

Those We Are Praying For – May 17th, 2026

Health and Encouragement

Kanon – friend of Sheree Miller	Bill Leer – Pete Leer’s brother
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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:

Westover Hills, Little Rock - Allison Memorial, Little Rock

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: Anne Leer
 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: Cory Wills
 Custodian: Liz Letsch

Calendar for May 17th – May 24th, 2026

Sunday	17th	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		11:30am	Deacon’s Meeting	Library
		11:30am	Worship Committee Meeting	Parlor
		3:00pm-4:00pm	Trombone Recital	Narthex & Sanctuary
		2:00pm-5:00pm	Girl Scouts 5342	Washburn Hall
		5:00pm-8:00pm	Boy Scouts 314B	Washburn Hall
Monday	18th	10:00am	Monday School	Library
		6:00pm	Girl Scout Troop 314G	Washburn Hall
		6:00pm	GED Class	Library
Tuesday	19th	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
		6:00pm	Cub Scout Pack 81	Washburn Hall
Wednesday	20th	11:30am	Men’s Lunch	Café USA
		7:00pm	Studio Recital	Choir Room, Narthex & Sanctuary
Thursday	21st	6:00pm	GED Class	Library
Friday	22nd			
Saturday	23rd	11:00pm-6:00pm	Eagle Court of Honor	Sanctuary & Washburn Hall
Sunday	24th	9:00am	Sunday School	Library
		10:30am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
		11:30am	Congregational Life Meeting	Library
		5:00pm-8:00pm	Boy Scouts 314B	Washburn Hall

Thank You for Worshipping with Us!



May 17th, 2026
First Presbyterian Church of Rogers

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Welcome to FPC of Rogers

May 17th, 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 5/10/2026 – 50

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let God arise, and let all fear and despair be scattered.

All: We gather to worship the One who rides upon the clouds.

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name!

All: We rejoice in the strength and mercy of the Lord.

Leader: God is a father to the orphan and a defender of the vulnerable.

All: God gives the lonely a home and leads the weary into hope.

Leader: Christ has prayed for us and calls us into eternal life.

All: We come to worship with joy, trust, and thanksgiving.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE #263 **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we often live divided lives. You call us into unity, yet we cling to resentment and fear. You invite us into eternal life, yet we become consumed by temporary things. You defend the vulnerable, yet we overlook those in need. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us. Teach us to trust the prayer of Christ for us and to walk faithfully in your ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ prayed for his followers and gave himself for the world.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

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 Psalm 68:1-10,32-35
Pg. #518 Red Bible OT Pg. #651 Blue Large Print Bible

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Praise His Holy Name Keith Hampton

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 17:1-11
Pg. #985 Red Bible NT Pg. #136 Blue Large Print Bible

SERMON Christ Prays for Us John Arnold

HYMN #321 **The Church's One Foundation**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The God who gives strength to the weary and hope to the lonely calls us to become instruments of grace for others. Let us bring our offerings with gratitude and joy. 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! Alleluia. Alleluia. Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, receive these gifts and use them for your purposes in the world. May they bring hope to the discouraged, strength to the weary, and witness to the love of Christ. Unite us in your mission and glorify yourself through all we offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 #546 **Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

*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

“Praise His Holy Name”

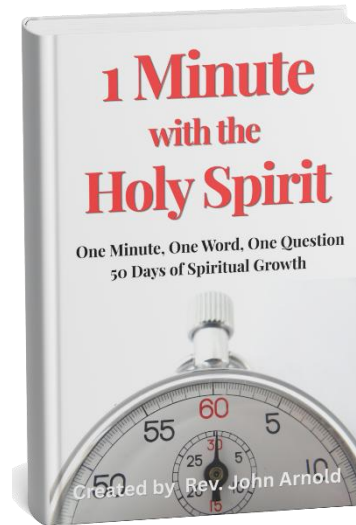
From jazz to blues to soul to hip-hop, African-Americans have been the driving force behind many popular music styles of the past 150 years. While many of these styles come and go as the times change, Gospel has remained a constant. It delivers a message that resounds from the pulpit to the choir lofts on any given Sunday, one of good news in bad times. But gospel is more than the soundtrack of the African American experience. It's the heart and soul.

The Great Migration (1910-1970) saw a large demographic shift in the United States. African Americans left their communities in the rural South for the increased opportunities and freedoms of the urban areas in the North. The church played a crucial role in providing comfort and unity during these trying times. Gospel music evolved along with the changing times.

The 1920's and 1930's provided a pivotal moment in the development of Gospel. Black Gospel pioneers like Thomas A. Dorsey and Mahalia Jackson arrived in Chicago to merge their traditional spiritual roots with the popular musical styles of the time, including jazz and blues. Today's anthem falls into the classification of urban contemporary Gospel, featuring a strong influence of rhythm and blues.

Keith Hampton composed this lively gospel tune in 1998. It has since become a standard for choirs of all levels. If you look for it in iTunes or YouTube, you will find versions by many different choirs, from church groups to festival choirs to college level and professional groups. I once worked with an associate pastor who referred to Presbyterians as the “frozen chosen”. This song should do a lot to dispel that notion.

You may have experienced the Holy Spirit today and not even realized it.



God gifted you with the Holy Spirit, to comfort, guide, and empower you, but do you recognize it?

One Minute with the Holy Spirit is a simple devotional journey designed to help you understand the Holy Spirit, so you experience more fully this amazing gift.

Each day includes:

- a short Scripture reading
- a brief reflection
- one minute of daily focus

Three convenient ways to enjoy your guide:

- Pick-up a physical copy, available May 17th
- Use the QR code to receive a digital copy
- Or, receive daily readings in your inbox starting Pentecost Sunday, May 24th.

