

Session Meeting
 First Presbyterian Church
 Davenport, Iowa
 March 16, 2026

The stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa was held on Monday, March 16, 2026. The meeting was via Zoom only, because the office was closed due to winter weather.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and stated that a quorum was present.

Pastor Kris led a devotion after reading John 1:4 and referencing Rob Bells book, *Love Wins*. He asked questions for discussion, e.g. 'In our congregation where do you see God's reconciling love?'

	Class of 2026		Class of 2027		Class of 2028
P	Dianna Darland <i>Worship & Music</i>	P	Dan Darland <i>Building Grounds & Safety</i>	P	Nancy Chapman <i>Finance</i>
E	Denny Jorgenson <i>Congregational Fellowship</i>	P	Craig Foster <i>Finance</i>	E	Colleen Dueñas <i>Hospitality and Welcoming</i>
E	Kathy Knox <i>Christian Ed & Fellowship with Youth</i>	P	Wendy Hammen <i>Worship & Music</i>	P	Nathan Kabel <i>Buildings Grounds & Safety</i>
P	Cathy Pratscher-Woods <i>Stewardship</i>	P	Paula Hartmann <i>Personnel</i>	P	Linda Meadors <i>Personnel</i>
P	Jed Steckel <i>Adult Spiritual Growth</i>	P	Sharon Simmonds <i>Adult Spiritual Growth</i>	P	RuthAnn Tobey-Brown <i>Personnel</i>
		P	Jay Williams <i>Adult Spiritual Growth</i>		
		A	Erin Yingling <i>Christian Ed & Fellowship with Youth</i>		
P	Julia Meyer <i>Clerk of Session, non-voting</i>				<i>P-present E-Excused A-Absent</i>

Staff members:

P	Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer <i>Pastor / Head of Staff</i>	p	Kristine Olson <i>Director of Financial and Business Administration</i>	P	Darren Long <i>Director of Building and Grounds</i>
P	Marty Bowles Edwards <i>Co-Director of CEFY</i>	P	Jim Middleton <i>Director of Office Administration</i>	P	Matthew Bishop <i>Director of Music and Arts</i>
P	Abby Scholdelmeyer <i>Co-Director of CEFY</i>				

A Land Acknowledgement was read.

At 6:58 PM, Pastor Kris started the meeting with prayer.

Guests: FPC Staff Members, Deacon Moderator Andy Bowles Edwards, and FPC Foundation Trustees: Ami Wells, Harry Hoyt, Rob Lamb and Glenn Simmonds.

The Moderator made a correction to the agenda, **On motion and second**, the agenda was approved as amended.

On motion and second, the Session approved seating our guests, with voice and no vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

- Approve the February 16, 2026, Session Meeting minutes
- Approve the February 22, 2026, Annual Congregational Meeting minutes.
- Ratify the E-Vote of March 6, 2026, to approve the installation of Doug Wells, as Deacon for a 2-year term, on Sunday, March 15, 2026, during the morning service.
Vote: YES 12, NO 0.
- Approve the Congregation members of the Session Committees.
 - Hospitality & Welcoming: *Add* Bonnie Parriott, Kristine Oswald
Remove Phylis Pecoraro

On motion and second the consent agenda was approved.

On motion and second Session voted to suspend the session meeting at 7:10 PM for the Annual Meeting of the FPC Foundation. The Session returned to open session with prayer at 7:39 PM.

CLERK'S REPORT

- New schedule for Session Meeting preparation. Starting in April, all reports, motions and agenda requests will be due the Monday before the Session meeting.
- The 2025 Church Statistical Report was submitted to the denominational office. A copy can be found in the appendix to the 2025 annual records and the February Session Minutes.
- FYI: The following documents were provided to PEIA. Copies can be found in the appendix to the 2025 annual records.
 - Annual Trustee Report and Certificates of Insurance
 - 2025 Necrology Report
 - 2026 Terms of Call for Pastor Kris Schondelmeyer
 - 2026 Church Contact Information Form

- Communications received by the Clerk:
 - Letter from the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. Forwarded to the Deacon Moderator.
 - 2026 Synod School (July 26-31 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA) The course guides are available in the office and registration begins April 1, 2026.
- The report from the Clerk of Session for March 2026 is appended to these minutes.

DEACONS’ REPORT – Deacon Moderator, Andy Bowles Edwards, gave a verbal overview of the current activities of the Deacon Board. The full report is appended to these minutes.

SESSION COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

- Written Session committee reports were received and are appended to these minutes.
- **On motion and second**, the reports from the Finance Committee were received.
- Comments from Elder Craig Foster, Finance Committee, on the 2026 January and February Income/Expense reports.
 - A surplus of \$53K was reported for January but February ended with a deficit of \$18K. This was due to congregants front loading their pledges in January.
 - It appears that we will meet the goal of a \$119K deficit at the end of 2026. However, there are long-term savings that can be drawn upon.

	January 2026		January 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 126,136	\$ 139,470	\$ 175,864	\$ 175,867
Custodial Accounts Income	1,339	-	2,877	-
Compensation Expenses	(53,901)	(56,310)	(51,376)	(51,380)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(18,759)	(25,063)	(16,445)	(16,502)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(1,339)	-	(2,877)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$53,476	\$58,097	\$108,043	\$107,985
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$53,476	\$58,097	\$108,043	\$107,985
	2026 Year-To-Date		2025 Year-To-Date	
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All numbers are rounded.

