

# First Presbyterian Chimes



First Presbyterian Church

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***November/December 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, Shari Maloney

Memorials: Noreen Noyes, Nikki Massmann

Mission: Session

Parish Life: Session

Property: Randy Neumann

Stewardship: Session

Worship & Music: Noreen Noyes, Nikki Massmann

## PASTORAL CARE

For Pastoral Care Please Contact Keven Withers.

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# Upcoming Events



Sunday, Nov. 3, 9:30 am Worship and Communion with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live

Monday, Nov. 4, 5:30 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 10, 9:30 am Worship with Pastor Freund in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Nov. 10, 10:30 am **Congregational Meeting**

Thursday, Nov. 14, 9:00-11:00 am Toenail Clinic

Sunday, Nov. 17, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Nov. 24, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live



Nov. 5—Marilyn Eidem

Nov. 17—Chevy Massmann

Nov. 19—Paul Krmpotich

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# Upcoming Events



- Sunday, Dec. , 9:30 am Worship and Communion with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live
- Sunday, Dec. 8, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live
- Thursday, Dec. 12, 9:00-11:00 am Toenail Clinic
- Sunday, Dec. 15, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live
- Sunday, Dec. 22, 9:30 am Worship with Pastor Freund in person and via Facebook Live
- Sunday, Dec. 22, 9:30 am **Installation of Elders** during Service
- Tuesday, Dec. 24, 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Sunday, Dec. 29, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live



- Dec. 13—Lincoln Massmann  
Dec. 19—Richard Melin  
Dec. 23—Eva Withers  
Dec. 24—Marvin Noyes

Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas this year? We will be ordering Poinsettias from Colorful Seasons Garden Center. The price to order is \$11.89. Need to order before December 1st.



## NOVEMBER SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Osakis held their monthly meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024.

The financial report for September 2024 was **received for review**, summarized, and approved, and is reported as follows:

Balance on hand September 1, 2024	\$5,095.98
September Income	25,667.87
September Expenses	-3,106.25
Balance on hand September 30, 2024	\$27,657.60

The financial report for October 2024 was **received for review**, summarized, and approved, and is reported as follows:

Balance on hand October 1, 2024	\$27,657.60
October Income	2,569.34
October Expenses	-4,091.99
Balance on hand October 31, 2024	\$26,134.95

The first draft of the 2025 budget was discussed and approved.

### Communications and Correspondence

Thank you note from United Way for our gift of \$360 to Osakis Backpack Attack.

Thank you note from Peace and Global Wellness Presbyterian Missions for our gift of \$50.

Communion served October 6<sup>th</sup> was 8.

Communion served November 3<sup>rd</sup> was 8.

2025 Per Capita apportionment for our church is \$46 x 21 (reported membership Dec 31, 2023) = \$966.

### Pastor's Report:

Presbytery Meeting Report from Fergus Falls meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> was given.

Academy Schooling – Keven has homework to do. The next class will be in March.

Galeon Services December 1st and 15th – The October service was cancelled due to COVID. Keven plans to offer to do a Christmas Eve Service as well.

Christmas Eve – We will do a Candlelight Service again this year, starting at 5:30

## NOVEMBER SESSION SUMMARY (continued)

### Items of interest from the meeting:

Nominating Committee Report: The nominations for elders for 2025 were approved by the session and will be forwarded to the congregation for action at the congregational meeting and are as follows:

Elders – Eva Withers, Noreen Noyes, Shari Maloney

Auditor – Nikki Massman

Keven will serve as Commissioner to Presbytery Meetings for next year.

Wheelchair for use when needed – Randy N. will talk to Corner Medical about donating.

Toenail Clipping volunteers for December and January – Noreen, Keven, Shari, and Eva.

Community Thanksgiving – Osakis Women’s Association is taking care of this.

Marketing/Reaching Out (ongoing) – We gave away 150 bags of candy to kids on Halloween with our church information.

Stewardship (ongoing) – Keven will work on a Stewardship letter.

### Additional Committee Reports

Worship and Music – Noreen, Nikki – Noreen will do a solo around Christmastime.

Property - Randy – Window project update – paint or stain trim– It was agreed the painting and staining will be hired done.

Memorials – Noreen, Nikki – Keven will order oil candles.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7 at 5:30 p.m. in person and Zoom

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session





You are invited to help light our church in the spirit of love and life. Donate as a living tribute to or in memory of your loved ones and friends.

This year, the proceeds will be donated to Backpack Attack of Osakis, a United Way program that provides hungry students a child-friendly bag of supplemental food through the participating school to take home over the weekend.

To donate, please mail to First Presbyterian Church, 101 West Oak Street, Osakis, MN 56360. The names will be shared towards the end of the Advent Season and in the next quarterly newsletter.

Thank you for your spirit of giving during this season. May you enjoy the spirit of living throughout the next year as the light of Christ's love brightens your way.

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**SHINE A LIGHT OF LOVE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my donation of \$5.00 each to "light up" \_\_\_\_\_ (number) symbolic lights around our church.

Please print clearly the names you are honoring.

In Memory of:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

In Living Tribute to:

_____	_____
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## Pastor's Corner

Greetings.

Hope everyone has been enjoying the nice fall weather that we have been having. Sounds like winter is just around the corner.

Things have been busy this fall around the church. Most all the shrubs have been trimmed back a lot, and a couple completely removed. This was done by several dedicated members from our church. The other big project that happened was the replacement of windows: Offices, Sunday School Room, Parlor, Kitchen and Fellowship Hall. All windows are in and trimmed, waiting to be stained and painted. After such a long wait it is nice that this project is close to completion.

In October I traveled to Lakeshore Center on Lake Okoboji for an Academy Class on the New Testament of the bible. I have lots of homework to get done from a couple of my classes and would appreciate prayers as I work to complete these assignments.

On Halloween I handed out 150 bags of candy with our church information to trick or treaters from our community. It is always fun to see the kids all dressed up in their costumes.

The Toenail Clinic has been doing well and has been well attended. It is great to see so many from the community using this wonderful resource. It is a great ministry for our church, and while there is no charge for this, there have been many generous free will donations given. So far, a generous donation has been given to the Backpack Attack program that helps feed hungry kids in our community.

At our congregational meeting we elected three elders for Session; we welcome back Eva Withers and Noreen Noyes, and Shari Malony will be joining Session beginning in January. We thank Randy Neumann for his serving on Session the past six years and his help with getting both the roof project and the window project completed.

The Season of Advent will begin December 1<sup>st</sup>. As in the past we will be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas. I encourage all to come to church during this season as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior. On Christmas Eve we will have a candle-light service a 5:30. I hope to see you there and to invite friend to come along.

May the peace and love of Christ be with you all.

Keven Withers





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