

# First Presbyterian Chimes



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***January 2024***

## SESSION

Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder, Moderator

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session

### **Class of 2024**

Eva Withers

Noreen Noyes

Randy Neumann

### **Class of 2025**

Shirley Helberg

Nikki Massmann

### **Pastoral Leader**

Keven Withers

## SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Administration/Personnel: Shirley Helberg

Christian Education: Shirley Helberg

Memorials: Keven Withers (chair), Noreen Noyes

Mission: Session

Friendship Table: Shirley Helberg

Parish Life: Session

Property: Keven Withers & Randy Neumann

Stewardship: Session

Worship & Music: Keven Withers, Noreen Noyes

## PASTORAL CARE

For Pastoral Care Please Contact Keven Withers.

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# Upcoming Events



Sunday, Jan. 7, 10:00 am Worship and Communion with Pastor Freund  
in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Jan. 14, 10:00 am Worship with Keven Withers in person  
and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Jan. 21, 10:00 am Worship with Pastor Ernie Freund in person  
and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Jan. 21, 11:00 am **Annual Meeting** following Service

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 5:30 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 28, 10:00 am Worship with Keven Withers in person  
and via Facebook Live



Jan. 10—Carol Leunart  
Jan. 16—Madelyn Hale  
Jan. 26—Oliver Massmann  
Jan. 29—Marlys Hawkins  
Jan. 30—Keianna Snell

Jan. 10—Chad & Carla Mathews

**\*\*The Session did not meet in December but will meet in January**

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## Pastor's Corner

Greetings.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year Christmas Eve was a busy day. We worshiped Sunday morning for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, then at two o'clock I did a Christmas Eve service at Galeon and we finished the day with a beautiful Candlelight service at five. It was a very meaningful day.

I would like to thank everyone who purchased poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas and also to those who donated to Lights of Love.

On the church calendar we are still celebrating the twelve days of Christmas. This is a good time to really take time and reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to us. We tend to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of preparing for family gatherings and gift buying to truly reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.


I want to say Thank You to those who let me drop by for home visits. It was nice seeing and visiting with you during the busy Christmas week.

Sunday School is off to a good start and will resume again in January.

With the new year I would like to start a Bible or book study and prayer group for those who may be interested. Covid kind of put an end to some of the activities we use to do. This can be done in person and via zoom. Let me know if you are interested and we can start making some plans and see what works for everyone.

In 2024 I am looking forward to my next classes for the Academy to become a CRE (Commissioned Ruling Elder). I will also be attending Commission Education on January 27<sup>th</sup> in Wilmar and begin serving on the Commission for Presbytery Life.

The annual meeting will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> following worship service. This should be a fairly short meeting. We will go through the annual report and the budget for 2024 will be presented. If you are able to attend this meeting that would be great. Following the annual meeting we will have a soup and sandwich lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone willing to help with this would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.



God's peace and blessings to you all.

Keven Withers



With gratitude for all things God has provided for us, His gift of Jesus Christ, is a reminder to share the spirit of Christmas and love with all.

Our "Lights of Love" proceeds will be donated to Love Inc.

	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>In Living Tribute to:</u>
Shari Maloney	Don & Jan Larsen Denise (Larsen) Collins	
Jill Roquette Holte	Wayne Roquette Sharyn Roquette	
Ilene Olson	Loved Ones	Sonya Olson
Keven & Eva Withers	James Withers Janice Withers	

We thank you for "lighting" our tree this Christmas Season.

Thank you to: Shari Maloney, Marvin & Noreen Noyes, Ilene Olson, and Keven & Eva Withers for the beautiful poinsettias decorating the sanctuary.





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