



The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas

JANUARY 2026

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service

Phone: 870-425-3799 email: fpcmh@centurytel.net

Office hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday– Thursday



The Foundation of Our Faith

Jesus' resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ had never been raised from the dead, we'd have no Christian faith. God's power was at work in Christ's death and resurrection. "It was on the resurrection fact that the church was built," said New Testament scholar James Stewart. Paul understood that the resurrection was the bedrock of our faith: "And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14, ESV). He continued, "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17, ESV). The resurrection proves that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Its authenticity means that by faith in Christ, we are reconciled with God. Billy Graham said the risen Christ is the bridge between us and God: "One of Christ's hands holds the hand of God; his other hand holds ours."



RESOLVE FOR GRATITUDE

As the New Year comes, our thoughts often turn to what resolutions we may make to improve ourselves or our lives. If you have not decided what to do, I invite you to join with me in my quest to become a more grateful person.

In many passages of the Old and New Testaments, people openly show gratefulness to God. Whether it's called praise, thanksgiving or more passionately, exalting, it comes from hearts that are devoted to God.

As with many “holy habits”, thanking God blesses Him and us. Choosing to be grateful acknowledges the One who provides all for us, and changes our perspective, allowing us to see more of God's work in and around us for good.

Another wonderful aspect of gratitude to God is that He leads us to feel more thankful for the people He's put in our lives. We learn to seek the good in others. It lifts our spirits and makes a difference in how we feel.

Gratitude keeps us humble because we see more of God's places and gifts in our lives and what we accomplish. It can calm our stress because we can see what God is doing in our lives, and show us that He is indeed close to us and helping us, give us peace, and draw us ever closer to Him.

So, if you haven't decided on a resolution, join me in becoming more grateful. “I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wondrous deeds” (Psalm 9:1)

Rev. Lila DeMoss

Special Dates in **JANUARY**

Birthdays

04-Sandra Kidd
06-Mindy Conner
07-German Morales
27-Chuck Beall



Special Dates for January 2026

New Year's Day, January 1, 2026

Epiphany, January 6, 2026

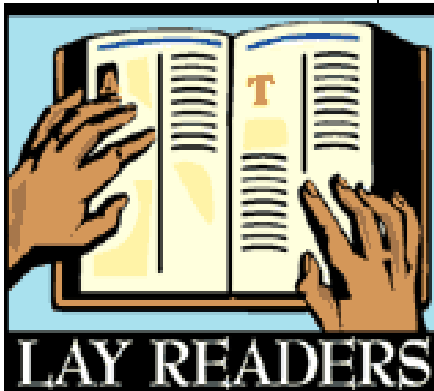
Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2026

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19, 2026

Anniversaries

18-Chuck & Cheryl
Beall

Serving in Worship



January Lay Readers

04-Ellen J
11-Marty H
18-German & Guille
25-Mary S



January Fellowship

Don't forget to volunteer to host fellowship by signing up on the bulletin board on the way to the fellowship hall. There is a sign-up sheet for January, February and March are currently hanging on the board.



January Ushers

04-Open
11-Open
18-Open
25-Open

Church Leadership Meetings

DEACONS REDBUD REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025

The Deacons continue to care about and for their flocks, wishing them blessings in the new year. We try to remember our shut-ins with a treat and or Christmas card. We continue to have health concerns in our church and we encourage folks to check with their Deacon if anyone in our congregation is in need of assistance. The Christmas Party after church service on Dec. 14 was enjoyed by all, lots of good finger foods, a few carols, and a couple of games. Christmas hats or antlers added to the festivities. We thank the Mission Committee for their hard work and attention to detail. We extend prayers and blessings to those in our church who are facing health issues and/or surgery in the next few weeks. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Blessings always, Marilyn Wheat, Moderator

NOTE: Good Samaritan and Hiram Shaddox have both reported at least one case of COVID and are asking everyone to wear a mask. They are provided at the entrance reception desk at Hiram Shaddox. You might want to check with other facilities.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of September 30, 2025

Bank Balance	\$36,122.07
Texas Presbytery Fund	\$377,966.97

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Treasurer



OCTOBER SESSION UPDATE

The Session met on 26 October 2025 with all the elders but Pete Wells attending; Rev. Lila DeMoss, moderator. Session discussed congregational meeting on December 14. All Reports for the Annual Report are due December 1. A special Session meeting will be at 11:30 on November 16. Pastor Lila presented an opportunity to give Christmas Gifts to the prisoners she is counseling. A list of suggestions will be in the hallway and on Fellowship Hall tables.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

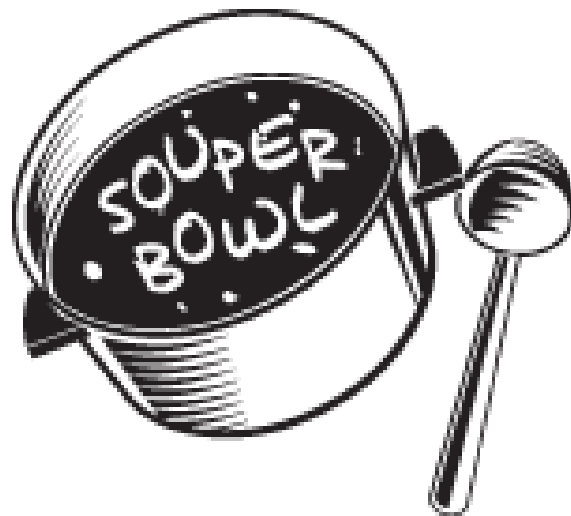
MISSIONS HEADLINES

The Mission Committee hosted the Church Christmas party on December 14 after services. Everyone had fun playing games and singing carols together.

The committee is currently collecting cans of soup for the Soup-R-Bowl drive. All items will be donated to the Mountain Home Food pantry after the Super Bowl. More information will be coming soon.

The next meeting will be January 4 at 1 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Smith at 870-321-7905





Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met November 11. A sign-up sheet is on the board for hostesses. The next meeting will be on January 13 at 1 pm. Nancy Priest is presenting the lesson on Esther. We encourage all women to come, listen, and be part of learning about Queen Esther.

See you there...

Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas

Jan. 04-First, Clarksville	(Members: 068 Est:1840)
Park Hill, North Little Rock	(Members:145 Est: 1948)
Jan. 11-Mt. Vernon, Pea Ridge	(Members: 043 Est: 1850)
First, Huntsville	(Members: 045 Est: 1841)
Jan. 18-Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center	
Active Ruling Elders	
Jan. 25-University of the Ozarks, Clarksville	
Faith, Horseshoe Bend	(Members: 053 Est: 1976)

Lord, remind us that every new beginning starts with your grace. Renew our faith, restore our peace, and help us live as your people of light and hope.

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4 	5	6 Epiphany of the Lord	7	8	9	10
11 Baptism of the Lord	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SCRIPTURES FOR JANUARY 2026

Sunday January 04

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1: (1-9) 10-18

Sunday January 11

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday January 18

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Sunday January 25

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.

(Complementary)

**Creator of all life, each day is a gift from you. Open our eyes to your presence
and open our hands to serve others with joy and love.**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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