



FPC News

April 2026

Sunday Worship

10:15 am in person and
online

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(answered Monday -
Friday 8am - 4pm)

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(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

April 1

Choir Practice, 6:30 pm

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm, with light supper

April 3 - Good Friday

Good Friday devotional, online only, 12 pm noon

April 5 - Easter Sunday

Worship with the Lord's Supper, 10:15 am

April 8

Choir Practice, 6:30 pm

April 9

Presbyterian Women Horizons study, 9:30 am

Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am

April 12 - Second Sunday of Easter

J St. Kids, 8:45 am; Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Handbell rehearsal, 11:30 am

Youth Group, 4:00 pm

April 15

Choir Practice, 6:30 pm

April 16

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

April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter

J St. Kids, 8:45 am; Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Deacons meeting, 11:30 am

Handbell rehearsal, 11:30 am

Youth Group, 4:00 pm

April 22

Choir Practice, 6:30 pm

April 23

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

J.O.Y Group, 11:00 am

Elizabeth Circle, 6:00 pm

April 26 - High School Senior Recognition Sunday

J St. Kids, 8:45 am; Adult Faith Formation, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Handbell rehearsal, 11:30 am

April 27

Stated Session Meeting, 6:00 pm

April 29

Choir Practice, 6:30 pm

April 30

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

**Maundy Thursday
worship
with soup supper
and Communion
6:30 pm
April 2**

(in person only)



**Good Friday Devotional
Scripture, music and prayer
(online only)
Noon, April 3**

Easter Worship, 10:15 am April 5

**With brass quintet, the Lord's Supper,
and special children's message**

Everyone is invited to bring flowers to adorn the cross!





**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.*

Welcome New Members!

We rejoice as God adds individuals and families to our fellowship. We welcomed new members on Sunday, March 8.





Carolyn Cross



Jessi Sankar



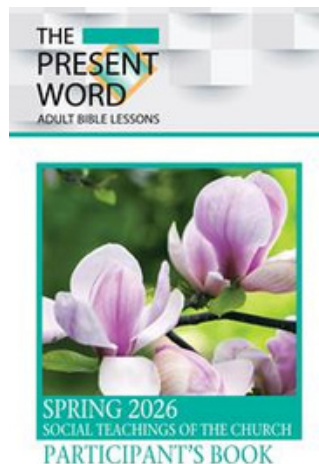
**James & Elle Besser
Barrett & Benjamin**

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.

Adult Faith Formation



Adult Sunday School 9:00 am in the church Library All are welcome

Beginning April 12, the Adult Sunday School Class will be reading "*The Present Word: Spring 2026 Social Teaching of the Church*"

This is an intriguing study of social issues that faithful Christians confronted in the early 1900s and gives opportunity to consider how the church brings Christ to bear on these issues in our day and time.

Unit I, "Fulfilling Our Obligations to Neighbors"

Unit II, "Fulfilling Our Obligations to Family and Community"

Unit III, "Fulfilling Our Obligations to God and Society"

*Note: Adult Sunday School will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 5.

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.

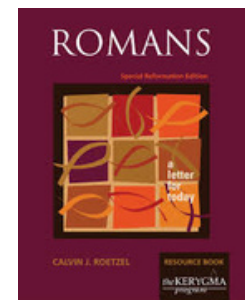
We will again offer a casual Elizabeth Circle covering the same material as the Rachel Circle if we have interest in a nighttime circle. This meets on the 3rd Thursday at 6pm in the Library. ***Note for the month of April, the Elizabeth circle will meet on the 4th Thursday, April 23.**



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

Gather with us on Thursday, April 9, at 9:30 am in the church library. Enjoy our lively stories, discussions, and prayers. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided. All are welcome.



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

J St. Kids

April 5th– No Meeting (Easter Sunday)

April 12th– Jesus is Alive!

April 19th– Jesus Appears to Followers

April 26th– Breakfast at the Beach

J St. Kids is faith formation for K-6th 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

April 5th- No Children's Church

April 12th- Jesus is Alive

April 19th- Jesus Appears to Followers

April 26th- Breakfast on the Beach

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.

Spring Youth Group

SPRING YOUTH GROUP

APRIL 5 TH	EASTER SUNDAY	
APRIL 11 TH	FOOD PANTRY SERVING	8:30-11AM
APRIL 12 TH	YOUTH GROUP	4-5:30PM
APRIL 19 TH	YOUTH GROUP	4-5:30PM
APRIL 26 TH	SENIOR SUNDAY (NO REGULAR YOUTH GROUP)	
MAY 2 ND	FOOD PANTRY SERVING	8:30-11AM
MAY 3 RD -	YOUTH GROUP END OF YEAR	4-5:30PM
MAY 24 TH -	HELLO SUMMER PARTY	11:30-2:00PM
JUNE 6 TH -	FOOD PANTRY SERVING	8:30-11AM

J.O.Y. GROUP

**Next gathering: Thursday, April 23 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.

Kayla Lacavera, Director of Development for the Peel Compton Foundation, will present our program



2026 Graduating High School Seniors

This year we will celebrate the high school graduating class of 2026 on Sunday, April 26th with a blessing during worship and a reception in the Welcome Hall afterwards. We are excited to celebrate this milestone with these students and their families.



Anna Schneringer has grown up in the Presbyterian church and is graduating from Thaden School in May. Anna enjoys tennis and being involved in her community, including giving ice skating lessons, working in a local bakery, and helping with summer camps. Anna will be attending Wellesley College outside Boston this fall.



