

# FPC News

## March 2026

### Sunday Worship

10:15 am in person and  
online

### Phone 479.273.5450

(answered Monday - Friday  
8am - 4pm)

### Email

[info@fpcbentonville.org](mailto:info@fpcbentonville.org)

### Website

[www.fpcbentonville.org](http://www.fpcbentonville.org)  
(church calendar found  
under My FPC)

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00am - 4:00pm

Each week, the FPC Food  
Pantry sets up Fridays at  
9am, and is open Saturdays  
from 9-11am



## Here's What's Happening

### March 1 - Second Sunday in Lent

J St. Kids, 8:45 am; Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am  
Worship with the Lord's Supper 10:15 am  
Handbell rehearsal, 11:30 am  
Youth Group, 4:00 pm

### March 3

Polling Site, 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

### March 4

Choir Practice, 6:30 pm

### March 5

W.O.W (Women of the Word) Bible Study, 9:30 am

### March 8 - Third Sunday in Lent

J St. Kids, 8:45am; Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am  
Worship with Welcoming of New Members, 10:15 am  
Handbell rehearsal, 11:30 am  
Youth Group, 4:00 pm

### March 11

Choir Practice, 6:30 pm

### March 12

Presbyterian Women Horizons study, 9:30 am  
Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am

### March 13-14

Presbytery of Arkansas, University of the Ozarks

### March 15 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

J St. Kids, 8:45 am; Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am  
Worship, 10:15 am  
Handbell rehearsal, 11:30 am  
Deacon meeting, 11:30 am  
Youth Group, 4:00 pm

### March 18

Choir Practice, 6:30 pm

### March 19

W.O.W (Women of the Word) Bible Study, 9:30 am  
Elizabeth Circle, 6:00 pm

### March 22 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am  
Worship, 10:15 am  
Handbell rehearsal, 11:30 am

### March 23-27 - Spring Break

My Friends and Me Learning Center closed

### March 23

Stated Session Meeting, 6:00 pm

### March 25

Choir Practice, 6:30 pm

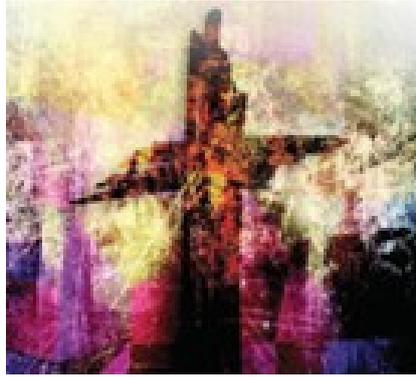
### March 26

W.O.W (Women of the Word) Bible Study, 9:30am  
J.O.Y Group, 11:00 am

### March 29 - Palm Sunday

Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am  
Worship, with Palm Processional, 10:15 am  
Holy Week Rocks Event, 11:30 am

# Lent and Easter Worship



Sunday services are at 10:15 am, in-person and online

|                                      |          |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> | March 1  | (with the Lord's Supper)          |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> | March 8  |                                   |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> | March 15 |                                   |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> | March 22 |                                   |
| <b>Palm Sunday</b>                   | March 29 |                                   |
| <b>Maundy Thursday</b>               | April 2  | (6:30 pm, with the Lord's Supper) |
| <b>Good Friday</b>                   | April 3  | (noon devotional, online only)    |
| <b>Easter Sunday</b>                 | April 5  | (with the Lord's Supper)          |

## Lenten Devotional

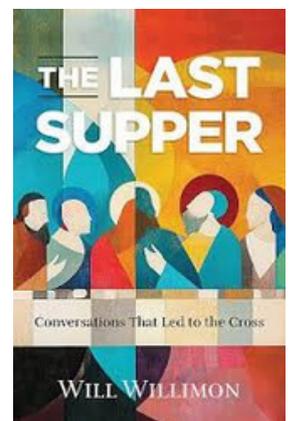
In this season of Lent, we are providing a Lenten Devotional for individual daily use. These are available for pickup at the church.

## Adult Faith Formation

**Adult Sunday School 9:00 am in the church Library**

### "The Last Supper"

The Sunday morning Adult Bible study class is continuing their Lenten Study by Rev. Dr. Will Willimon. The Study, titled *The Last Supper*, explores Jesus' parables told during meals, revealing God's kingdom through stories of mercy and hospitality while illuminating the Last Supper's significance. Led by Tom Senior. All are welcome. You are encouraged to bring your Bible to class.





