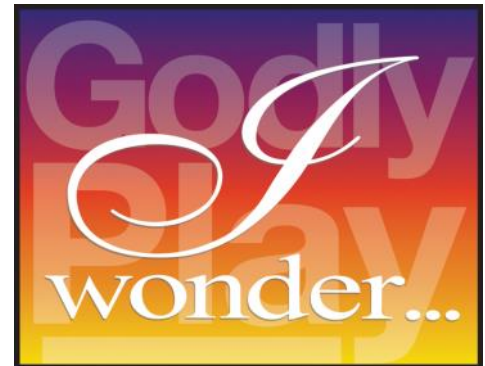
JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS AS WE EXPLORE ALL THE STORIES OF THE BIBLE THROUGH WONDER & PLAY.

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



**Sunday Morning
Teen
Bible Study**

With Jim Peyton
9am-9:45am in Room 154
Bring your Bible and get ready for
some great discussions!



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ASH WEDNESDAY OPPORTUNITIES

ASHES ON THE GO

March 5, 2025

11:30am-1:00pm

Life is busy. FPCV gets it! God's grace comes to us in the busyness. FPCV is pleased to offer drive-thru Imposition of Ashes and blessing. Simply drive up to the FPCV Main Entrance and a pastor will greet you at your car.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

March 5, 2025

5:30 p.m. Family Worship

7:00 p.m. Worship

Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship with communion as we begin our Lenten journey with the theme, *Everything in between. Meeting God in the midst of extremes.*

All are welcome!

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HAPPY FEBRUARY FROM THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP!



In the midst of a long, cold winter, February brings Valentine's Day; and we are reminded to think of love. Love is abundant at the Resale Shop. We love our mission. We love our customers. We love our donors. We love each other. We love to share our love by presenting donations to local causes.

In January, we visited the Sojourner Truth House in Gary and learned about their mission to provide temporary shelter and permanent housing for women and children. We were delighted to be able to help them!

In February we will present a donation to Jacob's Ladder Pediatric Rehabilitation in Chesterton. We are looking forward to visiting with them and learning more about the services they provide.

We are open to suggestions for local charities where we can spread our love. Please contact me if you have a cause that is dear to your heart.

And, never forget to share your love with everyone!

Mary Linda Scott

Co-Moderator

Presbyterian Church Resale Shop Management Team

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ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

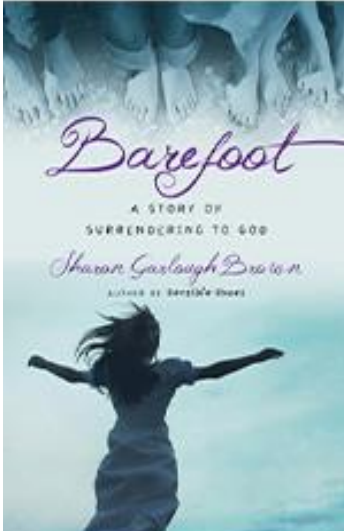
We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned date/time during the in-person at FPC Valpo and online worship services (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC YouTube channel).



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.

OPPORTUNITY

BOOK CLUB, BROWN BAG LUNCH & PRAYER



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

Barefoot

by pastor and spiritual director

Sharon Garlough Brown

with continuing prayer and Scripture reading practices from our Christian tradition.

This is an 8-week offering: Sundays,
through March 2nd
12pm-2pm in the
Friendship Room ***Feel free to bring a sack lunch.***

Books can be purchased at

Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Target.

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

PRAISE ITEM

Lilly Bianco, first baby baptized at FPCV by Pastor Wayne Rhodes about 22 years ago graduated from Belmont, University, Nashville, Tennessee on 14 December 2024. Elementary Education with English as a Secondary Language. (*Daughter of Sheri Zilai; Granddaughter of Chip and Gail Wilkes.*)

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!

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Sunday, February 2, 2025 – Annual Meeting of the Congregation

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	FPC
12:00 PM	Book Club, Bag Lunch & Prayer	Friendship Room

Monday, February 3, 2025

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, February 4, 2025

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

Wednesday, February 5, 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, February 6, 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, February 7, 2025

2:00 PM	We Make IN	Friendship Room
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Saturday, February 8, 2025

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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9, 2025

9:00 AM Faith Formation
10:00 AM Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*
11:00 AM Congregational Life
12:00 PM Book Club, Bag Lunch & Prayer

FPC
FPC, Online
Sanctuary
Friendship Room

Monday, February 10, 2025

6:00 PM Men's Bible Study

101

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

9:00 AM Meeting
12:00 PM Men's Bible Study
1:30 PM Bulletin Notes Meeting
4:30 PM Membership Team (TBC)
4:30 PM Scouts
6:00 PM Sweet Adelines
6:30 PM Mission Team
6:30 PM Preschool Planning Team

