

First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 15, 2026

Prelude *“Come, Christians Join to Sing”* David Lowe

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Come and Worship”* Nan Allan

Call to Worship Pat Edwards

We come seeking light in a world of shadows.

Christ is our light, and we will follow.

We come with questions, doubts, and partial sight.

Christ meets us where we are and opens our eyes.

Let us worship God, who brings light out of darkness.

Let us worship with open hearts and open eyes.

Opening Prayer Pat Edwards

God of light and life, you see us fully, even when we do not yet see clearly. Open our eyes to your presence among us— in familiar stories made new, in truths that unsettle and restore, and in neighbors we have overlooked. May this time of worship draw us closer to you and shape us into people who reflect your grace in the world. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 150 *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”* MADRID

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things and we ask for your forgiveness. Help us instead to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, and to build up, so may we love you and neighbor. May we better follow our Christ, in whose name we pray.

(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..... Pat Edwards

First Scripture Reading Psalm 27:1-9 OT Page 503

Time with Young Disciples

- Anthem..... “*Come, Sing a Song of Joy*”Patti Drennan
- Second Scripture Reading..... John 9:1-12NT Page 102
- Sermon Was Blind But Now I See Rev. Leslie Roper
- * Hymn No. 339..... “*Be Thou My Vision*”SLANE
- * Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s CreedPat Edwards
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 & OfferingsPat Edwards
- Offertory“*Meditation*” Paul F. Page
- * Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowHymn 592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
- * Prayer of DedicationPat Edwards
- 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. 280 ... “*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*”AMAZING GRACE
- * Charge & Benediction
- Postlude..... “*Amazing Grace*”J. Christopher Pardini

*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 Peggy and Don Leonhard in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

There will be a brief called Congregational Meeting this morning, immediately following worship, for the purpose of approving updated terms of call for Rev. Roper.

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

The Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity will perform their annual winter concert today at 3:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Vocalists will include First Baptist Ladies Ensemble, SAI Cantate, soprano Ruby Hill and former FPC member Jerry Jones. Featured instrumentalists are The Hot Springs Flute Ensemble, clarinetist Hailey Kirksey, flutist Shelley Martin, and French horn player Sharon King. In addition to piano accompanists Kathy Mesko, Jolene Williams and Marsalis Weatherspon, sisters Anna and Estera Cretiu will present piano solos. The concert is free and open to the public, so bring a friend!

Ashes to Ashes... Your worship committee invites you to take part in one of the most meaningful services of our Christian year- the Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 18, at 6:00 p.m. Beginning our observance of Lent, the season of preparation for Easter, Ash Wednesday is a time when we admit that our lives are finite and short, and that they belong in the loving care of our Master and Lord. It is a time when we are honest about ourselves, sins and all, and take comfort in knowing that God loves us just the way we are. Whether this is part of your regularly spiritual routine or it would be your first time, make plans now to attend. You will not regret it.



Family Night Supper has been moved to Ash Wednesday, February 18. Come have breakfast for dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and then head to the Sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Worship and Lunch Series is Coming Back! The annual Lenten Worship and Lunch series begins on Monday, February 23. The series will take place each Monday during Lent, with worship beginning at 12:05 p.m. and a simple lunch served right after at 12:35 p.m. A complete schedule can be found on the table in the hallway heading to the Fellowship Hall. First Presbyterian is the host church on March 30, so keep your calendar clear!

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."

**First Presbyterian Church- Hot Springs, AR
Reverend Leslie Roper
Minister's Compensation- 2026**

Effective Salary

Cash Salary	\$ 55,415
Housing Allowance	\$ 41,104

Benefits Paid by Church

Pension/Medical/Death/Disability	\$ 45,364
Dental Coverage	\$ 1,287
FICA	\$ 7,384

(All figures above reflect a 3% cost of living increase)

Reimbursable Expenses

Continuing Education	\$ 2,000
Prof. Allowance	\$ 1,500
Auto Expenses @ IRS allowable rate	\$ 1,000
Medical Reimbursables	\$ 2,000

Leave Time

Paid Vacation Time:	4 weeks, including Sundays (Plus, one additional Sunday)
Continuing Education:	2 weeks, including Sundays
Service to the Larger Church:	1 week, including Sunday
Family Medical Leave	Up to 12 weeks, if needed



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<p><u>February 1</u> Melissa Cantacuzene Jackson Florini-Parker Bill Pathmann Jonas Westmoreland</p> <p><u>February 2</u> Elissa Poole Jordan Roper</p> <p><u>February 3</u> Theo Byrne</p> <p><u>February 4</u> Ashley Hopkins Sally Pierce</p> <p><u>February 5</u> Cora Mills</p> <p><u>February 9</u> Judy Forrester Darlene Sellars Jennifer Winston</p>	<p><u>February 14</u> Adlee Muzny</p> <p><u>February 15</u> David Mills Neil Simmons</p> <p><u>February 16</u> Randall Pierce</p> <p><u>February 17</u> Ian Poole June Scully</p> <p><u>February 18</u> Brenda Brandenburg</p> <p><u>February 20</u> Jay Patterson</p> <p><u>February 21</u> Jamie Williams</p> <p><u>February 23</u> Stephanie Poole</p>	<p><u>February 24</u> Dawn Cattaneo Barbara Keys Tatum Rice</p> <p><u>February 25</u> Mary James</p> <p><u>February 27</u> Darin Garner</p> <p><u>February 28</u> Ian Aipperspach Amanda Davis Jan Kelley</p> <p><u>February 29</u> Stanley Grise</p>
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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<p><u>February 15</u> Peggy and Don Leonhard</p>



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, February 15

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Brief Congregational Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Handbells
- 3:00 p.m. Sigma Alpha Beta Musicale
- 5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

Monday, February 16

- 9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking

Tuesday, February 17

- 10:00 a.m. PW Morning Circle

Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Breakfast for Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 22 – 1st Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Handbells
- 3:30 p.m. Session Meeting

There are a few openings on The 2026 Flower Chart! Located on the wall by the 2 large closets in the Fellowship Hall, pick your date, add your name and special dedication. If you do not wish to write it on the board, or if space does not allow, please call, email or visit the office. You may do this at any time well in advance of your day. ***Cost is \$38.50***

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.*

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

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