

Pentecost



Come, O Holy Spirit, Come!

The Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Jesus at Pentecost. The gift of God's self came surprisingly; in the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire on each person. The Holy Spirit continues to surprise us today. God's spirit provides comfort, guidance, encouragement, and challenge to us throughout our lives. Let us live in the assurance at the presence of the Holy Spirit and in expectation of the amazing acts of God. And mark your calendar! On Pentecost we will have a special breakfast worship and we're inviting our neighbors. The Arkansas Presbytery awarded our church a Faith Formation Grant to help with the expenses so we can share food and faith on this special holy day. The gathering will be in fellowship hall at 10:00 am on Sunday, May 24.

Art by Megan

Fri 4/28



Art by Dennise



Sacrament by Anna Strickland

Artist's statement: There is holy mystery in God's grace. There is holy mystery in bread and water and wine. There is holy mystery in the Triune God who became flesh. There is holy mystery in the Spirit blowing through the early church, igniting a movement among oppressed and occupied peoples that would spread across the globe. There is holy mystery in the way light bends and refracts and creates tiny rainbows across my living room wall when the sun shines through the front door. There is holy mystery in all of it, mystery

we are too quick to dismiss.

We don't want mystery—we want certainty. We want answers wrapped in a nice bow. But instead we get the enigmatic Spirit in whatever form She shows up. We get bread and wine and water and flame. We get harmonies and incense and stained glass and the cross. We get coffee and serenity prayers and hugs and Pride parades. And though God doesn't need to, God somehow uses them all to impart grace. Grace upon grace upon grace. Thanks be to God.—Rev. Anna Strickland

50th Anniversary Celebration!

Come celebrate Barry and Barbara's 50th anniversary celebration at the church on Saturday, June 20!

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF

BARRY & BARBARA

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
1PM-4PM

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TO RSVP BY JUNE 5TH

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Ministers, Themes, and Scriptures for May

May 3	Mary Jane	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	John 14:1-14
May 10	Michael	Psalm 1	I Tim.4:1-10
May 17	Rev. Michael	Psalm 47	Acts 1:1-11
May 24	Pentecost	Breakfast Worship	Acts 2:1-21
May 31	Mary Lee	Psalm 8	Matt. 28:16-20

Attendance for April

April 5: 44 April 12: 21 April 19: 26 April 26: 24

Session Summary

The session discussed the Pentecost breakfast service on May 24; the 100th anniversary celebration on October 10; the community garden; the dates for hospitality and potlucks; and Pam M acting as representative commissioner at Presbyterian Village on May 21.

April Report from the Community Care Room

In the month of April, we gave members of our community:

- 232 snack bags
- 60 hygiene packs/individual hygiene items
- 100 shirts, dresses, or hoodies and 82 pairs of pants or shorts
- 164 items such as socks or underwear
- 6 coats, jackets, or hats
- 7 bags or backpacks
- 12 pairs of shoes
- 13 single-use packets of laundry detergent and 1 can opener
- 23 blankets and towels

Thank you for your donations to the Community Care Room. Your generosity makes a difference!

Announcements

Bible Study continues on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. The book we are discussing is "Hope: A User's Manual" by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. Come and enjoy connection and conversation about hope.

Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00. Everyone is welcome.

The Ukulele Band will play "Open the Eyes of My Heart" on May 10.

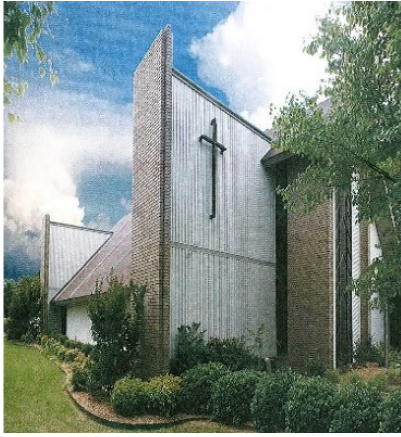
The Gideons International organization has a Bible app! There are search tools, King James Version and English Standard Version translations, and an audio option. You can download it on the App Store if you use an Apple device and on Google Play for other devices.

We still need helpers in the church garden.

Pam will be representing us at Presbyterian Village as a Commissioner on May 21.

Prayer Requests from April

Barbara
Barbie
Betta
Bill
Billie
Carey
Chris
Connie
Diane
Eric
Glenn
Henry
Jamella
Jeannie and John
Jill
Jonathan
Larry and Yuki
Laura
Louise
Lynn
Marina
Michael
Mike
Pat C
Pat H
Reed
Shauna
Tom
Toni



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Sunday School 9:15

Worship 10:00

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Mission Statement

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to be disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, and service.

Purpose

The purpose of First Presbyterian Church is to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

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