



**Mission Statement First Presbyterian Church**

**Mountain Home, Arkansas**

**Our mission is to glorify God, reach out to people of all ages and in all levels of spiritual growth in worship, Christian education, music and fellowship. Trumpet the good news we share of God's love and forgiveness, of Jesus Christ and his gospel to people everywhere throughout the local church community and the world.**



*For to all those  
who have, more  
will be given,  
and they will  
have an  
abundance.*

*Matthew 25:29, NRSV*



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**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

**25th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Order of Worship**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

*(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**

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

**People: you have been our home throughout all the ages.**

Leader: You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

**People: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(Please stand, as able)*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**    “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

No. 464

*(Please be seated)*

**SCRIPTURE READING**    Psalm 90:1-8

Kay Kunkel, Lay Reader

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Attendance—28

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

**Chuck Beall, Betty Preyer, Lillian Euers, Judy Sulephen, Carolyn Hannon and her son Ladd, Barb Sandberg, Jackie Hoff, George & Joyce Hove, Susan Thomas, Eden Village.**

**WEEKLY CHURCH FINANCES 2022**

**Weekly contributions needed: \$1,737.00**

**Amount deposited November 13, 2023: \$513.00**

**August 31, 2023 Checking Account Balance: \$57,192.98**

**First Presbyterian Church Annual Budget: \$90,321.00**

**SCRIPTURES FOR NOVEMBER 26**

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24      Psalm 95:1-7a*

*Ephesians 1:15-23      Matthew 25:31-46*

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

**We have started collecting Blankets and Sleeping Bags for the Ozark Center of Hope. Please consider dropping off a full sized blanket or sleeping bag.**

**November 21-Deacons meet at 10 am**

**November 23-Office Closed for Thanksgiving**

**November 25-Hanging of the Greens at 10 am**

**December 10-Christmas Party! Sign up sheets available on the Bulletin Board**



Thank you, Rev. Stewart Smith for bringing us the word today.

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

Extra hearing assistance devices are in the back of the sanctuary for those that need them.

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

Today-Nancy Priest, Robert Kearns, Mary Smith

November 26-Nancy Priest, Kim Terrell, Barb Hough

### USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Today-Marty Hasty

November 26-Nancy Priest

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen** (silent confession)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(Please stand, as able)*

**GLORIA PATRI (UNISON)**

**Page 567, in blue hymnal**

*(Please be Seated)*

**SCRIPTURE**

**Judges 4:1-7**

Kay Kunkel, Lay Reader

### **GATHERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUITS**

(Offering Plates in Narthex)

Kay Kunkel, Lay Reader

*(Please stand, as able)*

**THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON)**

**Page 592, blue hymnal**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)** Kay Kunkel, Lay Reader

**O God of constancy, you are our home and dwelling place forever. Thank you for giving your people a gift beyond all value, the treasure of eternal life. Bless our gifts that we offer you this day. With them may we share your love with others, that all may enter into your eternal joy. Amen**

**HYMN “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” No. 510**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Traditional) P. 16, blue hymnal  
**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**

**SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30**  
Kay Kunkel, Lay Reader

**SERMON** Rev. Stewart Smith  
**“Responding to the Incredible Treasure of Grace”**

*(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 “Now Thank We All Our God” No. 555**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Prayer list for Congregations, Presbytery of AR 2023**

Church Nursery Workers

First, Rogers

(Members 100 EST 1911)