**ONE GREAT  
HOUR OF SHARING**

*What does the Lord require of you?*

*...to do justice*

*and to love kindness and to walk  
humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

*Responding to Christ's call to ministries of  
compassion for the world's most vulnerable.*



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received **during the season of Lent (Feb. 18–April 5)**, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Thank you for promoting and supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, an Offering that responds directly to the call to do justice in Micah 6:8.

**You may give on Sundays using the special One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes in the pews, or marking your gift "OGHS," or online through our website under MYFPC/GIVE by selecting "OGHS-Easter" on the fund drop-down menu.**



*Dear God, we pray for the strength  
to heed your charge to bring  
justice to our hurting world.  
Help us advocate for what is right,  
that through our words and actions,  
all people will know of your love.  
Amen.*

## Order a Hydrangea in Honor or Memory of a Loved One



Hydrangeas will bring beauty to our sanctuary this Easter. If you would like to order one in honor or memory of a loved one, with their name(s) included in our Easter worship guide, please contact Amanda in the church office at [administrative.assistant@fpcbentonville.org](mailto:administrative.assistant@fpcbentonville.org). You may include as many names as you would like with a single flower order. Hydrangeas are \$26 each; you may pay by check or online under "**flowers**" on the drop-down menu. Click [here](#) to pay online.

Order forms will also be available at the church. You are welcome to take your hydrangea home with you after Easter worship. The deadline to order is Sunday, March 29, 2026.

## Updating Our Online Directory Photos and Information

On Easter Sunday (April 5), Roy Horan will be taking pictures after worship in a designated area of the Welcome Center. This is available to everyone, so that you and your family can have a current photo in our online directory (which is password protected). We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity! Roy will also be taking pictures after worship on occasional future Sundays as well. Another way to update your membership entry is by uploading your own photo. This is also a good time to check your contact information and update with any changes.

Please contact Amanda in the church office if you need guidance or assistance in accessing the online directory or getting the app on your phone.

# Presbyterian Women

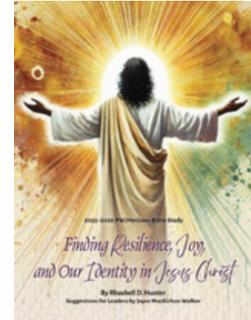
## Thursdays at 9:30am in the Bird's Eye Room

All women of the church are warmly invited to join our Presbyterian Women's Bible studies! Whether you've attended before or this would be your first time, we'd love to have you with us. Come and see what it's all about—you might find it's just what you've been looking for!

"Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"  
by Rev. Dr. Raschell Hunter.

We will meet the 2nd Thursday @ 9:30am in the Bird's Eye Room. Bible study books are available in the church office.

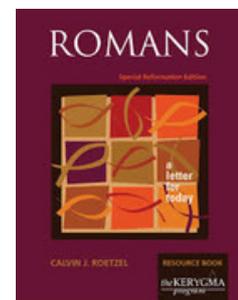
We will again offer a casual Elizabeth Circle covering the same material as the Rachel Circle if we have interest in a nighttime circle. This meets on the 3rd Thursday at 6pm in the Library.



### W.O.W. (Women Of The Word) Bible Study

The WOW (Women of the Word) Bible Study group is an informal group of women looking for meaning, heartfelt understanding, and application of Scripture. We share what we discover and question in the lesson.

Women of the Word Bible Study meets on the first, third, and the fourth Thursday of the month from 9:30 -10:30 am. We will continue studying Romans using the Kerygma curriculum. All women are invited to attend this study. Contact Carol Ritchie for more information.



### Men's Fellowship Group

Join us Thursday, March 12 at 9:30am in the church library. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided - come enjoy great conversation and fellowship! All are welcome.



## J St. Kids

**March 1st: Greeting and Hospitality**

**March 8: Walking on Water**

**March 15: Lazarus**

**March 22: Not Meeting (Spring Break)**

**March 29: Not Meeting (Holy Week Rocks  
Event after church)**

J St. Kids is faith formation for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders that meets on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10am. Children engage with Bible stories through music, games, crafts, and other activities.

## Children's Church

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**March 1<sup>st</sup>- No Children's Church**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>- Jesus Heals**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>- Service Project**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>- Holy Week**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>- Palm Sunday**

Children's Church takes place on most Sunday mornings directly after the Children's Message for children age 3-2nd grade. This time includes an activity, storytime, and snack. Children's Church does not meet on Communion Sundays, so that children can fully participate in our Communion service.

