



Sunday May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter / Gift's of Women

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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PW Women

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GUEST PIANIST

Sandy Andrews

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sandy Bachelder, Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Marcia Beard,
Christy Clark, Gail Knudsen, Elaine McGuire, Sharry McGuire,
Peggy McMenus, Jean Nichols, Mary Nimis-Tysk,
Edie Harris, Martha Stout, Karen Watson, Brenda Works

WELCOME DESK

HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

USHERS/GREETERS

Bill Bennett, Delores Jennings, Dale Judson, Sharon Judson, Frank Taylor

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #1
Ron and Kay Burroughs

AUDIO/VISUAL

Tom Hackleman,
Steve Little, Jim Watson

Song—"A Woman Named Tabitha" written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Donation made for single use

A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“The Heavens Are Telling”* Franz Joseph Haydn

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the morning creation, when chaos reigned and the earth was formless and void, the Spirit of God moved over the face of the waters and whispered, “Come, you are welcome in this place.”

In the dry and desperate desert where the people fled, seeking freedom, the daughters of Miriam danced, water burst forth out of the rock of Horeb and Holy Wisdom beckoned: Come, you are welcome in this place.

By the waters of Babylon, where exiles wept bitter tears and could not find their voices, the Spirit of justice spoke: “Come, you who long for home, you are welcome in this place.”

Out of the River Jordan, where the prophet called, brother Jesus arose, dripping, from the waters of baptism, calling: “Come and follow me—you are welcome in this place.”

Near the crystal river that flows through the new Jerusalem, by the tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations, the Spirit and the bride say, “Come, all you who are thirsty, drink from the springs of the water of life and know you are welcome in this place.”

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #401

“ *Here in This Place*”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our sin is before us, leading us astray. Let us return to God through our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Weaver God, we come to you, or—more the truth—you find us, disconnected and out of sorts. We are disheartened by our failures, discouraged by our weakness, and little that we do seems worthy of your grace. Restore our fortunes. Restore our future. Weave for us the tapestry on which our lives are stretched. Give us patience with the endless back and forth of shuttle, hand and effort. We look too closely, seeing only strands and knots and snarled threads of too-much-trying or none-at-all. Grant us eyes to see the whole of which we are a part. In the end, we ask for gentleness with ourselves, acceptance of our less than perfect ways. We pray that what we do and what you weave form patterns clear to all, of mercy in the warp of it and love throughout. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

Good people, most royal and greening verdancy,
Rooted in the sun you shine with radiant light.
In this circle of earthly existence you shine so finely,
It surpasses understanding.
God hugs you. You are encircled by the arms of the mystery of God.
Siblings in Christ, children of creation, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to share the sign of “peace” to those around you.)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 131

¹ O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.

² **But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.**

³ O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.

ANTHEM “*Steal Away*” An African American Spiritual
Soloist— Arlene Biebesheimer

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Jop’pa there was a disciple whose name was Tab’itha, which in Greek is Dor’cas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lyd’da was near Jop’pa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he

arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dor'cas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tab'itha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Jop'pa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Jop'pa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

SERMON *"A Disciple Named Tabitha"* Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN** *"A Woman Named Tabitha"*
written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin⁴ and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER—a feminist recasting

Our Mother, you are everywhere,
Hallowed be your many names, your fullness come,
Your desires be known
In our lives as they are in your heart
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us when we cause harm
As we forgive those who injure us
Urge us toward greater wisdom and compassion
And deliver us from false thoughts and desires
For the heart, the whole, and the radiance of life are yours and
ours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As Christ's disciples, let us offer our gifts to his ministry.

OFFERTORY

"A Mother's Prayer"

Richard Blake

*DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PW RECOGNITION

Honorary Life Recipients

1998 Burnis Leavens

2007 Emily Dielemen

2009 Marlys Walters

2010 Marinell Anderson

2013 Barb Tropansky

2014 Betty Bennett

2017 Ruth Cozad

2019 Vicki Erickson & Lorna Sterrett

2021 Jeanne Reif & Sharon Warner

2023 Dianne Allen & Terry Woods

*HYMN #201

“A Prophet—Woman Broke a Jar”

*CHARGE & BLESSING

Life is a precious thing to me, and a little thing.....

And the world is a little thing....

But it is in God’s ever keeping,

it is in God’s ever loving

it is in God’s ever making.

How should anything be amiss?

Yes, all shall be well

And all will be well.

And thou shalt see thyself

that all manner of things shall be well.

*GOING FORTH #693

“Though I May Speak” (v.3)

*POSTLUDE

“Come Ye Faithful”

E. Broughton

PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Honorary Life Membership program of PW was established last century in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the women's organization and to the church. Funds derived from these memberships support the PW Leadership Development Grant Program which enables individuals to engage in leadership development opportunities.

Honorary Life Memberships are presented to our local church members for faithful service and leadership in PW and the church.

The five symbols in the pin are:

- ◆ The caring, supportive HANDS represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women.
- ◆ The LEAF represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith.
- ◆ The DOVE indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the GLOBE.
- ◆ At the center of the design is the CROSS, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives.
- ◆ The overall design is of a BUTTERFLY, a symbol of newness in Christ.





Weekly Vista

WELCOME!

We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.