	February 2026		February 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 57,147	\$ 57,209	\$ 41,073	\$ 51,093
Custodial Accounts Income	1,485	-	3,000	-
Compensation Expenses	(53,327)	(56,305)	(52,281)	(55,845)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(21,441)	(27,520)	(23,192)	(34,443)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(1,485)	-	(3,000)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$17,621)	(\$26,616)	(\$34,400)	(\$39,195)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$17,621)	(\$26,616)	(\$34,400)	(\$39,195)
	2026 Year-To-Date		2025 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 183,283	\$ 196,679	\$ 216,937	\$ 226,960
Custodial Accounts Income	2,824	-	5,877	-
Compensation Expenses	(107,228)	(112,615)	(103,657)	(107,225)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(40,200)	(52,583)	(39,637)	(50,945)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(2,824)	-	(5,877)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$35,855	\$31,481	\$73,643	\$68,790
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$35,855	\$31,481	\$73,643	\$68,790

All numbers are rounded.

- Nancy Chapman, Co-Chair of SDT, moved that the Session contract with Bray Architects to proceed with the Master Planning phase of the expansion and/or renovation project at the cost of \$12,500. The FPC Foundation has agreed to provide the funds. After discussion the Session **voted to approve the policy, it carried.**
- RuthAnn Tobey-Brown, Chair of Personnel, moved that Session approve the proposed Anti-Harassment Policy which is required by the Book of Order. This document is appended to these minutes. After discussion the Session **voted to approve the policy, it carried.**

STAFF REPORTS

The staff reports were received and appended to these minutes.

Report of Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer, Pastor/Head of Staff

Over the past month, the life of our congregation has continued to be vibrant and active across multiple areas of ministry. A summary of pastoral leadership and engagement during this period follows.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Kris visited with member John Gere in his home and provided pastoral counseling for a few members who are navigating difficult personal circumstances. He also met with a couple seeking to renew their wedding vows and met with a non-member couple who are exploring the possibility of holding their wedding here at First Presbyterian Church. In addition, he assisted in the rollout of the NoteBird pastoral care software platform, which will help us more effectively track and coordinate care for members of our congregation.

Worship

Pastor Kris prepared for and preached each Sunday since late November (this includes providing children's sermons and adult sermons), with the exception of the Lessons and Carols Sunday in December and the Sunday immediately following the March 1 car accident when he was recovering from a concussion. However, for March 1 while he was recovering, he secured a guest preacher to ensure continuity in worship leadership. He has also completed worship planning through the summer of 2026 and an outline for worship through the end of 2026 to support strong coordination with music, liturgy, and seasonal themes. Between Easter and Pentecost, our Border Encounter Mission Team will lead one of the services, the choir has two different Sundays they will lead, and then, he is preparing a sermon series that uses the classic film *The Wizard of Oz* as a cultural lens through which we will explore several biblical themes. Each week will connect moments from the film with Scripture passages that speak to the surprising ways God's Spirit empowers ordinary people.

Teaching

Pastor Kris facilitated our Adult Sunday School leading up to Lent, he planned and is currently leading our Lenten Book Study which includes three separate small groups, as well as planning and leading our Lenten Contemplative Services. These gatherings are providing meaningful opportunities for spiritual reflection and formation during the Lenten season. He also has been leading the Sermon Talks Bible Study on Thursday mornings. Additionally, he continues to be the sole male mentor for the Youth Group on Sunday evenings, providing a consistent presence with our 6th – 12th grade youth.

Meetings and Leadership

During the month, Pastor Kris met with several Session committees, the Deacons, and the Foundation Board of Trustees. He planned and facilitated a retreat for the Strategic Discernment Team and helped plan and facilitate our congregation's Annual Meeting. He also led regular staff meetings and provided guidance and feedback to staff as they carried forward various ministry initiatives.

Community Involvement

Pastor Kris participated as a judge for the juried art show FPC hosted in partnership with the Creative Arts Academy at Sudlow Middle School. He attended our monthly PUNCH meeting and met with pastors from Third Missionary Baptist Church to explore possibilities for a deeper partnership between our congregations. Matt and Pastor Kris are exploring a joint music related event that will highlight the musical gifts of both churches.

Personal Note

Pastor Kris and his wife Abby were involved in a car accident on March 1. While the vehicle damage was relatively minor, he sustained a concussion and took about a week to rest and recover as advised. He is feeling significantly better and has been able to resume normal ministry

responsibilities. He deeply appreciates the many messages of care and concern that Abby and he have received from members of the congregation during that time. Your kindness meant a great deal to them.

Other Business

On motion and second Session suspended the meeting to enter an Executive Session at 8:10 PM, the Zoom recording was stopped. At 8:55 PM the Zoom recording started and the Session returned to open Session.

Evaluation of the Meeting: No comments were made but everyone looked tired.

Adjournment: Pastor Kris closed the meeting with prayer at 8:58 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Lenten Small Groups Palm Sunday Service Maundy Thursday Communion & Dinner Good Friday Service Easter Service	February through March March 29, 2026, at 9:30 AM April 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM April 3, 2026, at 7:30 PM April 5, 2026, at 9:30 AM
Upcoming Session Meetings	Monday, April 20, 2026 Monday, May 18, 2026
Next Presbytery Meeting, 220th	Saturday, April 18, 2026, 10 AM In-person and Zoom Iowa City, St Andrew
227 th General Assembly of PC(USA) (Co-Moderator election July 2, 2026)	Sunday, June 21 – Thursday, July 2, 2026 Baird Center, Milwaukee, WI

Appendix 1: Clerk's Report

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION

March 2026

I. Membership Changes

None

II. Ordination/Installation of Elders

On January 25, 2026, a Specially-Called meeting of the Congregation was held to elect one Elder, Colleen Duenas, for a 3-year term and one Deacon, Doug Wells, for a 2-year term.

Newly elected officer, Colleen Duenas completed leadership training on February 9, 2026, which was led by Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer.

Elder Colleen Duenas was ordained and installed, and Elder Nathan Kabel was installed for 3-year terms each, during Sunday morning service on February 22, 2026.

