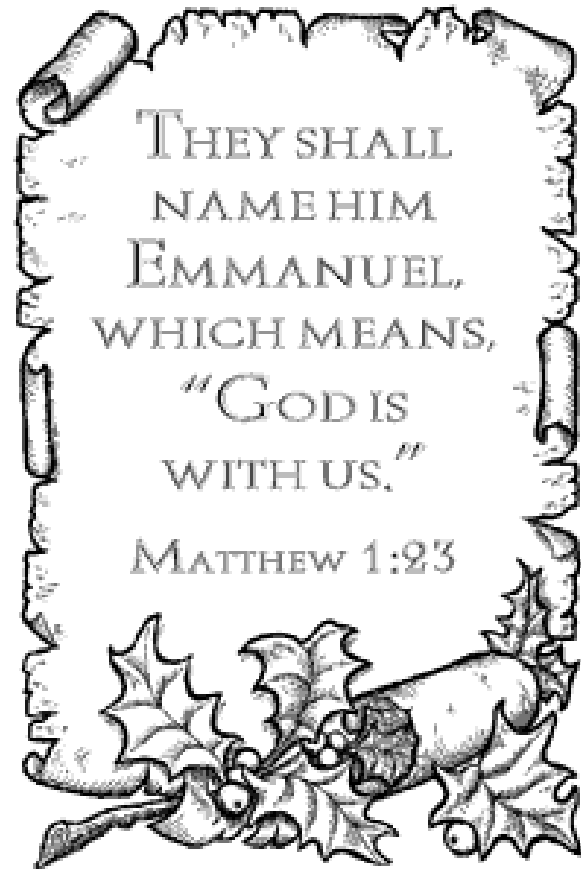




Mission Statement First Presbyterian Church

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.



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December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

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PRELUDE “The Birthday of a King” Susan Hawkins
(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. Lila DeMoss

Leader: God-with-us, Immanuel, comes to give us our own Holy
Family, here with the body of Christ this day. Rejoice
and be glad!

People: Amen!

ADVENT READING/CANDLE LIGHTING

Ralph & Karen Gillespie

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Lila DeMoss

(Please stand, as able)

HYMN OF PRAISE “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

No. 29

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

Ellen Jordan, Lay Reader

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 14, 2025 Attendance—21

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following in your prayers: Chuck Beall, Judy Sulephen, Bob Brozowski, Wana Thacker; Sue and Diane, sisters of Michele Wells; Eleanore Wheeler; Pam and Rev. Victor Jones; James and Jacky Neff for James’ healing; Lisa Gillespie, Fred Ruegsegger for comfort. Church secretary Debbie Heroux’s mother Charleen Killman, for healing; Lila Kirch, friend of Kay Kunkel for healing; Ted Bishop, Mary Smith’s brother for healing; Martha Mace for healing and comfort. Jackie Hoff, Nancy Priest and Debby, Eleanore Wheeler’s daughter for healing.

WEEKLY CHURCH FINANCES 2025

Weekly contributions needed: \$1,809.00

Amount deposited December 8, 2025: \$2,263.00

First Presbyterian Church Annual Budget: \$79,799.00

SCRIPTURES FOR DECEMBER 28

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

*Communion Christmas Eve Service will be at 4pm.

*The Mission Committee is currently accepting blankets, heaters, gloves, hats and coats. All proceeds will be given to the Ozark Center of Hope.

*In January, the Mission Committee will be collecting cans of soup for Soup-R-Bowl. Who do you want to win?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Shepherd of Israel, God of hosts, we have turned away from you, neglecting the welfare of your creation, ignoring the plight of your people, trampling on the creatures and the plants you have made, taking from Earth what we cannot give back. We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept peace within our families, or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives. Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life. In your compassion, turn us to your way. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. Amen. *(silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Lila DeMoss

(Please stand, as able)

GLORIA PATRI (UNISON)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 80:1-7

Ellen Jordan, Lay Reader

GATHERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUITS

(Offering Plates in Narthex)

Ellen Jordan, Lay Reader

(Please stand, as able)

THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON) **page 592, blue hymnal**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Holy God, you bless us with many gifts, you retrieve us from despair and fear, you visit us with surprising proclamations, and you intend for us good things. We thank you for your steadfast love, for sending signs of assurance, and for the gift of faith. Use our gifts to bring comfort and justice to those in need, reforming the ways of our world for the sake of the new life. Amen.

Ellen Jordan, Lay Reader

HYMN **“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”** **No. 22**

(Please be Seated)

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 1:18-25**

Rev. Lila DeMoss

SERMON **“The Gift of Love”** Rev. Lila DeMoss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Lila DeMoss

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional)

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.

(Please stand, as able)

THIS WE BELIEVE (UNISON)

Apostle’s Creed
Page 14 blue hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** **No. 41**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prayer list for Congregations, Presbytery of AR 2025

Memorial Church, Atkins **(Members:026 Est:1874)**

First, Walnut Ridge **(Members:032 Est:1878)**