# Holy Week Rocks Event

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **Holy Week Rocks**

*An Interactive Faith Formation  
Experience for Children and their  
Families*

Sunday, March 29th  
1-2:30PM  
Fellowship Hall

We'll have an interactive Holy Week storytime, make rock art that helps us walk through each day of Holy Week, have snacks, and play rock themed games.

**CONTACT [KFLOOD@FPCBENTONVILLE.ORG](mailto:KFLOOD@FPCBENTONVILLE.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

## Spring Youth Group

### SPRING YOUTH GROUP

|                        |                     |           |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| MARCH 1 <sup>ST</sup>  | YOUTH GROUP         | 4-5:30PM  |
| MARCH 8 <sup>TH</sup>  | YOUTH GROUP         | 4-5:30PM  |
| MARCH 15 <sup>TH</sup> | YOUTH GROUP         | 4-5:30PM  |
| MARCH 22 <sup>ND</sup> | SPRING BREAK        |           |
| MARCH 29 <sup>TH</sup> | HOLY WEEK ROCKS     | 1-2:30PM  |
| APRIL 5 <sup>TH</sup>  | EASTER SUNDAY       |           |
| APRIL 11 <sup>TH</sup> | FOOD PANTRY SERVING | 8:30-11AM |
| APRIL 12 <sup>TH</sup> | YOUTH GROUP         | 4-5:30PM  |
| APRIL 19 <sup>TH</sup> | YOUTH GROUP         | 4-5:30PM  |

## **J.O.Y. GROUP**

**Next gathering: Thursday, March 26 at 11:00am,  
in the church library**

J.O.Y Group, or Just Older Youth (roughly retirement age and older), is a lunch gathering on the 4th Thursday of each month. Of course, people of any age are always welcome. You are invited to bring a dish to share, enjoy great fellowship, and experience some type of program. Questions, contact Jeanne Boehmler at 479-366-5904.

Saving Grace will present our program



## **It's Time for New Chairs!**

We are seeking sponsors to replace the church's portable chairs. For those of us who have stumbled over our current chairs, it feels like "it's about time." We plan to purchase 150 new chairs for use at congregational events. The PIT Committee evaluated several different possible chairs over the past weeks and selected the most comfortable, cleanable, and durable of the lot. You could sponsor a whole chair for \$100 (including dollies/carts), part of a chair, or multiple chairs. Any contribution will help!



## **Mission Team Spotlight on Honduras**

The Mission Team works to expand our church's overall mission of Trusting, Growing, Caring, and Serving Together in the name of Jesus Christ. One of the primary objectives of the team is to "serve the needs of 'the least of these' our brothers and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ." One of those objectives is to work to improve the lives of the people of the Presbytery of Honduras.

Our church has been involved with the Honduras Mission Network for over ten years. Several in our congregation have been to Honduras to work on building homes and installing solar electrical systems to power both water purification systems and electricity in homes and churches. The Presbytery of Arkansas has a covenant agreement with the Presbytery of Honduras to promote mutual friendship, solidarity, fellowship, and support.

Our church, through the Mission Team, has supported educational scholarships for many children in Honduras that helps them to continue their education beyond elementary school. We also had a representative attend the 2023 Honduras Mission Network retreat and conference in Tampa, Florida and hope to send a representative or two to the 2026 conference that will take place in Honduras.

We are blessed to be able to use a small part of our resources to help serve the needs of our brothers and sisters in Honduras. The Mission Team would welcome anyone who would like to continue this worldwide mission to participate in the monthly conference calls of the Honduras Mission Network and visiting in country later this year. Please connect with Roy Horan if you are interested in learning more, joining the calls, or going in country.

## **Pastor Nominating Committee Update**

The PNC is excited to announce that it presented our church's Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) to the Session at their February 2nd meeting, and it was approved. The MDP then went to the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) that is provided by the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The CLC helps search committees and call seekers with a high likelihood of "fit" to make an initial connection, relying on them to go deeper in exchange of information, conversation, and discernment. The PNC will soon begin to receive referrals through the system. Members of our congregation and the presbytery may also suggest names of prospective pastors as well. The PNC will also reach out to other resources for prospects. Please be aware that the PNC will never share the names of those who have applied or have been suggested to honor the confidentiality of the process.