Deacon Doug Wells was installed for a 2-year term during Sunday morning service on March 15, 2026.

III. Communion

Communion was held on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 7:30 PM. The Rev Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer officiated.

IV. Building Use Commission

A request by Deanna Harman for use of Von Maur Hall for a Vow Renewal on March 21, 2026 was approved.

A request by Travis Stanger, Pride in Motion, for the use of the Gym on Sunday afternoons during the month of March was approved.

A request by Kaye Ferris, Belle Academy of Dance, for use of the CE building, third floor, on May 2, 2026 was approved.

V. PEIA

The following documents were provided to PEIA: the 2026 Church Statistical Report, Annual Trustee Report, Insurance Certificates, 2025 Necrology Report, 2026 Terms of Call, and 2026 FPC Contact information.

VI. CEFY and Adult CE Attendance

February 2025	Children and Youth								Adults			
	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	Kirkwood Choir	Cherub Choir	Youth Ministry*	Musik-garten*	Youth Choir	Adult Sunday School	Women of Hope	Color of Compromise	Bible Basics
2/2-2/8	4	9	16	12	3	9/6	2/2	6	24		10	7
2/9-2/15	4	10	Manna and More	8#	2	5/5	Manna and More	Recess	Manna and More	5	12	7
2/16-2/22	3	4	9	6	2	6/5	4/2	3	12		12	6
2/23-2/28	4	6	12	7	1	8/5	Recess	4	Annual Mtg		12	7
Total	15	29	37	33	8	28/21	6/4	13	36	5	46	27
Weekly avg	4	7	12	8	2	7/5	3/2	4	18	5	12	7
			#Sang in Worship		*Youth or Children/Adults							

February 2026	Children and Youth									
	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	Pre-K to 2	Tweens	Confirmation Class	Musik-garten*	Kirkwood Choir	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry*
2/1-2/7	2	10	11	4	4	3	3/3	5	Recess	8/5
2/8-2/14	6	9	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	7	11	7/5
2/15-2/21	3	14	18	5	7	6	4/3	9	Recess^	5/4
2/22-2/28	2	12	12	5	6	1	3/1	7	11	Recess
Total	13	45	41	14	17	10	10/7	28	22	20/14
Weekly avg	3	11	13	5	6	3	3/2	7	11	7/5
			^ Youth Group Outing				*Child/Adult			

February 2026	Adult Spiritual Growth					
	Adult Sunday School (weekly)	Women of Hope (monthly)	Bible Basics (weekly)	Sermon Talks (weekly)	Contemplative Service (monthly)	Midweek Love Wins
2/1-2/7	20		6	8		
2/8-2/14	M&M	7	6	Recess		
2/15-2/21	16		Recess	9		
2/22-2/28	15#		4	Cancelled	Cancelled	13
Total	51	7	16	17	0	13
Weekly avg	17	7	5	9	0	13
	#Love Wins classes begin					

VII. Worship Attendance

February		Cong.	Choir &	
2025		Count	Clergy	Totals
	9:30 AM	109	45	154
	On-line Views			19
2	Total			173
	9:30 AM	92	42	134
	On-line Views			17
9	Total			151
	9:30 AM	82	3	85
	On-line Views			16
16	Total			101
	9:30 AM	91	41	132
	On-line Views			30
23	Total			162
		Monthly Totals		587
		Weekly Average		147

On-line views are based on livestream views and other views within 2 weeks of service date. Weekly average is figured on the sanctuary attendance plus views on Facebook and Vimeo. Monthly totals and

February		Cong.	Choir &	
2026		Count	Clergy	Totals
	9:30 AM	105	4	109
	On-line Views			94
1	Total			203
	9:30 AM	92	41	133
	On-line Views			97
9	Total			230
8				
	9:30 AM	102	39	141
	On-line Views			169
15	Total			310
	9:30 AM	75	36	111
	On-line Views			86
22	Total			197
		Monthly Totals		940
		Weekly Average		233.5

On-line views are based on livestream views and other views within 2 weeks of service date. Weekly average is figured on the sanctuary attendance plus views on Facebook and Vimeo. Monthly totals and

Ash Wednesday

	7:30 PM	34	4	38
	On-line Views			0
18	Total			38

Appendix 2: Session Committee/Commission Reports, March 2026

Session Committee/Commission Reports: March 2026



Building, Grounds & Safety

2 March 2026

In Attendance: Dan Darland, Nathan Kabel, Matt Kabel, Andy Edwards, Pete Madden, Darren Long (staff)

1. Approval of Feb Minutes
2. Old Business:
 - a. Crawford came and looked at the underground (across from choir room). 2 people came out, were on site for 3 hours, we were charged \$750 for 6 hours labor. Due to this being excessive and no work truly accomplished, Matt will be giving Crawford a call to address.
 - b. Boiler work - #1 is fine, we are running on #2. The motor for #1 possibly has a dead short. Boilers are set in sequence. The solenoid for water needs to be replaced this week. Motor will be sent for rebuild after the heating season.
 - c. Goetz kitchen exhaust for annual inspection - completed
 - d. Men's restroom below Sanctuary needs a handrail on the opposite side. Completed.
 - e. Boiler return water leak in underground classroom. Major leak is fixed, still reviewing for minor leaks.
 - f. Removal of old mower and metal in foundation garage – on hold until Foundation is ready to tear down garage.
 - g. Old snow blower status – one we are pretty sure is absolutely fine, other two are still be evaluated.
3. Darren's Office move update: Completed ahead of schedule.
4. Needed Repairs:
 - a. Minor \leq \$1000
 - i. Heat tape needed in downspout, east side of Sanctuary bldg.
 - ii. Gutter guards on shed – purchased, needs to be installed
 - iii. Lights in bell tower (visible through the narrow windows on the tower. – one replaced and is much brighter, but reviewing for even brighter. Another one still needs to be changed.
 - iv. Flood lights on dormers of bell tower (only south one works) – waiting for warmer weather
 - v. North dormer window blank – waiting for warmer weather
 - vi. Radiator vent leak in Men's bathroom, 1st Floor CE building. Matt/Darren.
 - b. Moderate $\$1000 < X < \5000
 - i. Water Leak in Women's bathroom, 1st floor CE. Finished and is very well done.