Addi Jones is a senior at Rogers High School, plans to attend the University of Arkansas or Oklahoma State University to double major in Business Management and Music while participating in honors and marching band. She was Head Drum Major, earned All-Region and All-State honors, performed in community theater, and works as a golf coach at First Tee NWA, where she will soon become Summer Camp Coordinator. She enjoys time with friends, pickleball, and sweet treats.



Sidney Adams is graduating from BWHS in 2026, will attend the University of Arkansas to major in Education. A lifelong FPC member, she was drum major for the Midnight Regiment in 2025 and has played flute in the marching band since her freshman year. She's a two-year co-captain of the Speech and Debate team, an AP Scholar, a robotics competition winner, and an award-winning forensics competitor. Known for her kind heart, she'll be working at Clementine's this summer.



Dalley Allen has been a part of this church for the past several years. She has participated in confirmation, has served as a youth deacon, and served on the Presbytery's Youth Advisory Team. She also works in the church nursery and does a great job caring for the children. We are excited to celebrate her!

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!



Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The PNC met twice in March. Our Arkansas Presbytery Committee on Ministry representative, Susan Arnold, attended the first meeting to give us feedback on our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) from the COM, the Interim General Presbyter and the Clerk of Presbytery. They had a few questions and recommended a couple of minor changes which we answered. She subsequently took these answers back to the COM which approved the final MDP.

The committee has begun to reach out to various resources who might recommend potential candidates. Several have agreed to pass along names to the PNC.

The PNC discussed how to handle incoming applicants and resumes, the interview process, rubric, review questions, and process for reference checks. We are setting up a robust process for each of these areas.

Your continued prayers are appreciated as we go into the next phase of our search for a new pastor/head of staff that God has chosen for us to find.

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." – Romans 5:5

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).

Save the Date - May 18, 2026



Blood Drive
First Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall
901 NE J St
Bentonville, AR 72712
Monday, May 18, 2026
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Click [here](#) to register

Save the Date - FPC Night at the Ballpark

\$1 HOT DOG NIGHT

**FPC NIGHT
AT THE
BALLPARK**

**NWA
NATURALS**

VS

**MIDLAND
ROCKHOUNDS**

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3, 2026

GATES OPEN AT 6:00 PM

GAME STARTS 7:05 PM

**DISCOUNTED TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH
IF PURCHASED IN OUR BLOCK
PARKING \$5 (PAYABLE AT THE PARK)**

Location: Arvest Ballpark, Springdale

**JOIN US TO SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
BEFORE THE OPENING PITCH ON THE FIELD**

Providing Hope

You can be a part of the vital ministry of our church's Emergency Response Fund in several ways:

- Support the ERF (Emergency Response Fund) of the church through direct contributions to that fund. This is a non-budgeted fund, dependent upon designated donations.
- Donate gift cards to the church for fast food restaurants or Walmart/Harps/etc., (small amounts, please, \$25 dollars or less each). We give these to individuals and families who stop by the church in crisis situations. It's amazing how much difference that makes to them.
- Join the ERF committee! Please contact the church office if interested.
- As unexpected needs arise in our church family and community, God continues to work through the generosity of this congregation. Thank you for your support.



[CLICK HERE TO GIVE NOW](#)

If you are a church member in need of assistance, please contact Pastor Georgia confidentially.

For other requests, please contact the church office, 479-273-5450

administrative.assistant@fpcbentonville.org

Financial Snapshot (through February)- Operating Budget

Giving & Other Income: \$146,683

Expenses: \$174,241

While expenses currently exceed income, both are **tracking in line with the approved budget**. Expenses are lower than anticipated due to the timing of ministry activity and open staff positions, which have helped offset a few higher-than-expected facility-related costs.

We're also grateful for the generosity shown through designated giving over the first two months of the year. A few highlights include:

- **\$3,875** contributed to the **Food Pantry**, supporting ongoing efforts to serve those in need in our community
- **\$1,010** given to the **Emergency Response Fund**, providing assistance in times of crisis
- **\$1,100** donated to the **MFM Scholarship Fund**, helping ensure access to preschool for families who need it

Session Highlights

At the Stated Session meetings of February 23 and March 23, 2026, regular reports of committees and task forces were received.

In addition, the following actions were taken by the Session:

- Approved an amended Elected a search committee for the Director of Music Ministry position, and directed that committee to re-evaluate the job description, bringing that back to the Session for approval before posting the position. The search committee is made up of Melissa Monroe (moderator), Sherri Holliday-Skar, Lou McAlister, Mary Weaver, Chris Moore, and Rhett Harris (representing youth).
- Approved an updated job description for the Director of Children and Youth Ministry, to reflect current practices and needs.
- Voted to move unallocated pass-through funds of \$1906 to be moved to the new chair fund.
- Voted to use \$5625.00 for the repair of the geothermal well of the HVAC system that is not working in the Southeast area of the church, to be financed by the Arvest line of credit.

There was also a Called Session Meeting on March 8 for the specific purpose of receiving new members.

The next Stated Session meeting will be April 27, 2026.

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 by May 23, 2025.

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

Thank you,
FPC Staff

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Facility Maintenance Manager: Mike McGinley
Administrative Assistant: Amanda Hayes
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Nursery Coordinator: Zinnuh Cooper
Custodian: Anthony Farrar
Clerk of Session: Virginia Breshears

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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.