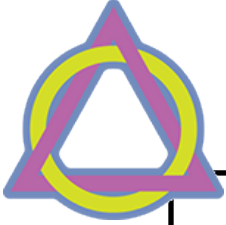




The REDbud

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church
Mountain Home, Arkansas



MAY 2026

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Service

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Tuesday– Thursday

When the Spirit Turned Fear into Courage

When Jesus was arrested, his apostles fled in fear. Peter, shaken and afraid, found himself denying that he even knew Christ. Christ's followers hid in confusion and grief, feeling brokenhearted and hopeless.

Then, on the Jewish Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon them. Suddenly, they were empowered. Immediately they were galvanized. Right then and there, they were filled with enormous courage. Boldly, forthrightly, not far from the site of the crucifixion, they began to proclaim that Christ had been raised from the dead and that he was most certainly the long-awaited Messiah.

The fire of the Holy Spirit burned so vividly within them that people from all over came to see and hear what the apostles were claiming. Peter told them the story of Christ as best he could. Then Peter offered his hearers the opportunity of becoming Christ's followers. Amazingly, three thousand people responded to the offer at that very minute (Acts 2:41). We call that event the birthday of the Church.



Each season through the year has its own characteristics. As we experience this spring, we enjoy the new growth, extended sunshine, and the warmer days. We keep an eye on the changeable weather that brings the rain and the miracle of new life.

Spring brings rebirth. We see it as a time of new beginnings, of renewal, and starting over. Part of renewal for a Christian is reviewing our lives to see if we harbor anger or ill-will toward anyone for any offense against us. It is also a time for us to review ourselves to see if we feel guilt or anger about things we have done or failed to do.

If we have given our sins to the Lord, we are assured that He has forgiven us because of His love for us. It may be normal to feel remorse for what we've done or failed to do. Dwelling on it and being unable to put it behind us may burden us in going forward. It may indicate that we do not fully believe or accept God's forgiveness. When we are forgiven by God, it is as if our actions didn't exist. We must forgive ourselves as well and put it behind us.

We may never reach the level of total forgiveness that we receive from God. Perhaps the hurt done to us is so grievous and personal that even though we pray for help in forgiving, we may not ever forget. But inability to forget can be seen as a human trait so that we are protected from future attacks of this nature, a self-defense mechanism, but this should not burden us.

We must not forget that forgiveness must be a priority for us. In Colossians 3:13 it says that, "...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." That includes forgiving ourselves. So, during this spring we should take a moment to review our spirit, seek forgiveness, for ourselves and others, and restore our souls.

Special Dates in **MAY**

Birthday's

May 1-Lisa Gillespie

May 11-Barb Hough

May 13-Susan Hawkins

May 24-Jackie Hoff



Special Dates for May 2026

- National Day of Prayer, *May 7, 2026*
- Mother's Day, *May 10, 2026*
- Ascension of the Lord, *May 14, 2026*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 16, 2026*
- Day of Pentecost, *May 24, 2026*
- Memorial Day, *May 25, 2026*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 31, 2026*

May Lay Readers

03-Mary S

10-German &Guille

17-Marty H

24-Ellen J

31-Mary S

May Ushers

03-Marty

10-Mary

17-Ellen

24-Open

31-Marilyn

MAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

03-Open

10-Open

17-Open

24-Open

31-Marilyn W

Church Leadership Meetings

DEACONS REDBUD REPORT FOR April 2026

It was wonderful having Pastor Lila back at the pulpit for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. She is healing from her earlier foot surgery but had additional surgery on that foot April 17. We are wishing her the very best as she recovers from this latest surgery and are looking forward to her return to regular service.

The Deacons continue to help or offer as needed. Please let us know if you need assistance.

Blessings, Marilyn Wheat, Moderator

MARCH SESSION UPDATE

The Session met on 15 March 2026 for a congregational meeting, with all the elders attending; Rev. Lila DeMoss, moderator. A copy of the minutes is posted on the bulletin board entering Fellowship Hall. The next session meeting will be May 3, Rev. Lila DeMoss moderating.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Priest, Clerk of Session

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MARCH 2026

Total Cleared Checks:	\$6,128.83
Total Cleared Deposits:	\$5,779.00
Ending Balance:	\$25,569.55

MISSIONS HEADLINES

The Mission Committee will be collecting fans the month of May for Ozark Center of Hope. Ozark Center of Hope will distribute the fans to those most in need in our community during the summer months.

Thank you!



Heavenly Father, help us to remember that we belong to you. Touch us, heal us, bless us. Walk with us daily that we may have the courage and faith to meet all life's challenges. Amen.



Women of the Church

The Women of the Church met April 14. A sign-up sheet is on the board for those attending the May 12 meeting at Jamie's Restaurant at 12:00 pm. We encourage all women to come, listen, and have a good time being together. See you there...

Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas

May 03-Presbyterian Village Vaughn, Bentonville	(Members:0034 Est:1889)
May 10-First, Hot Springs Ministries to Hispanic Persons in Arkansas	(Members:0286 Est:1876)
May 17-Westover Hills, Little Rock Allison Memorial, Little Rock	(Members:0155 Est:1948) (Members:0091 Est:1892)
May 24-Holly Grove Church, Holly Grove First, Alma	(Members:0035 Est:1881) (Members:0022 Est:1877)
May 31-Mission Trip Participants First, Fort Smith	(Members:0324 Est:1846)



MAY 2026

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 	4	5	6 Missions	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 WOC	13	14 Master Gardeners Ascension of the Lord	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19 Deacons	20	21	22	23
24 Day of Pentecost	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 Trinity Sunday						

SCRIPTURES FOR MAY

Sunday May 03

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

Sunday May 10

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

Sunday May 17

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

Sunday May 24

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23

Sunday May 31

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

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