

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 12, 2023 Attendance—31

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Chuck Beall, Bud & Barb Hough, Judy Sulephen, Sissy Wells, Kay Kunkel, Mary Smith, The Wells family for the passing of Michelle's brother.

WEEKLY CHURCH FINANCES 2022

Weekly contributions needed: \$1,737.00

Amount deposited March 13, 2023: \$1,578.00

First Presbyterian Church Annual Budget: \$90,321.00

SCRIPTURES FOR MARCH 26

Ezek. 37:1-14 Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, March 21— Deacons meet at 10 am

Holy Cross Easter Services Schedule

April 6—Maundy Thursday Service at 1 pm

April 7—Good Friday Service at 1 pm

Holy Cross Lutheran Church has invited everyone to Wednesday Bible Study. Please call the Lutheran Church office for times.

**MARCH 22 WILL BE THE DEADLINE TO
SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL
REDBUD.**



Thank you, Rev. Cinthia Saul for bringing us the

Word today. Today we are pleased to have Rev. Cinthia Jean Saul of Mountain Home as our guest minister. Cindy was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2001 and accepted as member-at-large of Arkansas Presbytery in 2014. She serves on the Presbytery Nominating Committee and Coordinating Team, & recently as delegate to the 225th General Assembly in Louisville via zoom. She has been a friend of this church for many years.

All announcements for the Sunday Bulletin need to be in the secretary's office or emailed to fpcmh@centurytel.net by noon on Wednesday.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

Today—Marty Hasty, Pat Wise & Barb Hough

March 26—Marilyn Wheat, Ellen Jordan, Kim Terrell

MISSIONS

March 1st was the first day of collecting toiletry items for the Alpha House Men's shelter in Mountain Home. They have requested we donate the following:

- **Toothbrushes**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Body wash and soap**
- **Shampoo**
- **Lotion**
- **Deodorant**



**He makes me
lie down in
green pastures;
he leads me
beside still
waters ...**

Psalm 23:2, NRSV

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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Order of Worship

March 19, 2023

PRELUDE “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Arr. Brunner

(This is a time for quiet meditation and preparation for worship)

WELCOME

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please share the peace of the Lord with one another.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Cinthia Saul

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

People: God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God’s good name.

Leader: God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

People: Yes, God’s goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Cinthia Saul

(Please stand, as able)

HYMN OF PRAISE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 276

(Please be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgement on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen *(silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Cinthia Saul

The psalmist assures us that God’s goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God’s forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. **We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.**

(Please stand, as able)

GLORIA PATRI (UNISON)

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.

(Please be Seated)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

HYMN “Psalm 23”

No. 170

GATHERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUITS

(Offering Plates in Narthex)

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

(Please stand, as able)

THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON)

**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. A-men.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray. Amen

HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” No. 387

(Please be Seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-41

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Cinthia Saul

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Traditional)

Page 16, blue hymnal

SERMON

“Spit, Mud and Miracles”

Rev. Cinthia Saul

(Please stand, as able)

THIS WE BELIEVE (UNISON)

Apostle’s Creed

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “Open My Eyes That I May See” No. 324

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prayer list for Congregations, Presbytery of AR 2023

Directors of Children’s Programs

First, Mena

(Members 54 Est 1897)