

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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



everything [in] between

Meeting God **in** the midst of extremes

BRANDING STORY FOR LENT-EASTER LOGO

In the logo, the two hands reaching toward each other represent our longing for connection despite the politics, assumptions, beliefs, and narratives that divide us. The hands look as if they are reaching in for a handshake, but they are paused just before they connect. The negative space in between the hands creates the shape of a doorway, symbolizing hospitality or a pathway forward. The doorway invites us to look for God in the spaces in between. In the typography, the “in” is bracketed, emphasizing the promise that God shows up in surprising ways and unexpected places, but is present in it all. The shape of the hands further echoes the bracket shape. Grammatically, brackets are used to provide additional explanation or information. The brackets around the [in] represent the charge to each of us: to dig deeper into complexity and nuance, to ask questions and stay curious, and to be open to where God might meet us along the way.

Everything [in] Between Logo | © a sanctified art | sanctifiedart.org | Branding & Design by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LENTEN ART WORKSHOP!

We will be painting hands and footprints, using **your** hands and feet, for a banner to be displayed during the season of Lent. Paint and the banner will be available on Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., as well as during the Faith Formation and Coffee Fellowship hours before and after worship on Sunday, March 2, 2025, in room 145.



FPCV SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER

(Gluten free & vegetarian options available)

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

5:00 pm-7:00 pm

\$7/adult \$5/child 10 & under

\$20/family (4+ members)

In-person Dining or To-go

Tickets sold in the Narthex after worship thru March 2, 2025

*****All proceeds will help local youth needs*****

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP
ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.**

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 on Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (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 on Sunday, March 2, 2025. This way, our faith community can be joined together for the sacrament even though we are physically apart.

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.

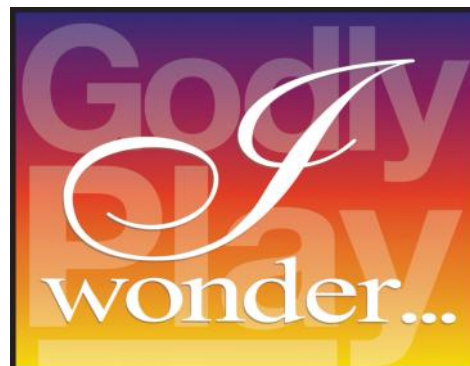
Followed by our Godly Play lesson in room 141.

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





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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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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

Our preschool classes have been very busy! Early Learners continue to work on shapes. We started using scissors. The Pre-K class is working on addresses and phone numbers. We welcome volunteers! Please email your inquiries to fpp@fpcvalpo.org.

Our registration for 2025-26 is open! We have online registration on our Facebook page or paper forms.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP NEWS



The month of January is usually a slow month for lots of retail stores, and that has been the case for the Presbyterian Church Resale shop. The cold snowy weather has also caused a slowdown in our shop traffic! Nevertheless, the team of volunteers has used the time to catch up on organizing the back room and the

basement and catching up on sorting the many bags and boxes of donations that come in.



In this snowy weather, we are also looking ahead to spring!! Beginning in March, “Super Sales” will clear away the winter clothing inventory at rock bottom prices. After Saturday March 15, the shop will close for ten days to allow for the semi-annual changeover from winter to spring. The shop will be thoroughly cleaned from one end to the other. The boxes of spring and summer clothing will be brought up from the basement; and the shop will be transformed!

Many helping hands will be needed during this process; and we hope many of you can offer an hour or so to make the transition work. Please consider signing up to help.



Give blood.
Help save lives.



Blood Drive
First Presbyterian Church

Gym
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso

Monday, March 10
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FPCValpo to schedule an appointment.

Give in March for a \$10 Gift Card by email & successful donations get A1C testing. rcblood.org/March

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1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES ARE WITHIN REACH

- ◆ First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso has signed up to cook and **SERVE A MEAL AT HILLTOP'S COMMUNITY MISSION KITCHEN** on Monday, March 3, 2025. We need fifteen people to fill the slots. Cooks are needed, they start at noon, servers start at 3:30 and the clean-up crew starts at 5:30 p.m. Those who participated in the past really enjoyed the fellowship with each other and the clients.
- ◆ **CALLING ALL DESSERT MAKERS!** Your assistance has been requested. Hilltop's 25th Soups event is Tuesday March 18, 2025. First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso has provided desserts in the past and they were such a big hit that we have been asked to provide them again! Everything will need to be dropped off at the church on Monday, March 17, 2025 before noon.

If you are interested in participating in one or both days or have questions, call or text me at 219-688-9224.

Thank you in advance!

Lisa Pavlopoulos

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PADS MINISTRY INFORMATION

PADS (Public Action to Distribute Shelter) was started in 2005 by the Valparaiso Christian Ministerial Association homeless coalition. The Christian community in Valparaiso worked together. New Creation was established in 2010 to provide support services in order to help individuals experiencing homelessness work towards becoming self-sufficient. Over 5,500 men have been served since the beginning.

PADS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing emergency shelter for men in our community. PADS offers a comprehensive approach to combating homelessness with the compassion and respect all deserve.

FPCV hosted PADS on Wednesday evening 6:00 PM through Thursday morning 7:00 AM during the winter months, October 15 to April 15.

FPCV was transformed each Wednesday so that we could serve dinner that evening, provide a warm and comfortable place to sleep and serve breakfast on Thursday morning. This year, we averaged 8-12 men per week.