The PNC met twice in February to discuss the search process and how to screen candidates. We discussed how to go through resumes and questions to ask once the interview process begins.

The journey of finding a new pastor is exciting, tedious, joyful, spiritually fulfilling, frustrating, inspiring, lengthy, and purposeful. The process is one of discernment and challenges us all to listen closely for the will of God for the mission and ministry in this new stage of our congregation's life. This is a new step of faith that will bring our congregation together around the common goal of identifying who God is calling to serve our congregation.

*"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."- Colossians 3:12*

Pastor Nominating Committee: Cie Cochran (chairperson); Roy Horan (vice chairperson); Kim Dixon (recording secretary); Aaron Hall; Denny Rogers; Janet Atwood; Joe Metzger; Dacia Johnson; and Devan Brice (representing youth).

# A Gift to our Library

The Library Committee received a surprise gift from the Rachel Circle of Presbyterian Women which meets on 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30. Their generous gift of 24 new books helps us reach more people—adults and children — with good books. All the books were recommended by reviewers in "Pages Worth Turning" in Horizons magazine. This surprise gift supports our purpose and mission to provide educational resources for our congregation, promote family participation in use of resources, and nurture our faith.



## **“Share the Warmth” Update**

THANK YOU for the 265 items donated during the Fellowship Committee-sponsored event “Share the Warmth” on 2/15/26!! Our neighbors-in-need are also grateful for the numerous pairs of socks donated during our annual Sock Drive in February.



## Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center

"Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center appreciates the continued support from the members of First Presbyterian Church in Bentonville, and would like to invite the congregation to attend an evening event in Bentonville at Compton Gardens where Joel Gill will be providing an update on Ferncliff.

We hope that you will mark your calendars to attend this event on April 9th, and we will look forward to seeing you there!



*Please join us for an evening of*  
*Responding. Restoring. Reimagining.*

April 9 at 5:30 PM  
Compton Gardens  
312 N Main St  
Bentonville, Arkansas

With gratitude to our hosts

Kyle and Catherine Alexander  
Bob and Jeanne Boehmler  
Hunter and Virginia Breshears  
Troy and Brenda Galloway  
David and Vicki Hill  
Roy and Jean Horan  
Joe and Kristi Metzger  
Lynn and Melissa Monroe

Ed and Renee Nestor  
Don and Sue Ann Overstreet  
Charles and Sue Redfield  
Rev. Dennis and Carol Ritchie  
Trish Roderick  
Chris and Cathy Rogers  
Jim and Rebecca Schneringer  
Tom and Rev. Dr. Georgia Senor

Please RSVP by April 1  
Jeanne Boehmler  
jmboehmler@gmail.com

# Presbyterian Women 2026 Gathering



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING 2026 GATHERING

HOT SPRINGS, AR

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 — 11:00 AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 — 8:30 AM TIL 3:00 PM



**"LIVING WATERS"**

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

(  ) **\$25.00 (\$20.00 Early Bird paid before 4/1)** — Includes all meals for both days (lunch & dinner on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>).

(  ) I am gluten/dairy sensitive (please list on back)

Lodging is not included.

Suggestions: Hotels (below), Vacation Rentals (VRBO.com), or Air B&B (Airbnb.com)

Courtyard by Marriott (Free Parking & Free Breakfast)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (Free Parking & Free Breakfast)

Comfort Inn & Suites Midtown OR near Hot Springs Park (Free Parking & Free Breakfast)

Hampton Inn on Temperance Hill Rd (Free Parking & Free Breakfast)

Home2 Suites by Hilton (Free Parking & Free Breakfast)

Candlewood Suites (Free Parking)

#### **Optional Outings Friday Afternoon:**

**Note:** You can leave your car at FPC parking lot and walk to downtown, Bath House or drive to Gardens.

(  ) **1 pm** — Fordyce Bath House (Admission \$0) Grand 1910 bathhouse featuring stained glass & marble, with exhibits & films about the baths.

(  ) **1 pm** — Garvan Woodland Gardens (Admission \$22-you will need to buy your own tickets) Enjoy the natural beauty of Garvan Woodland Gardens, where breathtaking seasonal displays, tranquil forest paths, and stunning lakeside views await. General Admission includes access to all garden areas and exhibits during regular operating hours.

