

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – SESSION UPDATE

*February 18, 2026 Meeting Highlights*

Dear Staff and Volunteers,

Thank you for the energy, faithfulness, and heart you continue to bring to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Your service makes a real difference in our congregation and in our wider community. Below is a brief summary of key decisions and updates from our February Session meeting.

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### Financial & Governance Decisions

- The **2026 Budget** has been approved.
  - The **2025 Annual Financial Statements** and **Endowment Fund Statements** have been approved.
  - Several restricted funds that have fulfilled their purpose (Refugee Fund; Roof & Contingency Funds) have been formally dissolved, with remaining balances redirected to appropriate ongoing ministry funds (including the Benevolent Fund within Outreach).
  - An agreement regarding the distribution of Trust Assets (effective December 31, 2025) has been approved.
  - The Personnel Committee has been authorized to move forward with its February recommendations and will report back to Session.
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### Ministry & Mission Updates

- **New Beginnings:** We are officially enrolled in the New Beginning program and have qualified for a \$4500 bursary from the PCC to help cover the \$5000 cost. You will hear more about this very soon as this is an exciting next step in our visioning journey.
  - **Warming Centre:** An open congregational meeting (moderated by Rev. Alton) will be held to explore the viability of launching a warming centre program in December 2026.
  - **Sunday Announcements:** **For the month of March announcements will be presented at 9:55 a.m.** allowing the 10:00 a.m. hour to be more fully centered on worship.
  - **Kitchen Use:** E3 Community Services has been approved to use the kitchen at no charge.
  - **Trustee Recruitment:** Current Trustees are Murray Morrison (retiring), Catherine Brown, and Carl Wagner. We will need to recruit a Trustee for the AGM.
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### Important Upcoming Dates

- March 1 – New Member Course
- March 6 – World Day of Prayer
- March 22 – AGM & New Member Induction

- March 27 – Friday Night Live
- April 2 – Maundy Thursday (Communion 2/6)
- April 3 – Good Friday
- April 5 – Easter Sunday
- April 17 – Friday Night Live
- May 29/30 – A Little Night Music
- May 31 – Communion 3/6
- June 14 – Grad Recognition
- June 28 – Picnic in the parking lot
- July 19 – Communion 4/6
- July 20-24 - VBC
- October 4 – Communion 5/6

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Friends, thank you for walking faithfully through a season of growth, discernment, and renewal. Your flexibility, generosity, and prayerful support are deeply appreciated as we continue to respond to where God is leading us.

*“Let all that you do be done in love.”* — 1 Corinthians 16:14

With gratitude for each of you,

Rev. Alton Ruff  
on behalf of Session