

Those We Are Praying For –February 22nd, 2026

Health and Encouragement

FP Early Learning Center	Kanon – Friend of Sheree Miller
Prayers for the family of Coral (Brown) Ross in her passing- Sheree Miller’s aunt	*The Robbins Family

Remember Members in Nursing Homes or Retirement Centers

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

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

First, Jacksonville - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Elders

2026 Pete Leer, Drew Miller, Doug Treptow

2027 Gregg 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: Pete Leer

Welcome: Phil and Janet Hatfield

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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 Feb 22nd - Mar 1st, 2026				
Sunday	22nd	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		11:30am	Session Meeting	Library
		5:00pm-8:00pm	Boy Scouts 314B	Washburn Hall
Monday	23rd	10:00am	Monday School	Library
		6:00pm	Girl Scout Troop 314G	Washburn Hall
		6:00pm	GED Class	Library
Tuesday	24th	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:00pm	Cub Scout Pack 81	Washburn Hall
Wednesday	25th	11:30am	Men’s Lunch	Las Palmas
		7:00pm	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Thursday	26th	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:30pm	Cub Scout Pack 12	Washburn Hall
Friday	27th	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
Saturday	28th	10:30am	Property Committee Meeting	Library
		3:00pm-9:00pm	Pack 81 Pinewood Derby	Washburn Hall
Sunday	1st	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		2:00pm-5:00pm	Girl Scouts 5342	Washburn Hall
		4:45pm-8:00pm	Boy Scout Troup 314B	Washburn Hall

Thank you for Worshipping with Us!



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First Presbyterian Church of Rogers

‘Making disciples for Christ through our worship, study, service and fellowship’

1901 South 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Rogers, AR 72758



“I have set before you  
LIFE and DEATH ....  
CHOOSE LIFE so that  
you and your descendants may live.”  
Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

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Welcome to FPC of Rogers  
February 22nd, 2026

**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 2/15/2026 – 63

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This day we stand at a crossroads.  
**All: Before us is the way of life and the way of death.**  
Leader: God says, “Choose life.”  
**All: We choose life in you, O Lord.**  
Leader: When our hearts are divided, you call us back.  
**All: When we are tempted, you steady us.**  
Leader: Come, let us worship the One who makes us whole.  
**All: We will love the Lord our God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

\*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE **#624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Holy and faithful God, we confess that our minds are often divided. We say we trust you, yet we cling to lesser securities. We say we follow you, yet we listen to competing voices. We waver. We doubt. We are pulled in many directions. Forgive us for our double-mindedness. Gather our scattered hearts. Steady us in your truth. Create in us an undivided Sacred Mind—firmly rooted in you, wholly oriented toward life. Through Jesus Christ, who resisted temptation and remained faithful to you, Amen.**

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Leader: Hear the good news: Christ has faced temptation and overcame it.  
**All: In him we are strengthened.**  
Leader: God does not abandon the wavering heart.  
**All: God restores and makes us whole.**

Leader: Choose life, and live.  
**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. 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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Pg. #185 Red Bible OT Pg. #233 Blue Large Print Bible

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

ANTHEM Seek Ye the Lord J.V. Roberts  
Tom Youngblood, Tenor Soloist

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1-11  
Pg. #879 Red Bible NT Pg. #3 Blue Large Print Bible

SERMON The Undivided Sacred Mind John Arnold

HYMN **#729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING  
In Deuteronomy, God sets before the people life and death, blessing and curse—and calls them to choose life. As we bring our offerings today, we choose life. We choose trust. We choose to align ourselves with the faithful and steady love of God. Let us give with undivided hearts. 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. Alleluia.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
Gracious God, receive these gifts as signs of our desire to live fully in you. Unify our hearts. Steady our minds. Let our giving reflect our trust. Use what we offer to bring life where there is despair, hope where there is fear, and wholeness where there is division. Through Christ, who remained faithful in the wilderness, 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 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 **#65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

\*SENDING SONG The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
John Rutter

\*POSTLUDE

# **Anthem Note**

**Bill Hesse, Choir Director**

“Seek Ye the Lord”

John Varley Roberts (1841-1920) was a choirmaster, organist and composer. He spent most of his career at Magdalen College, Oxford, England. He was born in Stanningley, near Leeds, one of seven children.

John Varley Roberts composed forty anthems, four complete services, organ solos, songs and the cantata *Jonah*. While at Halifax he composed the anthem, *Seek ye the Lord*, which according to Clay in his *History of the Music of Halifax Parish Church* ‘made known his name unto the ends of the earth’. Like most of his music, it has an easy-to-follow melody and simple harmonies. A former chorister wrote of his work:

”The compositions of Roberts, which are numerous though all fall naturally under one of a small number of groups, seem to be in some danger of being underrated through forgetfulness of one quality which marks them in high degree. Some composers have apparently made their works difficult by intention, perhaps in order to frighten off second-rate performers from them. Others...seemed to have cared very little whether their works were easy or difficult...Roberts was fond of saying that the perfect performance of a good musical composition would only be found in heaven; but he always thought in terms of the perfect performance, and every unnecessary difficulty should therefore be avoided as an obstacle.”

Essentially, relative simplicity marks Roberts’ musical style. Our anthem begins with a tenor solo that is joined by the choir to underscore the text. Although we often look for complexity in our music, there is something to be said for the straightforward style that makes the text more accessible to the congregation. I remember singing this anthem in church when I was in high school and it was a congregational favorite. The text lends itself well to Lent:

“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,  
Call ye upon Him while He is near:  
Let the wicked forsake his way,  
And the unrighteous man his thoughts:  
And return unto the Lord,  
And He will abundantly pardon.”

As a Lenten meditation, it expresses the essence of a season when Christians are called to examine their lives as part of our

journey with Jesus through his suffering, death and resurrection.

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

John Rutter took a very traditional benediction text and created his own interpretation with a flowing keyboard accompaniment. The sevenfold “Amen” is particularly haunting, with a soprano line that soars to a full climax before its slow decrescendo to the end.