- c. Major \geq \$5000
 - i. Leak in the men's restroom next to Fellowship Hall. Modern companies have lowest bid of \$7000. Session approved. Scheduled for week of 3/1/2026
 - ii. Bell repair, session approved contingent upon financing from the Armil Fund via the Foundation. \$6060 + \$1000 labor. Request sent to Foundation for financial support from Armil Fund.
 - iii. Walls around and in Women's bathroom, 1st floor CE. Darren and Andy are considering repair using FRP as a good, and less expensive repair under SDT plans are finalized. (this will move to lesser category)
5. New Business:
 - a. Need space for wheelchairs in sanctuary. Andy and Darren are looking for options.
 - b. Reviewing water softener use for boilers to gauge consumption. Andy/Darren
 - c. Darren is calling Kone regarding bill for elevator doors as it seemed high.
 - d. Backflow device inspection needs to occur - Darren
 - e. Chapel roof repair now that it is warmer – Andy
 - f. Spring Cleanup date needed – Dan to coordinate with Julia
6. Motions made within Committee – Proceed with FRP for bathroom and hall wall repairs.
7. Motions made for Session - None
8. Next Meeting: 6 April 2026, 5:30PM - Parlor



Hospitality and Welcoming

February 24, 2026

Attendees: Andrew Edwards, Bonnie Parriott, Dianna Darland, Colleen Duenas

Andy opened the meeting with prayer at 8:50 PM.

- We will try and obtain new fellowship pads. We will try and rearrange the welcome desk to be more welcoming. Members of the committee will meet Sunday after church to take a look. We will look at different name tags that might be easier for people to use.
- It was discussed about having fellowship coffee once a month. It was suggested that maybe once a month just have coffee and donuts at the church for a social outing. It was noted that deacons will be trying to arrange a once-a-month supper outing. This will be discussed with fellowship committee Deacons and with Pastor Kris about options for that.
- Colleen, Bonnie and Andy will meet on Wednesday at 9:30 AM for them to learn how to use breeze.
- Usher's list is good.
- Fellowship treats after church list are good. They are on the breeze website

There were no motions from the committee or no motions for session approval.

Closing prayer was done by Andy Edwards at 9:15 PM.



Finance Committee

February 10, 2026, approximately 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Attendees: Nancy Chapman, Craig Foster, Pam Paulsen, Kirk Christie, Karen Moore, Kristine Olson.

Tom Spitzfaden volunteered to take notes and write the minutes.

A quorum was determined and a motion to approve the January minutes were duly approved.

Required year-end activities (W-2s, 1009s, etc.) were noted as complete.

The denomination's required statistical report was mentioned as complete (with a noted spelling change) and will be forwarded to Session.

Year-end 2025 financial reports were discussed. Several items were mentioned as needing attention or review. The goal is to have the financial narrative ready for inclusion in the Annual Report prior to the Annual Meeting, and to have the Financial Annual Report available at the Annual Meeting. Tom will record a video for the Annual Meeting, and Nancy will be available to answer any questions.

January 2026 financial reports were not available. Kristine is still working on the conversion to QuickBooks.

Discussion of several building maintenance/repair items ensued.

- (i) The boiler requires a new Regulator. This has been completed. The committee indicated that funding for this should be the General Fund's maintenance budget.
- (ii) Mention was made of the elevator being in less than good working order. The committee agreed that this should be fixed and likely funded from the General Fund's maintenance budget although there is not yet a request for funding source.
- (iii) A water leak on the first floor of the Education Building was discussed. Details and cost of the repair are unknown. Discussion outcome was that the repair is necessary, funds will be available for the cost, and the exact funding source will be identified when more information is available.
- (iv) There is sentiment to repair the bell although details are murky. Several committee members voiced skepticism over the need for this when there are other more critical building maintenance needs (i.e., water repair in Education Building). Since there was no Request for Capital Expenditure, the committee declined to identify a funding source. It was requested that when this is discussed at Session, the importance of this relative to other needs be brought forward.

Craig reported that Session acted to gratefully receive the Bawden gift and to implement the associated procedures. Finance Committee may be minimally involved with some of those procedures.

The next meeting is planned for March 10, 2026, at 7 PM via Zoom.

Pam ended the meeting with a prayer and reflection at about 8:30 PM

Submitted, Tom Spitzfaden



Congregational Fellowship

I will be having back surgery on Friday March 6th, We will not be holding a meeting on March 9th. and April 13th. due to my surgery.

1. Manna and More for March 8th.
 - a. Menu will be biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, gluten free waffles, fresh fruit, beverages, and remaining sausage leftover from February.
 - b. Carole and Marilyn will shop for supplies.
 - c. Marilyn will submit the promotional material for the e-news and Bulletin.
 - d. Please arrive at 9:00 to cut up fruit and cook, so you will have time to eat before the Congregation.
 - e. Don't forget about the time change. Daylight savings time begins.
2. April Maundy Thursday, April 2nd. 6:30 mealtime.
 - a. We will need volunteers to purchase six types of soup from TPC.
 - b. Denny has sent a request to Alex Gilson to make a crockpot of Vegan soup like he did last year. I haven't heard back from him.
 - c. Marty Bowles Edwards has volunteered to make 7 loaves of bread.
 - d. We will need to meet at 5:00 to set up and warm up the soup.
 - e. Please let the group know if you are able to help.
3. Manna and More for April 12th.
 - a. Menu will be egg casseroles, pancakes, fresh fruit, gluten-free waffles and beverages. We will use gluten-free bread in one of the casseroles.
 - b. We will need to meet at 9:00 on Saturday April 11th. to prepare the casseroles. We will need to bring 9x13 pans to make the casseroles in.
 - c. Please arrive at 9:00 on Sunday to cut up fruit and bake the casseroles.

