

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## CHIMES

God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- January 4: Holy Baptism of Lucas Alexander
- January 11: Ordination/Installation of Officers
- January 11: Friendship Dinner
- January 18: Annual Meeting
- January 20: Ruby's Pantry
- January 25: Pastor Scott's Last Sunday & Celebration



### CELEBRATING PASTOR SCOTT

**Sunday January 25**

**10:15 am**

Join us for Pastor Scott's final service at the First Presbyterian Church as we celebrate his faithfulness and bless him in his new calling!

A catered meal with cake will follow.

**Please RSVP to the church office by January 18!**

Bring a card to shower Pastor Scott with thanks and well wishes.



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Worship Time: 10:15 am

Online

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fpcrwf>

Website: <https://fpcrwf.org/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyterian4890>

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1st: William Prouty

2nd: Aaron Rohlik

4th: Ethin Mammen

8th: Nolan Rudenick

9th: Scott Mann

10th: Jacob Bloedow

12th: Maddie Hicks, Addelyn Stough

14th: Deanie Fuhr, Bailey Kramer

16th: Rosemary Bennett

17th: Grayson Gregg

20th: Blaise Stough

21st: Beverly Alexander, Jon Oja

23rd: Lindsey Lund, Butch Amberg,

Jackie Morris

24th: Lynn Juell, Winston Venable

*25th: Scott & Laura Kohler*

26th: Tyler Siegfried

27th: Bob Alexander

*Gene & Fae Becklund*

28th: Barb Brown

29th: Ashley Whelihan

30th: Stacy Mathiowetz

31st: Bob Kaupang



## Pastor Scott's Visitation Schedule

**Please Confirm Your Visit with the Church office! If**

**you want Pastor Scott to come...**

**You need to let us know this date & time work for you!!!**

### **January 6 Pastor Scott visits:**

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am

Merlin Goudy at 10:45 am

Wayne Mann at 2:00 pm

Lois Tiffany at 4:00 pm

### **January 8 Pastor Scott visits:**

Bunny Nolting at 10:30 am

### **January 13 Pastor Scott visits:**

Deb & Gerry Hess

Marlys Verdoes

### **January 20 Pastor Scott visits:**

Rick Hauge at 9:00 am

Doreen Steenblock at 10:00 am

Judy Curtis at 11:00 am

Kathy Peterson at 2:00 pm

Dan Tiffany at 3:00 pm

Dave & Adrienne Danielson at 4:00 pm







## Serving Your Church

### January Ushers

#### Head Usher: Matt Tiffany

Ushers: Kimary Tiffany, Barb Nelson, Micheal & Rhonda Joldersma, Drew Osborne, Linda Boyer

### Communion Servers

#### Head Server: Rick Hauge

Servers: Shannon Sweetman, Dan Alexander, Leon King, Matt Tiffany, Shari Fuhr, Julie Rienstra

