

## Those We Are Praying For –January 11th, 2026

### Health and Encouragement

David Webb	*Barbara Allen
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### 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:

Mt. Vernon, Pea Ridge - First, Huntsville

### Elders

**2026** Pete Leer, Drew Miller, 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: Anne Leer  
 Welcome: Sheree Miller

### 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 Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Sunday	11th	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		11:30am	Worship Committee Meeting	Parlor
		11:45am	CLC Committee Meeting	Library
Monday	12th	6:00pm	Troop 314	Washburn Hall
		6:00pm	GED Class	Library
Tuesday	13th	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:00pm	Pack 81	Washburn Hall
Wednesday	14th	11:30am	Men's Lunch	Firebirds
		7:00pm	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Thursday	15th	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:30pm	Pack 12	Washburn Hall
Friday	16th	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:00pm	Boy Scout Lock-In	Narthex, L
Saturday	17th	Continued	Boy Scout Lock-In	Narthex, L
Sunday	18th	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

*Thank you for Worshipping with Us!*

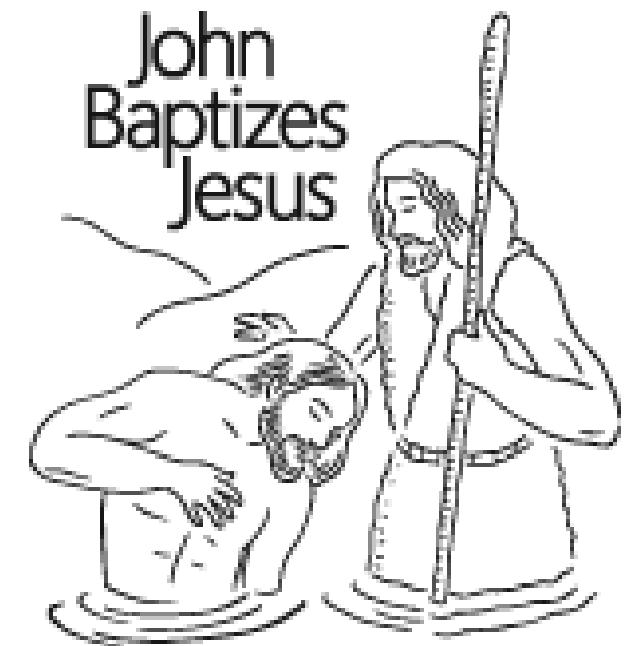


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## First Presbyterian Church of Rogers

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# Welcome to FPC of Rogers

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**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 1/4/2026 - 52

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and see the One in whom God delights.  
**All: We come to worship the Beloved Son.**  
Leader: The Spirit descends, the heavens open, and God speaks.  
**All: We listen for the voice that still calls us beloved.**  
Leader: As Jesus stepped into the waters of baptism,  
**All: We come to remember who we are and whose we are. Let us worship God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### \*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we often forget our baptism. We forget that we are claimed by grace, and instead try to prove ourselves by our own efforts. We resist humility, we fear obedience, and we struggle to trust your voice over all others. Forgive us, O God. Restore us to the truth of who we are in Christ. Wash us again in your mercy, and lead us in the way of your Spirit. Amen.**

### A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: As Jesus came up from the waters, the heavens opened, and God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved."  
**All: In Christ, we are forgiven and claimed as beloved.**  
Leader: The Spirit rests upon, not because we are perfect, but because God is gracious.  
**All: Thanks be to God! 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 Isaiah 42:1-9  
Pg. #657 Red Bible      OT Pg. #820 Blue Large Print Bible

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Shall We Gather at the River R. Lowry, arr. F. Bock

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17  
Pg. #879 Red Bible      OT Pg. #3 Blue Large Print Bible

SERMON Beloved by God John Arnold

### HYMN #482 Baptized in Water

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

At Jesus' baptism, God declared delight—not because Jesus had accomplished anything yet, but simply because he was God's beloved Son. Our giving flows from that same place. We do not give to earn God's love; we give because we are already held by it. Let us offer our gifts—our tithes, our offerings, and our lives—in gratitude for the grace we have received. 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

**Loving God, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to bring justice where there is oppression, hope where there is despair, and light where there is darkness. May all that we offer—our resources, our time, and our lives—bear witness to the One who stepped into the waters for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### \*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 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 #757 Today We Are Called to Be Disciples

### \*SENDING SONG

On Eagle's Wings

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

### \*POSTLUDE

## **Anthem Note**

**Bill Hesse, Choir Director**

“Shall We Gather at the River?”

Robert Lowry (1826-1899) was known as a cheerful man with a prominent beard and a quick mind. Often called the “Good Doctor,” he served as pastor to several Baptist churches in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century. His great strengths as a preacher were a vivid imagination and his ability to engage his parishioners with verbal pictures.

Lowry also composed a number of well-known hymns, including “How Can I Keep from Singing?” (“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”) and “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.” However, he is best remembered for “Shall We Gather at the River?” Although frequently sung at baptisms, its intended message is about Heaven. It draws on the imagery of crossing the River Jordan into the Promised Land.

A number of composers have set this hymn in their own styles. One of my personal favorites is Aaron Copland. Fred Bock’s arrangement of this hymn combines the original words and melody with a flowing accompaniment that suggests the river described in the song.