

Those We Are Praying For –October 26th, 2025

Health and Encouragement

Family of David Webb	Family of Roger and Pam Bristol – Friends of Pete Leer
Laura Thompson	Caroline Bridgers
Ron Williams	

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:

Children’s Church Ministries - West End, Arkadelphia

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

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

Worship Leader: Jane Webb
Welcome: Phil and Janet Hatfield

CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

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

Calendar for Oct 26th –Nov 2nd, 2025				
Sunday	26th	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		11:30am	Fall Fellowship with Friends	Narthex
		11:30am	Finance Committee Meeting	Library
Monday	27th	10:00am	Monday School	Library
		6:00pm	Troop 314	Washburn Hall
		6:00pm	GED Class	Library
Tuesday	28th	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:00pm	Pack 81	Washburn Hall
Wednesday	29th	11:30am	Men’s Lunch	Havana Grill
		7:00pm	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Thursday	30th	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:30pm	Pack 12	Washburn Hall
Friday	31st	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
Saturday	1st			
Sunday	2nd	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:00am-10:30am	Coffee with Friends	Narthex
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		11:30am-12:00pm	Coffee with Friends	Narthex
		11:30am	Session Meeting	Library
		12:30pm-5:00pm	NWA Teachers Meeting	Sanctuary

Thank you for Worshiping with Us!



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Welcome to FPC of Rogers

October 19th, 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 10/19/2025 - 57

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord has done good things for us---

All: And we are filled with joy!

Leader: God has restored what was lost and renewed
what was broken.

**All: He has turned our mourning into laughter and
our despair into hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who makes all things
new.

**All: We come with glad hearts, to praise the God
who restores and renews.**

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE #14 For the Beauty of the Earth

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You have restored us by Your grace, yet we often
forget to live as renewed people. We hold onto the past instead
of walking in Your promise. We doubt Your Spirit's power when
we cannot see the outcome. We cling to control when You call
us to trust. Forgive us, Lord. Restore our faith, renew our joy,
and help us live as Your new creation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: "If anyone is in Christ, they
are a new creation. The old has passed away;
behold, the new has come."

**All: In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made
new.**

Leader: God's Spirit is still at work in you---bringing to
completion the good work He began.

**All: Thanks be to God! We live as His restored and
renewing people.**

*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 Zechariah 8:11-13
Pg. #868 Red Bible OT Pg. #1080 Blue Large Print Bible

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

ANTHEM A Mighty Fortress Martin Luther, Arr. Mark Hayes

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1:3-10
Pg. #1068 Red Bible Pg. #239 Blue Large Print Bible

SERMON Living the Restored Life John Arnold

HYMN #833 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has blessed us to be a blessing. When we give, we
participate in His work of renewal---in our church, our
community, and the world. Let us offer our gifts with gratitude,
trusting that the God who restores will multiply what we bring. If
you are worshipping with us online you may join us in today's
offering using the link in the comments.



*Thank you for worshipping 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! Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, You have restored our hope and renewed
our lives. Receive these offerings as signs of our
gratitude and faith. Use them---and use us---to share Your
restoring love with others. Through Christ, who makes all
things new. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles Creed
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose
again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in
the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they 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 #761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG Syahamba South African Freedom Song

*POSTLUDE

Anthem Note

Bill Hesse, Choir Director

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Although, there were other rebel priests within the Roman Catholic Church during the 14th - 16th Centuries, Martin Luther is credited with being the father of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, his *95 Theses*, nailed to the door of Wittenburg Castle, challenged the Church on many key issues, including the selling of indulgences and salvation through grace, rather than works. Although Luther was declared an outlaw by the Diet of Worms in 1521, many of his ideas were addressed by the Church later in the century by the Council of Trent. One of the most significant changes came during Vatican II, when a spirit of ecumenism with Protestant faiths was first embraced, along with the concept of active participation in the celebration of the Mass by congregants. This is an idea first expressed by Luther over four centuries earlier.

Luther’s hymn, “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God), has become the anthem for the Reformation. Musically, it is one of the most perfect uses of melody to amplify the text. In the western musical scale, the two most prominent steps are the first and fifth, the tonic and the dominant. Every phrase in Luther’s melody begins and ends on one of these two steps, contributing to a sense of strength and safety. In addition, the descending major scale is used three times in the melody, creating a further sense of security in God’s care (A bulwark never failing, etc.). Although I honestly don’t know if that was deliberate on Luther’s part or if it was just an instinctive creation based on familiar sounds, Christians everywhere are comforted by the melody as much as the words. In his *Reformation Symphony*, Felix Mendelssohn used this melody as his theme for the finale.

In Mark Hayes’ arrangement, you’ll see this hymn presented in a different setting from what you may be used to hearing. It begins with a fantasia-like prologue for the piano. The choral section combines the traditional harmonies with a lively, often syncopated, rhythm, ending with a maestoso presentation of the final verse.

“We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)”

Our sending song is our acknowledgment of Reformation as well. Although not created in the 16th Century, it reminds us that reform is a constant in Christianity. The final song in our hymnal (853) was an anthem for the anti-apartheid movement

in South Africa. The Choir will sing the first verse, first in English, then in Zulu. Please join us as we repeat the first verse in English.