

Those We Are Praying For – May 18th, 2025

Health and Encouragement

*Erion Family (Bill Hesse’s in-laws) for the death of his mother-in-law, Betty	
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*First time on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month and then be removed unless a request is received to continue on the prayer list. Please help us maintain an-up-to-date prayer list. Notify the church of individuals in the hospital, those who need to be added and when a name can be removed from the list.

Remember Members in Nursing Homes or Retirement Centers

Joan Smith	Martha Garrett	Hazel Brown	Marian Lewis
Ruth Ryter	Norma Hoag		

Please remember those unable to attend, and the following in our Presbytery:

Westover Hills, Little Rock - Allison Memorial, Little Rock

Elders
2025 Ron Williams, Liz Larkin, Sheree Miller
2026 Pete Leer, Tom Savage, Doug Treptow
2027 Greg Robbins, Bruce Weidemann
<i>Clerk of Session: Jane Webb</i>
Deacons
2025 Diane Stern Phillips, Gwen Blue, Deborah Robbins, Pat Walker
2026 Jan Wills, Ray Sanford

Thank you to those who are aiding us in worship today:

Worship Leader: Jane Webb
Welcome: Bruce and Bill Weidemann

CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor: Rev. John Arnold
Accompanist: Ryan Ransdell
Choir Director: Bill Hesse
Financial Secretary: Wayne Williams
Office Manager: Shirley Parham
Custodian: Liz Letsch
FPELC Director: Amanda Kenney

Calendar for May 18th – 25th, 2025				
Sunday	18th	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		3:00pm-4:30pm	Horn Recital	Sanctuary
Monday	19th	10:00am	Monday School	Library
		5:00pm	FPELC Committee Meeting	Parlor
		6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:00pm	Troop 314	Washburn Hall
Tuesday	20th	10:00am	ELC Chapel	Classrooms
		6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:00pm	Pack 81	Washburn Hall
Wednesday	21st	11:30am	Men’s Lunch	Smitty’s Garage
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Thursday	22nd	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:30pm	Pack 12	Washburn Hall
Friday	23rd	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
Saturday	24th			
Sunday	25th	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		11:30am	Congregational Meeting – Election of New Officers	Sanctuary

Thank you for Worshiping with Us!



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Welcome to FPC of Rogers
May 18th, 2025

Bold text is to be read in unison

*Please stand, as you are able. Large Print Bibles are available.
Ask an usher.

Please sign attendance book in the pew
Attendance for 5/11/2025 - 47

PROCESSIONAL Constantin Shatilenko, Bagpiper

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he Commanded and they were created.

All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love, freely given without expectation or strings attached.

We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy, forgetting the new commandment to love as you have loved us. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return, missing the trustworthy and true nature of your boundless forgiveness. Forgive us, Redeeming God. And transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love so that our relationships and your world are transformed.

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Behold: The former things have passed away, and God's grace flows like a river of new life. Friends, hear the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! You are made anew!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-8
Pg. #1132 Red Bible OT Pg. #315 Blue Large Print Bible

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM I Choose You Deborah Govenor
 Oboe Soloist, Andrew Baker

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 13:31-35
Pg. #982 Red Bible Pg. #132 Blue Large Print Bible

SERMON Free Renewal Liz Larkin

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: BAGPIPES
Just as God pours out new blessings without measure, let us, with hearts overflowing with gratitude for this divine generosity in our lives, off ourselves and our resources for the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ in this new creation being ushered in. If you are worshipping with us online you may join us in today's offering using the link in the comments.



Thank you for worshiping with us. You can join in and support the ministry of our church through a tax-deductible gift online. Giving is convenient, safe and simple. Just scan the QR code or go to <https://fpcrogers.com/giving> to use our online giving portal.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below! Alleluia. Alleluia. Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and almighty God, we return to You a portion of all You have given us. Use these gifts to proclaim Your love, build up Your kingdom, and shepherd Your people. As we give, may we be renewed in our calling to serve You as a royal priesthood and a holy nation. In Christ's name, Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, was crucified, died, and was buried; on the third day He rose again from the dead. By His resurrection Christ defeated sin and death and opened the way to new and everlasting life. Our only comfort in life and in death is that we belong to Jesus Christ, who has set us free from the power of sin. Risen and reigning, Christ gives us hope, and calls us to live in the joy of new life. This we believe. Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Adapted from the Apostles' Creed, Scots Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, and A Brief Statement of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION #326 For All the Saints

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL BAGPIPES

*POSTLUDE

Anthem Note

Bill Hesse, Choir Director

“I Choose You”

“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 4: v. 17

In my last church position, I was the music coordinator for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dubuque, Iowa. Whenever I was looking for new anthems, I found the music catalogs from the different publishers very useful. Almost all of them included sample CD’s of their newly released songs. I would listen to them in my car on my commute. If I wasn’t impressed, I could ff to the next one. In the fall of 2007, the Beckenhorst Press catalog had a recording of the anthem we’re singing today. I ordered it immediately and it became a big favorite with my choir.

When I began my position at First Presbyterian, I was looking around the choir room and cleaning a few old things off the bookshelf. Imagine my surprise when I found a copy of the same catalog from 2007! I took that as a positive sign that I should add “I Choose You” to our choir library.

The text makes it a perfect general-purpose anthem, but I like it most for baptism services. As part of our Presbyterian Heritage Sunday, it reinforces the belief that the choice of our faith journey goes both ways. We also sang it for Pastor John’s installation. The words of the chorus: “I choose you to live with me forever” express very clearly the bond with our Creator affirmed through the rite of baptism. The instrumental obbligato even suggests the image of the dove soaring overhead at the baptism of Jesus.

New Sermon Series - Christ’s Desire for You

Starting May 25, you’re invited to join us for a powerful new sermon series exploring the timeless messages of Christ to the seven churches in Revelation. Each letter reveals a desire Christ has for His church—a desire that is just as relevant today. We all face similar spiritual struggles, and in these letters, Christ offers encouragement, correction, and promise.

Join us each week to hear Christ’s voice speaking to you personally. Mark your calendar, invite a friend, and come ready to be inspired, challenged, and renewed.

Sermon Series Schedule:

- **May 25 – Series Intro: Christ Among Us** (Revelation 1:9-20)
- **June 1 – Ephesus: Desire for Rekindled Love** (Revelation 2:1-7)
- **June 8 (Pentecost) – Sardis: Desire for New Life** (Revelation 3:1-6)
- **June 15 – Smyrna: Desire for Patient Trust** (Revelation 2:8-11)
- **June 22 – Pergamum: Desire for a Faithful Witness** (Revelation 2:12-17)
- **June 29 – Thyatira: Desire for Holy Living** (Revelation 2:18-29)
- **July 6 – Philadelphia: Desire for Security in Christ** (Revelation 3:7-13)
- **July 13 – Laodicea: Desire for a Passionate Faith** (Revelation 3:14-22)

Each message is a chance to see Christ’s desire for His church and discover what He wants to say to us today. Don’t miss a single week!