Thank you all for everything that you do. We have a wonderful team.



CEFY

March 2, 2026 at 7:30 on Zoom

Attendees: Abby, Marty, Deanna, Kathy M., Kathy K.

Abby opened in prayer

There is no budget update at this point.

There are some fun tween events that are happening. They are doing a tour of the building, while learning about the history of the church. Also during the tour Alex will show them the organ. At Manna and more they will make notes for staff and students at Sudlow for during ISASP testing time in April.

In general the programming for the children, tween and youth seem to be going well, and we are establishing good groups and relationships.

Kirkwood choir was discussed and a fun event with the children able to sing with some of the parents.

Marty and Abby were going to hash out some more specifics in regards to Compassion camp in June, more details to come in April's meeting.

No motions were made at the meeting, and no motions need to go to Session.

Notes taken by Kathy Knox



Adult Spiritual Growth

March 2, 2026, on Zoom

Attendees: Pastor Kris, Jay Williams, Sharon Simmonds, Jed Steckel, and Bruce Bufe.

Jay opened with prayer.

Plans for the upcoming spring season of adult education classes were discussed focusing on scheduling around Easter, Manna & More, and the Magnuson Legacy luncheon on April 19th.

The committee determined that after Easter through Mother's Day (May 10th), Kris will lead weekly Sunday School discussions around Rob Bell's Nooma video series to conclude the season.

Jay closed with prayer.



Personnel

March 12, 2026, 2:30 PM

In attendance: Pastor Schondelmeyer, RuthAnn Tobey-Brown, Dan Brienach, Vicki Stegall, Linda Meadors Absent: Paula Hartmann

ACTION POINTS

1. Committee motioned, seconded and approved bringing a revised Anti-Harassment Policy to the March 16, 2026, Session meeting. The policy will include Verbal, Nonverbal, Sexual, Electronic Harassment and Retaliation.
2. Committee discussed the need for a revised vacation policy for all employees. Part-Time employee benefits were the discussion focus with a revised proposal to be brought to Session in the next few months with implementation by January 1, 2027.
3. Ruth Ann and Dan Brienach will be responsible for signing off on any personnel documentation involving Pastor Kris or Abby Schondelmeyer. Pastor Schondelmeyer will be able to sign off for all other employees.
4. Committee wishes to participate in a ***Recognition and Thank You*** to all church volunteers on Sunday May 17 in conjunction with the Manna & More Ice Cream Social.
5. Committee began a discussion regarding the need for a registered sex offender policy to be in place. The topic needs discussion at Session.
6. Monthly Personnel Committee meetings will take place at 3:00 PM on the first Monday of each month unless the church is closed on that Monday and then committee will attempt to meet Tuesday at 3:00 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 7th 3:00 PM since the church is closed Easter Monday. Meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Appendix 3: FPC Staff Reports, March 2026

FPC Staff Reports, March 2026



Abby Schodelmeyer, Marty Bowles-Edwards: Co-Directors of Christian Education

CEFY programming successfully blended children's lessons and activities with the overall church calendar. A game day was provided in the gym on February 22 to allow teachers to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting. Abby coordinated the game activities and appreciated the support of Confirmation Youth and CEFY Parents.

Sunday School lessons were written to present concepts from the Lenten book study, of *Love Wins*, by Rob Bell, at age-appropriate levels. Booklets were sent home with families to explain and interact with the concepts and traditional practices associated with Lent.

Planning for VBS Compassion Camp has been the focus of early March. We are designing an empowering, mission focused week to honor the role children play in leading us. Biblical and modern-day children will be highlighted. Hands-on mission projects will be included in the week.

CEFY was represented at the SDT retreat March 14, 2026

Manna and More focused on offering support to the Students and Faculty of Sudlow Middle School during their upcoming ITBS testing. We provided a children's table for eating and crafting. This was well received and allowed parents to fellowship together during the meal.

Confirmation is utilizing the Sparkhouse curriculum each week. Many of those in Confirmation also attend youth group weekly. Since we have programming for youth twice most weeks, they have begun to bond more deeply and better understand the faith they are growing into. We are looking forward to 2 youth being Confirmed on May 24.

The youth group has continued meeting most weeks. The bonds forming within the group have been valuable for all who attend. They interact with care and respect for one another. We have been focusing on lessons with real-life implications. In a world that is ever-changing and fast-paced, having time to rest and simply be themselves makes church a safe place. Our youth mentors are invaluable—we would not have youth group without them. Highlights from the month of February included: the Super Bowl Party at the Schodelmeyer House and bowling at TBK.

The Souper Bowl of Caring on February 8 was a success both developmentally and financially. The children spoke from the lectern to inform and inspire the congregation. Children and Youth collected \$1071.14 to donate to Tapestry Farms.



