

Those We Are Praying For –December 21st, 2025

Health and Encouragement

Cindy Youngblood	Sheree & Rick Miller's families
Wines Family – friends of Ruoff's	Kanon – friend of Sheree Miller
Daisy – Amanda Kenney's sister	Cindy Richardson – Ruth Dolle's daughter

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:

Memorial Church, Atkins -- First, Walnut Ridge

Elders

2026

Pete Leer, Tom Savage, Doug Treptow

2027

Greg Robbins, Bruce Weidemann, June Nesbitt

2028

Ron Williams, Liz Larkin, Barbara Allen

Clerk of Session:

Tom Savage

Deacons

2026

Jan Wills, Ray Sanford, Susan Wright, Jerri Arnold-Cook

2027

Ron Mullikin, Julie Pruitt, Gwen Blue, Diane Stern Phillips

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

Building Superintendent: Bob Dunbar

Custodian: Liz Letsch

FPELC Director: Amanda Kenney

Calendar for Dec 21st – Dec 28th, 2025				
Sunday	21st	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday	22nd	10:00am	Monday School	Library
		6:00pm	Troop 314	Washburn Hall
		6:00pm	GED Class	Library
Tuesday	23rd	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:00pm	Pack 81	Washburn Hall
Wednesday	24th		Christmas Eve	
		3:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee with Friends	Narthex
		4:00pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
Thursday	25th		Christmas Day	
Friday	26th	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
Saturday	27th			
Sunday	28th	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		11:30am	Finance Committee Meeting	Library

Thank you for Worshiping with Us!



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First Presbyterian Church of Rogers

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Welcome to FPC of Rogers

December 21st, 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 12/14/2025 - 60

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING – THE CANDLE OF LOVE
Chris, Caroline and Anna Kate Purdy

Reader 1
Today we light the fourth candle of Advent – the Candle of Love. From the promise to David to the angel’s visit to Mary, God’s love has been steadfast and sure. This love does not cling to power or comfort but opens itself fully to God’s will.

Reader 2
Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to Your word.” As we light this candle, we remember that love is not simply a feeling but a choice -- a daily “yes” to God’s presence and purpose.

All: God of love, You have shown us what love looks like in Jesus Christ. Make our hearts ready to welcome You. Help us to make room for others as You have made room for us. Let Your love be born anew in us today. Amen.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **#82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of steadfast love, we confess that our hearts are often crowded with fear, pride, and distraction. We resist Your invitation to make room for others and to trust Your unfolding will. Forgive us, Lord. Open our hearts to Your Spirit and teach us to love as freely as You have loved us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: The steadfast love of the love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and deeply loved.

Leader: Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

*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 2 Samuel 7:1-11
Pg. #278 Red Bible OT Pg. #349 Blue Large Print Bible

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

ANTHEM We Three Kings Arr. Jeremy Bankson and Tom Trenney

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38
Pg. #931 Red Bible Pg. #69 Blue Large Print Bible

SERMON Love That Blesses Beyond Ourselves John Arnold

HYMN #140 Once in Royal David’s City

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has blessed us with hope and provision. As we prepare to give our tithes and offerings, let us do so with grateful hearts, trusting in His continued care and abundant grace. 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

Loving God, You gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ, the perfect gift of love. Receive these offerings and the lives they represent. May they become instruments of Your compassion, extending care, mercy, and grace to all who need to know Your love. Through Christ, our Emmanuel. 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 #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

*SENDING SONG

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you love, perfect love, love in every endeavor. Lift your eyes and see His face, feel His grace surround you. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

*POSTLUDE



Poinsettia Gifts 2025

Given in Honor of:

Our Grandsons	Larry & Susan Goodsell
Our Children & Grandchildren	Doug & Glennis Treptow
Dr. Thomas Matthew & Dr. Carol Matthew	Laura Thompson
FPC – for all the coats during coat drive	Elmer & Barbara Stimac
FPC’s Awesome Young Adults	Ron & Annette Williams
Brad, Jann, Caroline & Emily Bridgers	Susan Wright
Presleigh and Hudson Huber	Joe and Jimmie Huber
Luke and Norah Greene	Joe and Jimmie Huber
Our Family	Phil & Janet Hatfield
Susan Wright	Brad & Jann Bridgers

Given in Memory of:

Mom, Dad and Grandmother	Gwen Blue
Sharon Ann Kemp & Kemp Copeland	Chris, Caroline & Anna Kate Purdy
Our Parents	Doug & Glennis Treptow
Barbara Leer, Mike Rapp & David Rapp	Pete & Anne Leer
Howard & Kay Records	Barbara Allen
Cecil “Da” Bridgers, David Wright & Jeff Maneth	Brad & Jann Bridgers
My Dad & Tim Roberts	Julie Pruitt
Oscar Rowlan’s & John Nesbitt’s	Chuck & June Nesbitt
Our Parents	Larry & Susan Goodsell
Nick Harrington & Bill Flock	Julie Flock
Howard & Isabella Walker	Pat Walker