



The **RED**bud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas

MARCH 2026

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service

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

Tuesday– Thursday

We Have Tomorrow!

During the Korean conflict, journalist Marguerite Higgins, a courageous and award-winning war correspondent, spoke with a young soldier shivering in the bitter cold. He was eating from a tin can, his face streaked with mud, when she asked, “If I could give you anything in the world you wanted, what would you ask for?”

The soldier paused for a moment, then answered quietly, “Give me tomorrow.”

What a simple yet profound longing. For those living in hardship, tomorrow represents hope—the chance to see another sunrise, to experience peace, to begin again.

As Christians, we live with the blessed assurance that we not only have today, but also tomorrow—an eternal tomorrow promised through the risen Christ. Scripture reminds us, “Death has been swallowed up in victory” (1 Corinthians 15:54, NRSV). And again, “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV).

Because of Christ’s resurrection, we no longer fear what tomorrow may bring. Our future is secure, our hope unshaken. In Him, tomorrow is already ours.

Special Dates in **MARCH**

Birthday's

March 5-Janeth Lawson

March 22-Marilyn Seel



Special Days in March

March 01- 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 08- 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 08-Daylight Saving time begins

March 15-4th Sunday in Lent

March 17-St. Patrick's Day

March 20-1st day of Spring

March 22-5th Sunday in Lent

March 29-Palm Sunday

March 30-Monday of Holy Week

March 31-Tuesday of Holy Week

March Lay Readers

01-Ellen J

08-Ralph G

15-Marty H

22-Mary S

29-German & Guille

MARCH Ushers

01-Open

08-Open

15-Open

22-Ellen J

29-Open

Church Leadership Meetings

DEACONS REDBUD REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

The Deacons continue to check on our church family, especially so during the cold, snowy and icy weather. Church service was cancelled on Feb 1 due to the extreme weather.

This might be a good time to remind everyone that we have a church library next to the church office with a wide selection of books and a return date of one month. There is a checking-out system so if you need help, ask one of us. We thank Ellen Jordan for tending the library.

We were blessed to welcome at church on February 15 Marilyn Seel (at the organ) and her daughter Karen Diers singing a medley of hymns. Always a pleasure. We continue to send prayers and blessings to those in our church family who are facing life challenges, health issues and/or surgery.

Blessings, Marilyn Wheat, Moderator

As we spring forward into a new season, may we also step into the fresh grace God provides each day. Though we may have lost an hour of sleep, we gain time together in His presence—a reminder that His mercies are new every morning.

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



The Mission Committee is collecting items for The CALL of Baxter and Fulton Counties.

The Call in Baxter County launched in November of 2012. We then partnered with Fulton County in July of 2023 to become The CALL in Baxter & Fulton Counties. We have grown our efforts to help support the local children in care as well as the foster/adoptive and biological families by adding support volunteers to our team and securing a fully functioning support center. Our support center provides a safe and welcoming environment for the biological families to have visits including a full kitchen and dining area. We host support groups and continuing education opportunities for our foster/adoptive families as well as provide resources through our CALL Mall like clothing/shoes, personal hygiene products, diapers, baby items.

The Lord is at work here and it is so exciting. We hope you will join us to become part of a growing group of advocates for the Baxter & Fulton County kids in foster care. This work is not for the faint of heart; it is challenging and stretching on many levels, but these kids are worth it. If we as believers don't respond to the foster care crisis, who will? These precious kids are waiting to be loved, to feel special, and to believe that they are not a burden. Let us show them what a delight they are to the Father. Come with us to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Make sure to follow us on our Facebook page, The CALL in Baxter/Fulton, to stay up to date on events, fundraisers, local needs, and info on our next CALL Encounter!

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 when Nancy is able to attend and has healed from her surgery. Nancy Priest will then continue 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

March. 01-Second, Little Rock	(Members:1899 Est:1882)
First, Yellville	(Members:127 Est:1959)
March 08-Directors of Children's Programs	
First, Mena	(Members: 054 Est: 1897)
March. 15-First United, Fayetteville	(Members:496 Est:1830)
Lyon College, Batesville	
March 22-Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay	(Members:082 Est:1981)
Church Pre-Schools	
March 29-Church Secretaries and Treasurers	
Holiday Island Presbyterian	(Members:072 Est:1994)

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.



MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10 WOC	11	12 Master Gardeners	13	14
15 	16	17 Deacons St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 1 st Day of Spring	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30	31 				

SCRIPTURES FOR MARCH 2026

Sunday March 01

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 or
Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday March 08

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

Sunday March 15

4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Sunday March 22

5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

Sunday March 29

Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16
Phillipians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27;66
Matthew 27:11-54

All Scriptures are taken from the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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