Matt Bishop, Director of Music & Arts

- I was in Milwaukee from February 24-28 at the Midwest conference of the American Choral Directors Association.
- The public exhibition of the juried art show (with works from the Creative Arts Academy) was held on Tuesday, February 17. The theme was "The Healing of the Nations." Turnout was higher than last year, and we anticipate continuing this next year. Special thanks to those who helped with set-up, food, judging, and for all who attended.
- Alex Gilson's live improvised soundtrack to *The General* was on Friday, February 20. Alex was joined by percussionist Josh Duffee - both did a fine job.
- I remain a representative from FPC on the planning committee of Affirming Congregations of the Quad Cities - this group is planning various joint events during Pride Month.
- My focus these next few weeks is on Holy Week, the Chamber Chorale's Eastertide Lessons and Carols Service on April 19, the Justice Choir of the Midwest concert on April 26, the Hymn Fest and the Quad City Youth Choir concert on May 17, and FPC's production of *Tuck Everlasting*.



Kristine Olson, Dir. of Financial & Business Administration

- As a reminder, **please submit APPROVED expense reimbursements on completed expenditure forms** to the Finance Office **by the 8th and 23rd of each month** to ensure payment by the 15th and Last Day of each month, respectively. **Unapproved expense reports may result in a delay in processing your reimbursement requests.**
- January 2026 Financials were provided to the Finance Committee the evening of Wednesday, March 11th and February 2026 Financials were provided late in the evening of Thursday, March 12th. At this time, only the income & expense reports were provided, including budget vs. actual. QuickBooks Online implementation has had a few unforeseen complications regarding prior year history and a Balance Sheet, including the Custodial & Passthrough Account Report, are not yet available. I have accepted assistance from members of the Finance Committee to help identify issues, specifically related to December 2025 activity.
- Breeze Giving - **Reminder: Online Giving via Breeze will replace Vanco in 2026.** I continue working with existing Vanco givers with the transition.
- The Magnusson Music Fund at New Covenant has been established and is still awaiting distribution from her estate.
- I have been working with the Foundation Board of Trustees (BoT) to update marketing/information materials for the Foundation. In addition, I have been part of the planning for the BoT's event in April.
- Birdies for Charity will be kicking off in April, and I will be working with Finance, Stewardship, and Pastor Kris to ensure another successful campaign.



Darren Long, Director of Building and Grounds

1. Fixed Double doors leading to the Chapel & Sanctuary (Fire Doors) to stay open without wedge, Working on getting Library door (Fire Door) fixed also.
2. Installed 2 new door closures on Iowa street entry doors.
3. 3rd Floor woman's restroom & Library restroom replaced Fill valve.
4. 3rd floor woman's restroom and drinking fountain waterline has been fixed by Modern.
5. I'm in the process of repairing woman's restroom walls and drinking fountain wall with the help of Andy Edwards.
6. Boiler for Pastor Kris's office needed a new part, Matt Kabel came and fixed it.
7. Sanctuary elevator west side opening to the lobby was sticking, Kone came back out and fixed and adjusted it. They were just here fixing and adjusting the East side door a few weeks ago.
8. New gutters on the CE Building have been fixed.
9. Our annual sewer backflow check is scheduled for March 20th.
10. Modern will be here to work on the men's fellowship restroom in a few weeks.
11. White roofing called and said they plan on starting the chapel roof sometime at the beginning of May.
12. Moved into the new/old office and cleaned carpet in the other office that was vacated.
13. Have been attending Staff, B & G, and Strategic Discernment Team meetings.
14. Scheduled spring clean-up for March 28th to gather up leaves to get ready for planting.
15. Numerus odd jobs and things around the church besides my daily schedule.



Jim Middleton, Director of Office Administration

Over the past month, office operations have continued steadily in the period following last month's Annual Congregational Meeting. With the meeting now behind us, the focus shifted from preparation to wrapping up all remaining tasks connected to the Annual Report and its supporting materials. Documentation was finalized, organized, and archived to ensure clear record-keeping and easy access for future reference. All follow-up responsibilities were completed efficiently and without issue.

Day-to-day office functions also proceeded without interruption. These included managing the phone system, overseeing building access control, coordinating document production and copying needs, and maintaining both office equipment and software systems. We also continued our regular production of 150 worship service bulletins, supporting weekly worship activities.

Overall, the month was marked by steady workflow, reliable operations, and orderly completion of post-meeting administrative tasks.

Appendix 4: Deacon Moderator Report

Deacons Minutes for March 9, 2026 [7:00 PM]

Devotions/Opening Prayer: Steve Earp

Attendees: Andy Edwards, Dan Breinich, Elizabeth Breinich, Kris Woodard, Mason Pedersen, Scott Johnson, Steve Earp [zoom], Pastor Pat Halverson, Sherry Williams, Sarah Soenksen, Andrew Darland [zoom], Heidi Pedersen, Bill Yingling [zoom], Gail Yingling [zoom], Doug Wells, Cherri Umland-Burns, Amy Saskowski, Pastor Kris Schondelmeyer, Carrie Braun, Katrina Williams

Absent: Lois Boyer, Connie Connolly, Al Frohlich, John Gere, Bob Lehnerr

Deacon Minutes & Matthew 25: Andy Edwards

- Building Congregational Vitality
- Dismantling Structural Racism
- Eradicating Systemic Poverty

Sign Up Sheets Passed around:

- Kids Against Hunger: Elizabeth Breinich: 4:00 PM, April 19th. Minute for Mission March 29th by Dan Breinich
- Funeral Support : Steve Earp
People willing to be contacted to help with luncheons at the church after a funeral. Help set up, host and clean up
- Foundation Lunch: Andy Edwards: Need help to setup for the lunch on April 19th
An event at the church to honor people who have given to the Foundation and to honor Jane Magnusson. Volunteers needed:
(1) Thursday, April 16th , 1-3, Assemble Packets and Center Pieces
(2) Friday, April 17th, 10-12, Setting up in Fellowship Hall
(3) Sunday, April 19th, 10:15-12:00, Servers needed
- Habitat for Humanity April 18th : Yingling's and Andy:
Sign up online and register. If you have done Habitat for Humanity before, sign up is not needed. Information date March 21, 10:00-11:00
Participation times on April 18th: 8-12 and 12-3 Gail will check out needed information
- Notes to Sudlow: Amy: By March 25th
- Blessing Box April 27th , At KWQC
Bring donations to go into the truck, First Presbyterian Church volunteer time: 10-11 am

PUNCH: Sherry Williams

- Graduation Gifts: There is a list of items to be purchased for gifts. June 7th , 1-2 at The Center (on Brady St. by St. John's Methodist Church)
It would be nice to have Deacons attend the celebration.