### Money Counters

**January:** Michael Joldersma & Stephanie Klavetter

**February:** Bob Alexander & Shari Fuhr

### Greeters

#### Deacon of Month: Dan Alexander

1-4: Butch & Faythe Amberg

1-11: Dan & Shari Fuhr

1-18: Nate & Val Stephens

1-25: Lee Davis



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                                       |
|---|--|--|--|--|--------|--|
|   |  |  |  | 1<br>OFFICES<br>CLOSED   | 2      | 3  |
| 4<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>CHOIR PRACTICE<br>WORSHIP: HOLY<br>COMMUNION/<br>BAPTISM<br>WEEKEND FOOD<br>BAGS        | 5<br>SCOUTS USE OF<br>CHURCH   | 6<br>PASTOR:<br>VISITS   | 7<br>BIBLE STUDIES<br>PIECEMAKERS<br>YOUTH CLUB        | 8<br>PASTOR:<br>VISIT<br>&<br>DOLLARS FOR<br>SCHOLARS<br>MEETING | 9      | 10   |
| 11<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>CHOIR PRACTICE<br>WORSHIP<br>FRIENDSHIP<br>DINNER<br>CONFIRMATION                      | 12<br>PASTOR:<br>ROTARY<br>SCOUTS USE OF<br>CHURCH<br>SESSION<br>MEETING:<br>MANSE | 13<br>PASTOR:<br>VISITS<br>RUBY'S<br>PANTRY<br>SCOUTS USE<br>OF CHURCH | 14<br>BIBLE STUDIES<br>YOUTH CLUB<br>DEACON<br>MEETING | 15   | 16     | 17<br>CHIMES<br>DEADLINE                       |
| 18<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>CHOIR PRACTICE<br>WORSHIP<br>ANNUAL<br>MEETING<br>WEEKEND FOOD<br>BAGS<br>CONFIRMATION | 19   | 20<br>PASTOR:<br>VISITS<br>RUBY'S<br>PANTRY<br>SCOUTS USE<br>OF CHURCH | 21<br>BIBLE STUDIES<br>PIECEMAKERS<br>YOUTH CLUB       | 22   | 23     | 24<br>PRESBYTERY<br>USE OF<br>CHURCH<br>(10-2) |
| 25<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>CHOIR PRACTICE<br>WORSHIP:<br>PASTOR SCOTT'S<br>CELEBRATION/<br>MEAL                   | 26<br>PASTOR SCOTT:<br>VACATION<br>JANUARY<br>26-31                                | 27   | 28<br>YOUTH CLUB                                       | 29   | 30     | 31   |

## **A Season of Gratitude and New Beginnings**

Twenty-three and a half years is more than a span of time—it is a shared life. It is countless Sundays of worship, prayers spoken aloud and whispered quietly, tears shed and laughter shared, questions asked and faith deepened. As I prepare to move into a new church setting at the end of January, my heart is filled with deep gratitude for this congregation and for the sacred journey we have walked together.

When I first arrived, none of us could have fully imagined what these years would hold. Together we have celebrated baptisms and confirmations, weddings and anniversaries. We have stood beside one another at hospital beds and gravesides, trusting God's promises even when words felt inadequate. We have welcomed new members, said difficult goodbyes, weathered changes in the world and in the church, and discovered again and again that God's grace is sufficient for each season.

Ministry has never been something done by one person alone. It has always been something we have shared. Worship leaders, musicians, teachers, session and deacon members, volunteers, caregivers, prayer warriors, and quiet servants behind the scenes—each of you has been part of this ministry. The faithfulness of this congregation is written not only in programs or accomplishments, but in relationships, compassion, and the steady commitment to love God and neighbor.

There have been moments of great joy and moments of deep sorrow. Through all of it, this congregation has shown resilience, generosity, and faith. You have taught me what it means to be present with people in all stages of life. You have trusted me with your stories, your hopes, and your grief, and that trust has been one of the greatest gifts of my ministry.

As this chapter comes to a close, it is natural to feel a mixture of emotions—gratitude, sadness, uncertainty, and hope. Transitions are rarely easy, but they are often holy. Scripture reminds us that God is always doing something new, even when we cannot yet see the full picture. This moment is not an ending as much as it is a turning of the page.

For this congregation, a new season is beginning. New leadership will bring new energy, new ideas, and new ways of responding to God's call. The gifts that have shaped this community for generations will continue, even as new gifts emerge. The same God who has been faithful in the past will remain faithful in the future.

For me, this transition is also a step of trust—trust in God's guidance and in the strength of this congregation to continue its ministry with confidence and hope. I leave knowing that this church is grounded in faith, compassion, and a deep love for Christ. I go carrying with me the lessons, memories, and relationships that have shaped me over these 23 ½ years.

There are not enough words to fully express my thanks. Thank you for your prayers, your patience, your encouragement, and your partnership in ministry. Thank you for allowing me to walk with you through life's most sacred moments. Thank you for being the church—not just a place, but a people who seek to follow Jesus with open hearts.

As we step into what comes next, may we do so with gratitude for what has been and confidence in what God will yet do. May this time of transition be a reminder that God's work among us continues, always inviting us into new beginnings.

With deep appreciation and abiding hope,

I give thanks to God for you—all of you—and for the years we have shared together.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Scott Prouty