(  ) **1 pm** — Own-Your-Own Time Feel free to go downtown to the park or shops/museums

**Discounted REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1ST** — Please return this completed form (with check made payable to Presbyterian Women) to: **Alice Kutz, 2166 North 40th Street, Springdale, AR 72762.**

NOTE: We will be collecting items for Jackson House Center. Please plan to donate money or something from the donation list (below the schedule).

Alice Kutz serves on the PWPCT (Coordinating Team) and is the Registrar for this event. Please call or text her at 479-435-0059 or email her at [alice.kutz@gmail.com](mailto:alice.kutz@gmail.com) with any questions.

Need a Scholarship/Help with Lodging costs? Fill out the form below & send to Gail Phillips [wengail1965@gmail.com](mailto:wengail1965@gmail.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING 2026 GATHERING SCHEDULE

Locations: (FPC) First Presbyterian Church, 213 Whittington Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71901 &  
(WPC) Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3819 Central Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71913

### **Friday, 4/17**

11:30 am – 12:30 pm      Registration and Lunch at First Presbyterian Church (FPC) Fellowship Hall. The parking lot is behind the Church.

1 pm – 5 pm              Optional Activities (entry fees “on your own”)

5:30 pm – 8 pm         Dinner at Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC) followed by Games and Social Time

### **Saturday, 4/18**

Note: All events are at Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC) on Saturday

8:30 am – 9:30 am      Registration in the Fellowship Hall at WPC. Parking is in the front, on the side, or behind the church.

8:30 am – 9:30 am      Light Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at WPC.

9:30 am – 10:15 am    Opening - Announcements/Singing/Worship Devotional by Rev. Leslie Roper, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, HS, AR

10:30 am – 11 am        Small Group Breakout Session

11:15 am – 11:45 am    Small Group Breakout Session

12 pm – 12:45 pm      Lunch in Fellowship Hall

1 pm – 1:40 pm         “Walk about” Visit exhibits and Garland County Iris Society Annual show located at WPC

1:50 pm – 2:30 pm     Full Group Session in the Fellowship Hall. Punky Dahl will present “United Nations status of women”.

2:35 pm – 3 pm         Closing

### **A special “Thank You” to our Host Churches:**

- First Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs, AR (FPC)
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, HS (WPC)
- Kirk in the Pines Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs Village (Kirk)

### **Jackson House Donation List:**

The current critical needs are: toothpaste, washcloths, deodorant, dog and cat food, shower puffs, and cloth grocery bags.



# Save the Date - Kids Wild Life Camp

## WILD LIFE CAMP

July 29th and 30th

A faith, fun, and service focused day  
camp for rising K-6th graders

### Wednesday Schedule

9:00AM-Check-In  
9:30AM- Morning Worship  
10:00AM- Splash Pad Trip  
11:30AM- Lunch  
12:00PM- Chill Time  
12:30PM- Service Project  
1:30PM- Tie Dye  
2:30PM-Afternoon Worship  
3:00PM: Pick-Up

### Thursday Schedule

9:00AM- Check-In  
9:30AM- Morning Worship  
10:00AM-Scavenger Hunt  
11:30AM- Lunch  
12:00PM- Chill Time  
12:30PM- Service Project  
1:30PM- Pottery Painting  
2:30PM- Afternoon Worship  
3:00PM- Pick-Up

Register Here By  
July 15th :



We thank you and appreciate the collaborative effort that goes into publishing our monthly newsletter. We could not do it without your contribution. If you have an article, announcement, or image you would like included in our next monthly newsletter, please send your submission to Amanda Hayes via email to: [administrative.assistant@fpcbentonville.org](mailto:administrative.assistant@fpcbentonville.org) by April 24, 2025.

Again, we appreciate the support of all members of our congregation in every ministry.

Thank you,  
FPC Staff

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Financial Manager: Hannah Cheeseman  
Facility Maintenance Manager: Mike McGinley  
Administrative Assistant: Amanda Hayes  
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Nursery Coordinator: Zinnuh Cooper  
Custodian: Open  
Clerk of Session: Virginia Breshears

To reach any of our staff by email, contact [info@fpcbentonville.org](mailto:info@fpcbentonville.org)

## OUR MISSION

Trusting, Growing, Caring and Serving Together In the Name of Jesus Christ

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to help people come to:

- 1) **Trust** in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives;
- 2) **Grow** and mature in their understanding and experience of that faith;
- 3) **Care** for one another, allowing Christ's love to live in them as we journey through the "mountains" and "valleys" of life; and
- 4) **Serve** the needs of "the least of these", our brothers and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ.