

First Presbyterian Chimes



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January/February 2025

SESSION

Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder, Moderator

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session

Class of 2025

Shirley Helberg

Nikki Massmann

Class of 2026

Eva Withers

Noreen Noyes

Shari Maloney

Pastoral Leader

Keven Withers

SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Administration/Personnel: Shirley Helberg

Christian Education: Shari Maloney

Memorials: Noreen Noyes, Nikki Massmann

Mission: Session

Parish Life: Session

Property: Keven Withers, Nikki Massmann

Stewardship: Session

Worship & Music: Noreen Noyes, Shari Maloney

PASTORAL CARE

For Pastoral Care Please Contact Keven Withers.

Keven Withers

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Upcoming Events



Sunday, Jan. 5, 9:30 am Worship and Communion with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 5:30 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 9, 9:00-11:00 am Footcare Clinic

Sunday, Jan. 12, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Jan. 19, 9:30 am Worship with Pastor Freund in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Jan. 26, 9:30 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

Online giving is available on our website: osakispresbyterian.org

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Upcoming Events



Sunday, Feb. 2, 9:30 am Worship and Communion with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live

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

Thursday, Feb. 13, 9:00-11:00 am Footcare Clinic

Sunday, Feb. 19, 9:30 am Worship with Pastor Freund in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Feb. 19, 10:30 am **Annual Meeting**

Sunday, Feb. 23, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live



Feb. 15—Kaleb Helberg

Feb. 16—Carla Mathews

Feb. 22—Myl Harris

Feb. 24—Jessica Wussow

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

Reports for the annual report are due February 1st.
Please have them in on or before February 1st.

JANUARY SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Osakis held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

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

Balance on hand November 1, 2024	\$26,134.95
November Income	1,568.08
November Expenses	-16,111.88
Balance on hand November 30, 2024	\$11,591.15

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

Balance on hand December 1, 2024	\$11,591.15
December Income	10,302.47
December Expenses	-3,468.37
Balance on hand December 31, 2024	\$18,425.25

Communications and Correspondence

Thank you note from: Eagles Healing Nest, Long Prairie Food Pantry, Osakis Women's Association, The Salvation Army, Hands of Hope, Buttweiler's do all, and Presbyterian Foundation Theological Education Fund.

Communion served December 1st was 5.

Communion served January 5th was 7.

The session approved the 2024 Statistical Report.

Pastor's Report:

Academy- the next class begins the end of January; he needs to finish some homework.

Presbytery Meeting Report from December 12th Zoom Meeting – reported on the meeting.

Home Visits – visited Myl, Nona, Elmer & Luella, and Madelyn Hale.

Galeon Services – early December and Christmas Eve Service which had 23 people.

Preaching Schedule – Ernie January 19, February 16, and then gone for a couple of months.

Congregational Meeting in February – Our Annual Meeting will be February 16.

Donated Wheelchair – Send Thank you to Al & Betty Neumann.

Items of interest from the meeting:

Election of Officers: Clerk of Session – Eva Withers

Financial Secretary – Shari Maloney

Treasurer – Shirley Helberg

Memorial Fund – Ilene Olson

JANUARY SESSION SUMMARY (continued)

Session Committee Assignments – also clean up committees on agenda committee assignments

Administration/Personnel – Shirley Helberg
Worship and Music – Noreen Noyes and Shari Maloney
Property – Keven Withers and Nikki Massmann
Memorials – Noreen Noyes and Nikki Massmann
Christian Education – Shari Maloney

Communion Schedule for the Year – First Sunday of each month + Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday, and Easter.

Elder Training January 28th at 7:00 pm via Zoom for all Ruling Elders

Men's Group Account – it was decided to transfer the funds to the general account and close the account.

Sound System – it was determined that the microphone was the problem. Can add wires to use the permanent sound system.

Parlor Services for the Winter months (January through April) It was decided that we will have our services in the parlor until Palm Sunday.

125-year Celebration event planning – Shari will help with planning.

Marketing/Reaching Out (ongoing) – Will resume in the spring.

Additional Committee Reports

Property - Property – Keven – Staining and Painting bid - it was agreed to hire J.O. Painting.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m. in person and Zoom

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session





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 Backpack Attack of Osakis.

	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>In Living Tribute to:</u>
Ernie & Karen Freund	Roger & Olevia Freund Earl E. Olson	
Shari Maloney	Don & Jan Larsen Denise (Larsen) Collins	
Noreen & Marv Noyes	Eunice & Hugh Benjamin Leonard & Phyllis Noyes	
Ilene Olson	Loved Ones	
<u>Keven & Eva Withers</u>	James Withers Janice Withers	

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

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

Pastor's Corner

Greetings.

