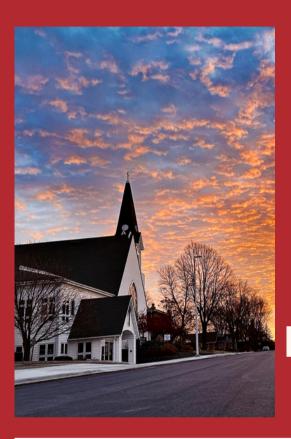
First Presbyterian Church



CHIMES



DEACON UPDATE

Reminder that Deacon Meetings will now be Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.

SOUPER BOWL

We will be doing our Annual Souper Bowl competition on Super Bowl Sunday! Dress in your football gear and bring your cans of soup to vote for your winning team!

PASTOR SCOTT

Reminder Pastor Scott will be on medical leave Feb 18-Mar 10.

MISSION PROJECT

Keep your eyes open during February for the Mission Committee's February Mission Project.

Our Newly 2025 Ordained and Installed Officers

Pictured: Shari Fuhr, Nancy Miller,
Pastor Scott, Dan Alexander,
Nick Brozek, Sonya Alexander
Not Pictured: Nate Stephens,
Adrienne Danielson



Chimes



Serving Your Church

Packing Weekend Food Bags

2/2: Mammen Family

2/16: Claire Stephens Family

Money Counters

February: Bob Alexander & Rhonda Joldersma

March: Rick Hauge & Dan Tiffany

February Ushers:

Head Usher: Sonya Alexander

Ushers: Bob Alexander, Dan Alexander,

Nick, Katherine & Eloise Brozek, Kyle, Kaden & Kanyon Hicks

February Communion Servers:

Head Server: Bob Alexander

Servers: Sonya Alexander, Dan Alexander, Bruce Tiffany, Nick & Katherine Brozek,

Dan Tiffany

February Greeters:

Deacon of the Month: Julie Fiala

2/2: Leon King

2/9: Lois Davis

2/16: Don Dagner

2/23: Todd & Kathy Peterson



Dear Church Family,

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations throughout the year to our church. Your support is invaluable to us and helps to sustain our ministries and mission.

Your contributions allows us to continue our outreach efforts, support our community, and maintain our place of worship. We are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Please know that your gift has been received with the utmost appreciation and was put to good use. We are blessed by your commitment to your church home.

The Stewardship Committee

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"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." ~ <u>Isaiah 41:10</u>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Fe	ebrua	ry		1
2 S. School Choir Worship Weekend Food Bags	3	4 Pastor: Visits	5 N.T. B Study Piecemakers Apocrypha Study Youth Club	6	7	8
9 S. School Choir Worship	Pastor: Rotary Meeting/ GA Zoom Meeting Session Meeting	11 Pastor: Ministerial Meeting	12 N.T. B. Study Apocrypha Study Youth Club Deacon Meeting	Pastor: Visits Pastor: Dollars for Scholars Meeting	14	15
S. School Choir Worship Weekend Food Bags	17 Church Offices Closed: Presidents Day	18 <u>Pastor:</u> <u>Medical</u> <u>Leave</u> (Feb 18- <u>Mar 10)</u>	19 Piecemakers Youth Club	20	21	22
S. School Choir Worship Guest Speaker	24	25	26 Youth Club	27	28	



15th: Nancy Miller

16th: Kyle Jacobson

18th: Brady Stough

19th: Shawn Corder

Annie Bloedow

21st: Peggy Dolezal

23rd: Noelle Donner

25th: Lee Davis

Randy Juell

26th: Nathan Zimmerman

28th: Kelly Kohler

Penny Fuhr

Craig Melges

Danika Jansen

Cade Morris

PASTOR SCOTT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR VISIT WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE

Feb. 4 Pastor Scott Visits:

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am Merlin Goudy at 11:00 am Dan Tiffany at 2:00 pm Sue Tiffany at 3:30 pm

Feb. 13 Pastor Scott Visits:

Todd Peterson at 9:00 am
Lois Davis at 10:30am
Doreen Steenblock at 2:00 pm
Kathy Peterson at 3:00 pm
Bunny Nolting at 4:00 pm

Mar. 13 Pastor Scott Visits:

Todd Peterson at 9:00 am
Lois Davis at 10:30 am
Doreen Steenblock at 2:00 pm
Kathy Peterson at 3:00 pm
Bunny Nolting at 4:00 pm

Mar. 20 Pastor Scott Visits:

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am Merlin Goudy at 11:00 am Dan Tiffany at 2:00 pm Sue Tiffany at 3:30 pm

Mar. 27 Pastor Scott Visits:

Bob & Sonya Alexander at 10:30 am Dave & Adrienne Danielson at 3:30 pm Nick & Katherine Brozek at 7:00 pm

Here Comes February!