Succession Planning: Andy Edwards

Please discuss with your committee the future needs of planning for Chair, co-chair

Green Envelopes: Andy Edwards

- Andy did a Minute for Mission March 8th
- Need another Green Envelopes done on the last Sunday of July and October

Member Care: Steve Earp

- Member Care follow up on new teams and birthday cards. Letter to church members to be done in the next week.
- Notebird use; Sign up if you have not and check on your team for update and milestones
- Furthest pew: Status-List Pending
- Ladies Tea 2-4 pm, April 11th
Ladies Tea details, All ages are welcome to come for the tea. Everything is planned, and food will be provided by committee members. A craft activity is planned for the tea. The committee needs ¼ inch satin ribbon for the craft. Announcements will be going into bulletin and e-news March 15th. Reservations are being made through Diana Miller-Bur or Jim Middleton.
- Homecoming later discussion [October] Steve, Lois and Pastor Kris S will meet to discuss ideas
- Family Night at Baseball Dates Tuesday June 16 th [possible date] Looking at promotion dates
- Young adult outing-movie at Last Picture show- no update
Young adult book study with Young Adult [9 people attended]
- Prayer Shawls: No update
- Men's fellowship group- Would like to revive this group. Ideas welcome. Pastor Kris has some ideas for a men's breakfast group

Outreach: Sarah Soenksen

- Notes to Sudlow: Amy- Activity in Fellowship Hall to give out note packets. Volunteers need to write notes of encouragement for the students at Sudlow School. Due back April 5th
- Caring Closet: 60 lunches handed out on Tuesday. Closet is very busy. Easter baskets, Prom dress give away coming up at the end of March and switching over from winter to summer clothing.
- Picnic Date for getting bounce house and tent: September 13th
- Bounce House for Picnic: possible fund raiser- dunk tank for fund raiser, Pastor Kris is willing to be in the dunk tank. Find out the cost for a Bounce House. Andy will check on cost.
- Easter Egg: Saturday April 4th From 10:30-11:00 for set up: 9:30 to help with Hot dogs: Signup sheet went around to volunteer
- Memorial to Lost: no update
- March 31 st end of paper drive, move the toilet paper out of Van Maur Hall before March 21st for delivery

Meal Site: Bob Lehnerr: no update

Mission Connection: Andy Edwards

- Response to natural disasters Planning Border outreach in October Information meeting March 20 th at 7:00 PM

- Mission trip next year somewhere in the midwest. Andy will look into that in the next couple months
- Habitat for Humanity date set for April 18th
- Kids Against Hunger date set for April 19th [4:00}

Blood Drive: Andy: Group was in favor of this activity

Shred It Date: Andy [Cost 15-30 banker boxes \$300 2-4, hours \$1800.00] Decided against this event

Craig Foster will be doing a minute for mission for the boarder experience March 15th .

Closing Prayer: Steve Earp

Minutes by Elizabeth Breinich

Appendix 5: Anti-Harassment Policy, Approved March 16, 2026

Anti-Harassment Policy

First Presbyterian Church of Davenport

It is First Presbyterian Church of Davenport's belief that God has created all people in God's own image and thus has made us equal in Christ (Genesis 1:26). The Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit, was created and is meant to reflect our relationship to one another and to God. We firmly believe that God intends all people to have worth and dignity in all relationships. Through these relationships we are bound to serve and to respect the dignity of every human being.ⁱ This respect and dignity afforded to all happens through the creation and maintenance of safe and sacred space within our community, free of harassment.

First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local anti-discrimination and harassment laws and regulations, enforces this Policy in accordance with the following definitions and guidelines.

Verbal Harassment: Verbal Harassment includes, without limitations, verbal abuse, offensive gestures, physical threats, bullying, and discriminatory comments. This includes comments that are offensive or unwelcome such as cursing, innuendoes, insults, jokes, mocking, name-calling, slurs, threats, epithets, negative stereotyping and or yelling, with regards to a person's nationality, origin, race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, body, medical conditions, disability, appearance.ⁱⁱ

Nonverbal Harassment: Nonverbal Harassment includes, without limitations, intimidating or discriminatory gestures, and displays that create a hostile environment without using words or sexual undertones. Common examples include staring/leering, invading personal space, stalking and/or monitoring movements, destroying property, offensive gestures, displaying derogatory materials, and blocking or sabotaging a person's work. This also includes distribution, display or discussion of any written or graphic material that ridicules, denigrates, insults, belittles or shows hostility, aversion or disrespect toward an individual or group because of nationality, origin, race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, body, medical conditions, disability, appearance.ⁱⁱⁱ

Sexual Harassment: Sexual Harassment is the behavior characterized by the making of unwelcome and inappropriate sexual remarks, physical advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal and physical conduct of a sexual nature.^{iv} Sexual harassment may take many different forms including but not limited to Verbal, nonverbal, and physical sexual harassment.^v More information about this can be found in First Presbyterian Church of Davenport's Sexual Harassment Policy.