I hope everyone has been keeping warm this winter so far. We have been fortunate to not have a lot of snow so far. I know some people really like the snow but I for one could live without it, except a bit at Christmas. I would to thank those who I was able to come visit with before Christmas.

We had a wonderful Advent season that led up to a Wonderful Christmas Eve Candle-light service at church. I was also able to share a Christmas Eve service for the residents at Galeon. Doing services at Galeon is always an uplifting experience for me and the residents really enjoy and appreciate them.

Since Christmas and Epiphany are past us, I set up a small worship area in the Parlor at church. We did this to hopefully save some money on heating costs this cold winter, without the need to heat up the Sanctuary to a comfortable level for a one-hour worship service each week. We have met twice so far and it seems to be working out. There is a feeling of more togetherness and closeness worshipping this way. I encourage all to come share in the experience. The acoustics and sound are much nicer than meeting in the fellowship hall. We will move back into the Sanctuary when it starts to warm up in April for Palm Sunday and Easter and the remainder of the year.

I have been working with my Academy Class assignments and have gotten past a couple of hard ones recently. I still have a couple big assignments to complete as I keep moving through the process of becoming a CRE (commissioned ruling elder). I would appreciate your continued prayers as they are very much needed and appreciated. I have started my next class which will be a weekly class from Feb 3rd to March 13th.

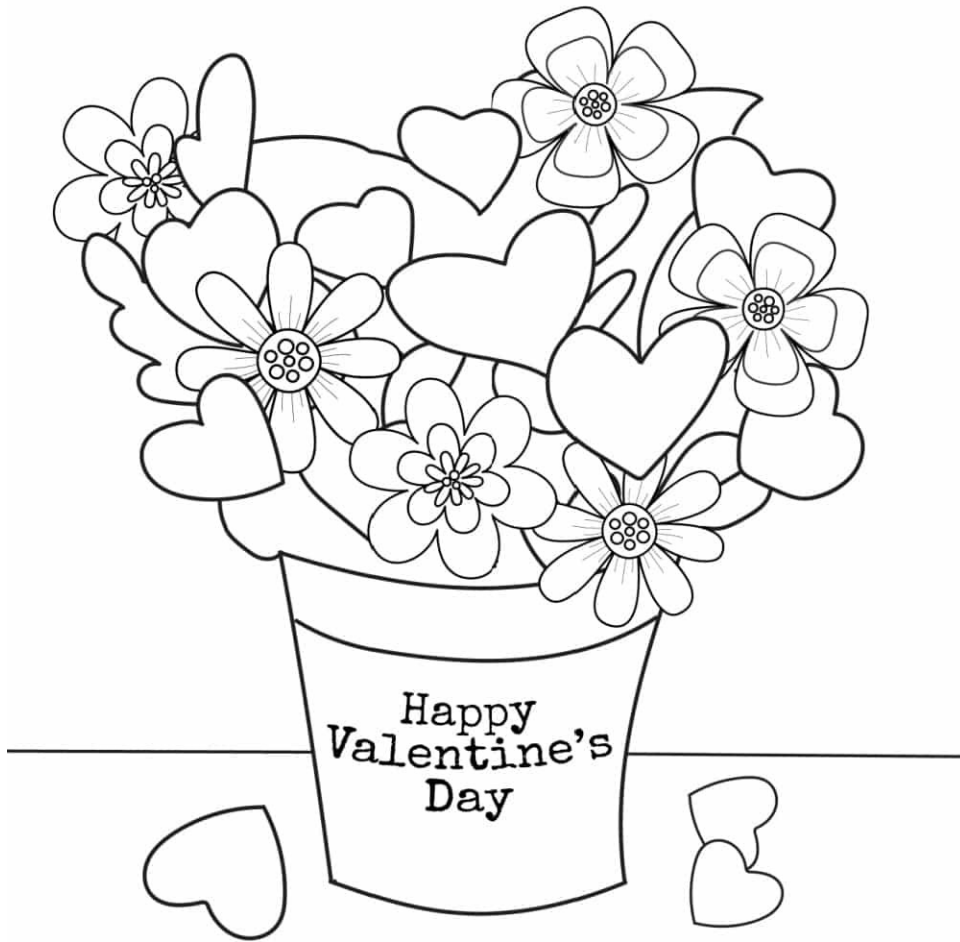
The Foot Care Clinic continues each month at church on the second Thursday of the month. This has been a wonderful ministry we have been able to become part of. Recently I participated in the Backpack Attack packing session at the school. With the help of youth groups, parents, and Pastors from the local area churches we were able to prepare and pack 750 bags of food for kids in need to take home on the weekends. Once the kids started packing it become a fast flurry of activity and was a very uplifting experience. This has been a wonderful mission project our church is part of that helps those in need in our community. Anyone who would like to come help with a future packing event are more than welcome.

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

Keven Withers



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