

150TH ANNIVERSARY



First Presbyterian Church

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

1876-2026

First Presbyterian Church
7th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

Prelude *“Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals”* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Surely the Presence of the Lord”*Lanny Wolfe

Call to Worship Sally Pierce

The Lord has been a dwelling place throughout all the generations.

You, O Lord, have been our dwelling place for these one hundred and fifty years.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

You, O Lord, have carried us and guarded us!

Jesus said, “On this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

You, O Lord, have built your church in this place and we have been blessed.

Opening Prayer Sally Pierce

God of generations, we gather with grateful hearts to celebrate 150 years of worship, witness, and community. Through seasons of joy and struggle, change and renewal, you have remained faithful. Bless this time of worship with joy, remembrance, and holy expectation. May all we do give glory to you, the One who was, and is, and is to come. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 430 *“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”* DARWALL’S 148TH

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and faithful God, you have walked with your people through every generation, offering mercy, guidance, and new life. Yet we confess that we do not always live as the community you call us to be. We cling too tightly to the past, resist the change your Spirit brings, and fail to love our neighbors with courage and compassion. Forgive us. Create in us grateful hearts for the past, faithful hearts for the present, and hopeful hearts for the future, so that this church may continue to bear witness to your love for generations to come.

(A moment of silent personal confession)

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison)Hymn No. 579

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.

Prayer for Illumination..... Sally Pierce

First Scripture ReadingPsalm 78:1-8.....OT Page 537

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“Holy Is He (Holy, Holy, Holy)”*David T. Clydesdale

(Congregational Part)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Second Scripture Reading.....Philippians 2:1-11NT Page 197

Sermon.....An Empty Church.....Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn No. 210..... *“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”* ST. ANNE

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed Sally Pierce

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings Sally Pierce

Offertory *“It Is Well”* Bliss/Marchand

* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowLASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly
 Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* Prayer of Dedication Sally Pierce

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)..... Traditional, Hymnal Page 16

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Closing Hymn No. 132 *"Come, Great God of All the Ages"* ABBOT'S LEIGH

* Charge & Benediction

Benediction Response..... *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* John Rutter

Postlude..... *"God of Grace"* Manz/Crutchfield

*It is the practice of this congregation to sit back down for the postlude.
Please join us in enjoying a few moments of reflection as our service concludes.*

*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Michael and Jeff Carr in celebration of First Presbyterian Church's 150th birthday.

We would like to thank today's musicians for helping to enhance our 150th Anniversary worship service: Kristen Grant, Flute; Carson Lewis, Trumpet; Dr. Mary Ritch, Horn; Brooke Sadowski; Trumpet; Jonathan Sandy, Timpani; Steve Suter, Trombone; Alissa Young, Tuba; and vocalists from the Muses Creative Artistry Project and the Hot Springs community.

Birthday Sunday is May 24 where we will honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of May. Following worship, we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake. Please join us!

New Member Sunday Coming Up! We will welcome new members to First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 31st. Mark your calendars now and be ready to welcome new members to our church family! Are you interested in becoming a member? Speak to Leslie or call the church office during the week.

Welcome Visitors! Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information card, located in the pew in front of you. Please drop them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We'd love to get to know you better! After Worship, join us for a time of fellowship and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. There, you'll find the Welcome Center, with more information about our church!

Children are always welcome in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up pre-packed activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary just for them. A nursery is available upstairs for children under 5. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project! The quarter tube is located just inside the sanctuary doors near the steps leading into the sanctuary.

Save your Dimes! All dimes put into the offering plates go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."

Prayer Requests: Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, jsar43@gmail.com / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, paulpatmills@yahoo.com / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office office@firstpreshotsprings.org. A request can be for yourself, a family member, or a family friend. *You may ask that the request be kept confidential. Only the Prayer Chain members will be notified and they will also be told to keep it confidential.*



MAY BIRTHDAYS

<p><u>May 1</u> Lynn King Bill Randall, Jr.</p> <p><u>May 2</u> Elizabeth Chapmond Jonathan Gann Ernie Nipper</p> <p><u>May 8</u> Sarah Bumpas-Bibles Beverly Black</p> <p><u>May 10</u> Timothy Field Carroll</p> <p><u>May 17</u> Jeff Carr Brian Geltner</p>	<p><u>May 18</u> Emily Pierce Herbranson</p> <p><u>May 19</u> Janet Muse Sarah Sheppard</p> <p><u>May 20</u> Brissy Florini Jesse Florini Andrew Vann</p> <p><u>May 22</u> Annabelle Patterson</p> <p><u>May 24</u> Stephanie Grise-Fleming</p> <p><u>May 25</u> Paul Mills</p>	<p><u>May 26</u> Rebecca Sommer</p> <p><u>May 27</u> Zoey Boyd Janet Van Pelt</p> <p><u>May 30</u> Madalyn Boyd</p> <p><u>May 31</u> Bill Creason Judi Creason Sandra Matheney</p>
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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<p><u>May 20</u> Michael and Jeff Carr</p> <p><u>May 23</u> Chase and James Vinson</p>	<p><u>May 24</u> Leslie and Shane Hardin</p>
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We are so very lucky to have a congregation that is willing to invest in our graduating seniors each year. Each month on the 3rd Sunday, members celebrating their birthdays that month are encouraged to make a special "Birthday Blessing" to our scholarship fund. We have been so blessed in the past to be able to contribute to the continuing education of our Youth. We hope that you will consider this month to give in honor of your birthday.



Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Office Lunch Hour:

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 17 – 150th Anniversary Celebration

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. 150th Anniversary Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. 150th Anniversary Luncheon (RSVPs Only)
- 5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

Monday, May 18

- 9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts Court of Honor

Tuesday, May 19

- 10:00 a.m. PW Morning Circle

Wednesday, May 20

- 10:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open until 2:00 p.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 23

- 9:00 a.m. Diamond Lakes Master Naturalists

Sunday, May 24 – Birthday Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

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