Friendship Room
101
Friendship Room
100
FPC
Fellowship Hall
154, 155
101, 100

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

10:00 AM Wed. Morning Bible Study
11:00 AM Agenda Meeting
2:00 PM Disciples Bible Study
6:00 PM iEngage Team Meeting
7:00 PM Finance Team

101
FPC
101
Online
154, 155

Thursday, February 13, 2025

9:00 AM MT Meeting
10:00 AM The Comfort Stitchers
5:00 PM Handbell Choir
6:30 PM Choir
7:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal

Friendship Room
154, 155
Sanctuary
Sanctuary
Sanctuary

Friday, February 14, 2025

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Sunday, February 16, 2025

9:00 AM Faith Formation
10:00 AM Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*
12:00 PM Book Club, Bag Lunch & Prayer

FPC
FPC, Online
Friendship Room

Monday, February 17, 2025

6:00 PM Men's Bible Study

101

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

12:00 PM Men's Bible Study
1:30 PM Bulletin Notes Meeting
4:30 PM Scouts

101
Friendship Room
FPC

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

10:00 AM Wed. Morning Bible Study
2:00 PM Disciples Bible Study

101
101

Thursday, February 20, 2025

10:00 AM The Comfort Stitchers
5:00 PM Handbell Choir
6:00 PM Sweet Adelines
6:30 PM Choir
7:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal

154, 155
Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary
Sanctuary

Friday, February 21, 2025

Saturday, February 22, 2025

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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 23, 2025

9:00 AM

Faith Formation

FPC

10:00 AM

Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*

FPC, Online

12:00 PM

Book Club, Bag Lunch & Prayer

Friendship Room

Monday, February 24, 2025

6:00 PM

Men's Bible Study

101

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

12:00 PM

Men's Bible Study

101

1:30 PM

Bulletin Notes Meeting

Friendship Room

4:30 PM

Scouts

FPC

6:00 PM

Sweet Adelines

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

10:00 AM

Wed. Morning Bible Study

101

2:00 PM

Disciples Bible Study

101

Thursday, February 27, 2025

10:00 AM

The Comfort Stitchers

154, 155

5:00 PM

Handbell Choir

Sanctuary

6:30 PM

Choir

Sanctuary

6:30 PM

Joint Session & Deacons Meeting

154, 155

7:30 PM

Worship Team Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Friday, February 28, 2025

** 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 1 Ron Scott	February 17 Sadie Kinsey Sharon Kinsey
February 3 Marci Powell	February 18 Wendy Banta-Long
February 4 Kay Exley	February 23 Jim Boys Carolyn Hughes Valarie Smart-Higgins
February 6 Linda Long	February 24 Beverlee Frazee
February 7 Gabriel Byerly	February 26 Rose Bianco
February 8 Jerry Kahrs	February 28 Donna Parker Lisa Vukin
February 10 Sandi Roth	
February 11 Isabella Wunderlin Madison Wunderlin	
February 12 Liam Luick Karen Vogelsang	
February 14 Rick Exley	
February 16 Willa Nuppnau Julie Pollaro Sharon Swihart	

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

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON	
Open:	Dan Higgins
Close:	Jim Hubbard
ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE	
Feb. 2	Linda Long
Feb. 16	Matthew Byerly
DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE	
Feb. 9	Bonnie Swarner
Jan. 23	Jason Gordon
LITURGIST SCHEDULE	
Feb. 2	Linda Long
Feb. 9	John Stocks
Feb. 16	Matthew Byerly
Feb. 23	Ken McAloon
USHER SCHEDULE	
Feb. 2	Steve Scarborough Amy Press Ryne Press
Feb. 9	Ben Keller Madison Keller Rose Ross
Feb. 16	Julie Golding Jim Hubbard Sharon Hubbard
Feb. 23	Mary Brown Michael McKee Suk McKee
COMMUNION SERVERS	
Feb. 2	Mike Becker Linda Long Rose Ross
COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP	
Feb. 2	Jim Peyton

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 or (219) 477-9964

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

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

Elders of Session

Ministry Team

Matthew Byerly	iEngage* Worship Team*
Jim Gray	Mission
Madison Keller.....	Faith Formation Team* Membership Team*
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Stewardship Team*
Jerry Kahrs	Finance Building and Grounds*
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Team
Johnny Lawson.....	iEngage Team*
Linda Long	Mission**
Kathryne Penninga	Worship Team Nominating Committee *
Rose Ross	Congregational Life
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

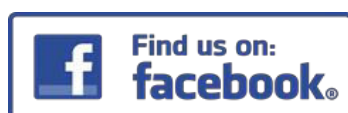
Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

Treasurer

Linda Long

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



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