On Sunday, February 9th, 2025, we will have our Souper Bowl Event. Please bring cans of soup on Sunday for the Food Shelf. Use your soup to vote for your favorite Super Bowl team. Cash donations are accepted too. (\$1 equals one can) This way we will know the score of the game before it starts. Please give generously!

On Tuesday, February 18, I will be having gastric bypass surgery at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale. I will stay in the hospital for one day if all goes as planned. I will return to work on March 10th. Please keep me in your prayers as I undergo this transformation. Thank you! How Can We Share the Love of Christ with our families, friends and community on Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to express love, and as Christians, it's a chance to reflect the unconditional, sacrificial love of Christ to those around us. Here are some meaningful ways to show Christ's love on this special day:

1. Practice Selfless Love

- Serve Others: Jesus demonstrated His love through acts of service (Mark 10:45). You can show love by helping others in practical ways, such as running errands for a busy family member, helping a neighbor with chores, or visiting someone who may be lonely.
- Be Patient and Kind: In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Paul describes love as patient, kind, and not easily angered. On Valentine's Day, make an intentional effort to embody these qualities in your interactions with those around you.

2. Show Compassion and Empathy

- Listen and Offer Encouragement: Take the time to listen to others, especially those who
 might be struggling. A thoughtful word of encouragement can be a powerful reminder of
 God's love.
- Reach Out to Those in Need: Valentine's Day can be hard for those who are grieving, lonely, or struggling. Consider reaching out to someone who may be going through a tough time, whether it's through a kind message, a card, or even a small gift.

3. Be a Good Neighbor

- Share the Love of Christ through Action: Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31). One way to do this is by demonstrating acts of kindness to those in your community. Whether it's helping someone in need, inviting a neighbor over for a meal, or simply offering a smile, you're showing Christ's love in tangible ways.

4. Show Love through Words

- Share Scripture and a Thoughtful Note: A simple, heartfelt note or card with a verse from the Bible can be a great way to remind others of God's love. For instance, verses like John 3:16, 1 John 4:9-10, and Romans 5:8 beautifully express the depth of God's love.
- Speak Words of Affirmation: Let your family and friends know that you appreciate them. A simple "I love you" or "I'm thankful for you" can go a long way in building others up.

5. Forgive and Reconcile

Seek Reconciliation Where Needed: Valentine's Day could be an opportunity to extend
grace and forgiveness to those you may be at odds with. Matthew 5:23-24 encourages us to
reconcile with others before offering gifts or worship. This could be the perfect time to
restore relationships with family members, friends, or even within your church community.

6. Love Your Family with Intentionality

- Prioritize Quality Time: Spend meaningful time with your family, showing them that they
 are loved. This could be as simple as sharing a meal together or doing something special
 like playing games or going for a walk.
- Reflect Christ's Love in Marriage and Parenthood: Husbands and wives can use Valentine's Day to reflect Christ's sacrificial love (Ephesians 5:25). Parents can also demonstrate love by investing in their children's spiritual growth and letting them know they are cherished.

7. Be Generous with Your Resources

- Give to Those in Need: Reflect the heart of Christ by being generous. You can donate to a local charity, sponsor a child, or contribute to a ministry that helps the less fortunate.
 Even small acts of generosity can have a big impact.
- Share a Meal or Treat with Others: Invite someone to share a meal, or give away homemade treats or baked goods to those who may feel isolated.

8. Focus on the Eternal Love of Christ

 Celebrate the Gospel of Christ: Take time to reflect on the ultimate love shown through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Share the gospel with those who may not know Him, emphasizing the love that led Jesus to lay down His life for humanity.

9. Lead by Example

• Be the Light in Your Circle: Whether you're with family, friends, or colleagues, let your actions and attitude reflect Christ's love. Demonstrating patience, grace, humility, and forgiveness will naturally point others to Christ.

In all these actions, the goal is to reflect the sacrificial, unconditional love that Christ shows to us every day. Valentine's Day provides a unique opportunity to live out His love in meaningful ways, making it not just about romantic affection, but about extending Christ's love to everyone.

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day and month and be creative in showing Christ's love to all!

In Christ's love, Pastor Scott Prouty