

December 2025 Income/Expense Report		
	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>
Income Received:	\$322,081	\$327,254.81
Expenses:	\$322,081	\$320,436.73
* (Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 6,818.08

2026 GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2026 giving envelopes are now available by the back door on the table. Please take only one book per family.

2026 PER CAPITA REMINDER

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, we are required by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to pay annual per capita dues each year per member. **For 2026, that amount is \$46.02 per member.** The per capita is our shared gift providing primary support of the operating ministry of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. These are dues that we are required to pay and it is an **expense that equates to approximately \$12,000 each year from our operating budget** receiving only about 25% from members. We pay these dues in March whether the money has been received by our members or not. **If you could faithfully pay your portion of the per capita by March 1st, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Robin.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Today, the Adult Class will review the first video in the 6 part study "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado. This first 19 minute video cover the time line from creation to Jeremiah. Max says "What happens in the later days will make more sense once you know what God promised in the early days". The class discussion will center on what early promises of God have not been fulfilled and why?

2026 HENDERSON SETTLEMENT MISSION TRIP

Join us for a Christ centered adventure at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, from June 21–25. This all ages mission trip combines hands on service with the joy of traveling and serving together. Volunteers take part in home repairs, community outreach, and time with local families—work that helps meet basic needs in Appalachia and creates opportunities for better lives. Last year, twenty adults and children from our FPC family joined the team, and we’re excited to see who God brings along this summer. Whether you’re repairing a porch, assisting with outreach projects, or simply offering a listening ear, every task makes a meaningful impact. Longtime volunteers Kay and Lamar Ziegler, who have served for 42 consecutive years, still describe the experience as deeply rewarding and full of unexpected moments of joy.

Jennie Auble and Lamar Ziegler will be available during Fellowship Hour today to answer questions for those new to trip. Returning volunteers, please pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center so we can reserve your housing.

2026 CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

Camp will be held June 1-5. Registration is \$60 per child and will be open March 1st—May 17th.

JANUARY 25 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2026		
<i>Today</i>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
<i>Monday</i>		
<i>Tuesday</i>		
<i>Wednesday</i>	8:30 am	Women’s GBR Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men’s GBR Reunion Group
<i>Thursday</i>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i>	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
<i>Saturday</i>	8:30 am	Aerobics
<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—TODAY...

The Annual Congregational meeting is set for **TODAY** immediately following the worship service. Please join us.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements are ready. If you are an Elder, Deacon or Church Staff, your statement will be in your mailbox located next to Janie’s office. Additionally, **Robin Story will be in Fellowship Hall before and after Sunday Service on January 18th and 25th to deliver all others** so please stop by and see her (if she doesn’t find you first) and get yours. **Those not picked up by the 25th will be mailed.**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

♥ Bill Linville, awaiting a liver transplant.

♥ Don Bellis, receiving hospice care at home.

♥ Joni McConnell, sister-in-law of Jan McConnell, needs a heart valve replacement.

A THANK YOU...

Thank you for all the prayers & thoughts of caring. This is an awesome church! ~Rachel Morgan

Continue to remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

Wendy Bittle

Ray Faust—*Harbor Manor*

Carolyn & Joe McGinley – *Hamilton Trace*


Verna Merrell

Carol Stough—*Five Star Residences of Noblesville*

Dorothy Etchison—*Independence Village*

Barbara Landes

Rachel Morgan



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JANUARY 25, 2026

SESSION		DEACONS
Laurie Szabo	Christian Education	Anne Burrress
Barb Runyon	Evangelism	Jill Casper
Mark Wisely	Finance	Cheryl Ditzler
Jennie Auble	Mission	Brenda Christian
Bob Moore	Planning	Clint Gingerich
Peggy Deakyne	Personnel /Nom.	Andrea Joines
Steve Runyon	Properties	Linda Melton
Karen McCord	Clerk	Gail Ratliff
		Robin Rufatto
		Quinn Teague
		Debbie Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
JANUARY 25, 2026		
As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember there are those who cherish a time of quiet before worship.		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
RINGING OF THE BELL		
PRELUDE	Cheryl Mayhew, organist Benton Price	
“Jesus Shall Reign”		
† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)	Lay Leader: Mark Wisely	
L: In the sea of life’s daily stress and strife, while struggling to keep our heads above water, Jesus calls us from the shore: “Follow me, and be fishers of men!”		
P: God gathers us into new boats built with room for friends and strangers alike.		
L: “Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose. Follow me, and build abundant life.”		
P: We will be weavers of community, architects of justice, gardeners of peace, keepers of the Holy Way.		
All: With joy, we worship the God who makes room for us all!		
† OPENING HYMN	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”	#225
† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)		
L: Lord Jesus, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats.		
P: We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.		
L: Lord Jesus, forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and empower us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world.		
P: God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.		
† WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive)		
L: Just as Jesus forgave the disciples when they were hesitant or afraid, so Christ forgives us when we stray from his purpose. Beloved, believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.		
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.		
† GLORIA PATRI	words on screen	
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.		
CHORAL ANTHEM	“Grace” (Mark Hayes)	Chancel Choir
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	Pastor Ken Locke	
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)		

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER		words on screen
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.		
<i>(Please keep joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer)</i>		
OFFERING		
Offertory	<i>“Amazing Grace”</i>	Lani Smith
† Doxology	words on screen	
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>		
† Prayer of Dedication		
HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>“Open My Eyes, That I May See”</i>	#563
MESSAGE	<i>“The Crucible Boat”</i>	Pastor Ken Locke
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23		
† CLOSING HYMN	<i>“He Leadeth Me”</i>	#690
† BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>“Spirit of Praise”</i>	Edward Broughton
†Please stand if you are able.		
<hr/> <i>Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.</i>		

- * Please sign and date the attendance pad.
- * Be sure to silence your cell phones.
- * We have a fully staffed Nursery available for newborn through 2 years old. Located in the upstairs hallway (nearest the back door), the 2nd door on the left. A changing table is available in the Nursery, as well.

SCRIPTURES & MESSAGE NOTES
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.
¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
Matthew 4:12-23
Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”
¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”
¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.
²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.