PADS is for men only, who are in the program at New Creation to help them find jobs and housing so that they no longer need to be part of the PADS program. In the past years many men have succeeded in finding jobs and housing. We celebrate them!

FPCV is a cooperative effort with other area congregations and the community in general. St Andrews Church and Trinity Lutheran Church have helped FPCV with volunteers, dinners, bedding and supplies for many years.

Starting February 1, 2025, PADS has ended with the opening of the Daybreak homeless Shelter. The shelter serves as the primary shelter for the men who were in PADS/New Creation program. The shelter includes a Warming Center for those men, women and children who need a safe place to be protected from the weather but are not part of the primary shelter services.

This list is a partial list of volunteers through the years, my notes start in 2012. There are many I have missed. Many from other churches have helped.

MEALS ARE REALLY NEEDED:

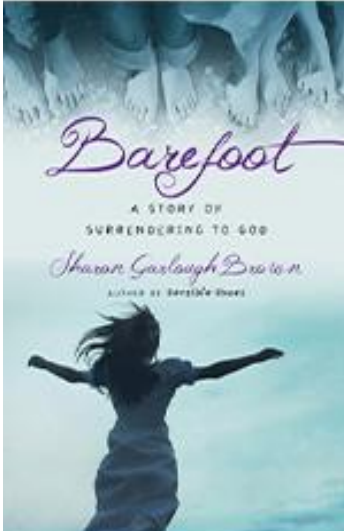
To help please visit www.daybreakvalpo.org, click on the volunteer drop down menu, then click on meals and signup on any available day. For the next week or two, they do not have a kitchen as they are waiting on health department inspection. So you can bring meals in and serve them for about 20 guests at 5:00 p.m. There are plates, silverware, glasses, utensils etc. available at the facility. Grateful for all.

TO SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER AT THE WARMUP SITE VISIT:

<https://volunteersignup.org/DKPBF>

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

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, March 1, 2025

Sunday, March 2, 2025

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
9:00 AM	Lenten Art Workshop	145
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, March 3, 2025

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, March 4, 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
5:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (until 7:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
11:30 AM	Ashes to Go (until 1:00 p.m.)	FPC
1:00 PM	Building and Grounds	154, 155
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Ash Wed. Family Service	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Ash Wed. Worship	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 6, 2025

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

Friday, March 7, 2025

Saturday, March 8, 2025

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Sunday, March 9, 2025		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, March 10, 2025		
1:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 6:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, March 11, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:30 PM	Membership Team (TBC)	100
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154, 155
6:30 PM	Preschool Planning Team	101, 100
Wednesday, March 12, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Agenda Meeting	FPC
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	PCRS Team Meeting	Friendship Room
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
6:30 PM	Worship Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
Thursday, March 13, 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, March 14, 2025		
Saturday, March 15, 2025		
Sunday, March 16, 2025		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, March 17, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	Women's Min. Team	154, 155
Tuesday, March 18, 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
6:30 PM	Deacons Team Meeting	154, 155
Wednesday, March 19, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
Thursday, March 20, 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, March 21, 2025		
Saturday, March 22, 2025		

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 23, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, March 24, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, March 25, 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, March 26, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
Thursday, March 27, 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, March 28, 2025		
Saturday, March 29, 2025		
Sunday, March 30, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, March 31, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101

* 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!

March 1 Chip Wilkes	March 24 Jill Edwards
March 2 Kathy Joseph	March 26 Emma
March 3 David Goodwin Avalyn Richardson	March 27 Erin Leto
March 5 Simon Cole Beth Germann Johnny Lawson	March 30 Shayne Wassell
March 7 Macy Highlan Katherin Swarner	
March 10 Aaron Onohan Jean Wheeler	
March 15 Peg Borgman Carla Miller	
March 16 Marilyn Owens Laurie Swallow	
March 20 Aiden Andrews	
March 23 Sharon Hubbard	

*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 or (219) 477-9964

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Mike Becker
Close: Dan Higgins

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

Mar. 2 Sharon Kinsey
Mar. 16 Kathyrene Penninga
Mar. 30 Madison Keller

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

Mar. 9 Paul Knauff
Mar. 23 Ben Keller

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

Mar. 2 Sharon Kinsey
Mar. 9 Wendy Stocks
Mar. 16 Michael McKee
Mar. 23 Allison Schmitt
Mar. 30 Presbys

USHER SCHEDULE

Mar. 2 Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff
Steve Scarborough

Ash Wed. (7:00 p.m.)

Mar. 5 Jason Adams
Kathy Joseph
Jerry Kahrs

Mar. 9 Denise Walker
Mike Walker
Molly

Mar. 16 Amy Press
Ryne Press
Rose Ross

Mar. 23 Julie Golding
Ben Keller
Madison Keller

Mar. 30 Mary Brown
Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard

COMMUNION SERVERS

Sun., Mar. 2 Jerry Kahrs
Sharon Kinsey
Steve Scarborough

Ash Wed., Mar. 5
5:30 p.m. Matthew Byerly
Sharon Kinsey

Ash Wed., Mar. 5
7:00 p.m. Sheya Bennett
Matthew Byerly
Linda Long

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

Sun., Mar. 2 Ben Keller

Ash Wed., Mar. 5 (5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)
Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

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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 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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FPCVALPO (closed)