Electronic Harassment: Online electronic forms used by bullies to harass targeted victims include e-mail, blogs, social networking websites, online games, forums, instant messaging, Zoom, text messaging, and mobile phone pictures. Bullying perpetrated through these online media have come to be known as "cyber bullying."^{vi}

Retaliation: Retaliation is any hardship, loss, benefit or penalty imposed on any person in response to filing or responding to a bona fide complaint or discrimination or harassment.^{vii}

In our efforts to create a church where all people are treated with respect and dignity, First Presbyterian Church commits to:

- Provide boundary training for our leaders to encourage awareness, education, understanding, and growth;
- Acknowledge and thoroughly investigate all allegations of harassment providing support through our pastoral leadership to all involved.
- Strive to create a church where harassment of all kinds is not tolerated or accepted, where all members of God’s kin-dom (God’s holy family) are welcome and safe.

Resources:

The Book of Order 2023-2025: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Part II
https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/2025-08/2025_0724_Book_of_Order_Interactive_2025-2027.pdf

The US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – Harassment
<https://www.eeoc.gov/youth/harassment#:~:text=The%20laws%20enforced%20by%20EEOC,older%2C%20or%20genetic%20information.>

ⁱ The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church USA, 2023-2024. F-1.0301

ⁱⁱ U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Harassment. Accessed January 31, 2024.
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^v Please see First Presbyterian Church of Davenport’s Sexual Harassment Policy

^{vi} US Department of Health and Human Services – What is Cyberbullying.
Accessed February 4, 2026. <https://www.stopbullying.gov/cyberbullying/what-is-it>

^{vii} US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Enforcement Guidance on Retaliation and Related Issues.

Accessed January 31, 2024. <https://www.eeoc.gov/laws/guidance/enforcement-guidance-retaliation-and-related-issues>

Appendix 6: Session Agenda, March 16, 2026



Session Agenda March 16, 2026 Von Maur Hall and Zoom

FPC is a Matthew 25 church in the PC USA. The three core pillars of the Matthew 25 initiative are:

- ❖ Building Congregational Vitality
- ❖ Eradicating Systemic Poverty
- ❖ Dismantling Structural Racism

Call to Order (6:30 PM)

Declaration of a Quorum

Devotion and Study (6:30 – 7:00 PM)

Land Acknowledgement: First Presbyterian church gratefully acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Indigenous communities who make Iowa and Illinois their home today. The communities we serve through our ministries occupy the traditional homelands of the people of the Kiikaapoi, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Peoria, Sauk, and Meskwaki nations. We honor these and numerous Indigenous tribes who first made the banks of the Mississippi River a center for arts and commerce.

Approval of the Agenda

Guests: Introductions, seating of guests with voice and no vote

Consent Agenda

All items placed under the Consent Agenda are normally considered to be routine. If any item is in question, you may contact the appropriate committee chair or staff person and make an inquiry. If further discussion is helpful, anyone may request the item be pulled off the consent agenda.

- Approve the February 16, 2026, Session Meeting minutes
- Approve the February 22, 2026, Annual Congregational Meeting minutes.
- Ratify the E-vote of March 6, 2026, to approve the installation of Doug Wells, as Deacon for a 2-year term, on Sunday, March 15, 2026, during the morning service.
Vote: YES 12, NO 0.
- Approve the Congregation members of the Session Committees. (List included in package)
 - Hospitality & Welcoming: Add Bonnie Parriott, Kristine Oswald

Executive Session: Annual Meeting of the FPC Foundation

Clerk's Report

- Report from the Clerk of Session for March 2026, (see Session packet)
- New schedule for Session Meeting preparation. Starting in April, all reports, motions and agenda requests will be due the Monday before the Session meeting.
- 2025 Church Statistical Report was submitted to the denominational office. A copy can be found in the appendix to the 2025 annual records and the February Session Minutes.
- FYI: The following documents were provided to PEIA. Copies can be found in the appendix to the 2025 annual records.
 - Annual Trustee Report and Certificates of Insurance
 - 2025 Necrology Report
 - 2026 Terms of Call for Pastor Kris Schondelmeyer
 - 2026 Church Contact Information Form
- Communications received by the Clerk:
 - Letter from the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. Forwarded to the Deacon Moderator.
 - 2026 Synod School (July 26-31 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA) The course guides are available in the office and registration begins April 1, 2026.
- Action Item:
 - None

Deacons' Report – Deacon Moderator, Andy Edwards

Session Committee/Commission Reports:

- See Session packet for written reports. Session members can ask for discussion or pose questions on any written report. Committees may request time to comment on specific items in the report. Reports will be received as a whole unless a request is made to remove an item for discussion.
 - Discussion:
 - Finance
 - January 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through reports
 - February 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through reports.

- The Strategic Discernment Team moves that the Session contract with Bray Architects to proceed with the Master Planning phase of the expansion and/or renovation project at a cost of \$12,500.
- The Personnel Committee recommends that the Session approve the proposed Anti-Harassment policy. (Draft policy included in package)
 - Rationale: Adopting an Anti-Harassment policy is a requirement of the Book of Order. This policy is consistent with other approved policies in the denomination.

Staff Reports – Written staff reports have been provided. Session members may discuss or pose questions on any staff report.

Report of the Pastor/Head of Staff

Other Business

- Executive Session

Evaluation of the Meeting

Adjournment

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Lenten Small Groups Palm Sunday Service Maundy Thursday Communion & Dinner Good Friday Service Easter Service	February through March March 29, 2026, at 9:30 AM April 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM April 3, 2026, at 7:30 PM April 5, 2026, at 9:30 AM
Upcoming Session Meetings	Monday, April 20, 2026 Monday, May 18, 2026
Next Presbytery Meeting, 220th	Saturday, April 18, 2026, 10 AM In-person and Zoom Iowa City, St Andrew
227 th General Assembly of PC(USA) (Co-Moderator election July 2, 2026)	Sunday, June 21 – Thursday, July 2, 2026 Baird Center, Milwaukee, WI