Please visit www.pcbv.org, or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON– THURS:
9 am to 3 pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 479-403-9082. Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons on Call for May:
Frank Taylor
Alice Irwin

5/4/2025 Attendance:
Members & Friends: 88 Visitors: 13
Online: 21



You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.

No May Shepherd Game Night— Due to Memorial Day, we will not have a game night this month. The next one will be June 23rd. Hosted by Shepherd Group 5.

Shepherd Group #4 will meet for lunch at Gusanos in Bella Vista on Wednesday, May 21 at 11:30 AM. If able to attend, please contact Jim and Donna Ramey at djram64@sbcglobal.net or 855-3161 by Monday, May 19. All members are welcome to join us.

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, May 23, 11:30, at Bella's Table, 638 W. Lancashire Blvd (479-367-2509). It doesn't have to be your birthday month, just come and enjoy good food, friends and fellowship. Sign up in Connector Hallway so we know how many are going. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship(Gifts of Women Sunday)
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

Monday, May 12

NO EVENTS

Tuesday, May 13

8am-1pm—PEO Chpt BR Meeting (F/H)
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, May 14

10:30-11:30am Staff Meeting (A)
5:00pm Chancel Bells
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 15

1-3pm Ozark Hill Hikers (C)

Friday, May 16

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, May 17

NO EVENTS

Sunday, May 18

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)
3pm—Singing Men of Arkansas Concert "Heritage of Hymns"

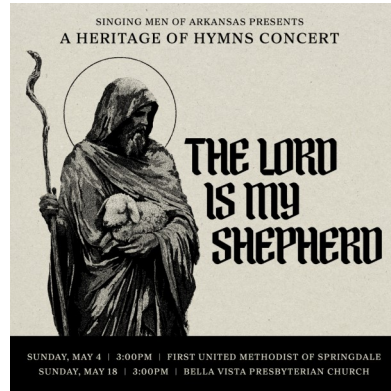
BIRTHDAYS

May 17 Shirley Olson

May 17 Bill Zimmermann

NEXT SUNDAY AT 3PM

The Singing Men of Arkansas will be back in our sanctuary on May 18th. Concert starts of 3pm!



MISSIONS UPDATE

We received \$312 for our portion of the Lenten suppers. The money will be sent to Helping Hands Food Pantry.

We received “ Thank you Letters from the following:

Lyons college for \$500 received for scholarships.

The Samaritan Center for the \$750 received for the Souper Bowl Sunday snack pack for kids

U of AR Campus Ministry for \$500 received for their support.

Gene McKay’s family has invited the church to an Open House on Friday June 6th - 4:00 - 8:00 at Bella Vista Townhouse Recreation Center Hall [2 Cora Circle, Bella Vista] for family, friends and neighbors. Picnic style meal provided

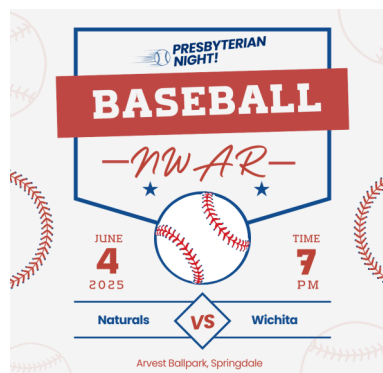
The memorial service for Gene will be Saturday, June 7th - 1:00 Service at Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista.

There is a sign up sheet for the Open House in connector hallway so we can provide the family with a count for the picnic. Please sign up by May 22nd.

Presbytery of Arkansas/Travelers Baseball Night 2025

Friday, May 30th, is Presbyterian night at the ballpark when the Arkansas Travelers play the San Antonio Missions at Dickey-Stephens Park in North Little Rock. A picnic dinner will be served from 6:05 to 8:05 p.m. in the Club Car area across the walkway from our seats. Burgers, brats, chips, beans, popcorn, and drinks will be served. The first pitch is at 7:05 p.m., and there will be post-game fireworks. As long as the temperature is above 75 degrees, the splash pad will be available at no additional cost for children in the 5th grade and younger. You must register below how many children you will have in order for us to get splashpad bracelets for them. The total cost is \$20 per person (all ages). **The registration form can be found at the website below and must be completed by Friday, May 16, at 12:00 noon.** Click "yes" to pay online, or click "no" and mail your check to: The Presbytery of Arkansas, 9221 N. Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR 72227, Attention: Travelers Baseball. Presbytery staff Connector, Julie Price, will be under the bridge in front of the entrance to the ballpark starting at 6:00 p.m. the night of the game, passing out the reserved tickets. Get a group together, or just bring your family, and let's all meet at the ballfield on May 30th for Presbyterian night. See you there!

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/PresbyteryOfArkansas/PresbyteryOfArkansasTravelersBaseballNight2025>



NWA Presbyterian Night/Wichita Surge Baseball Night 2025

Wednesday, June 4, is Presbyterian night at the ballpark when the NWA Naturals play the Wichita Wind Surge at 7:00 PM at the Arvest Ballpark in Springdale. Here are the details:

- The \$9 per person tickets, which include a discount for block seating, can be purchased online by completing this form. You can also pay by check to FPC Bentonville and mail it to: 901 NE J STREET, BENTONVILLE, AR 72712. For further questions, you can contact administrative.assistant@fpcbentonville.org or 479-273-5450.
- **Everyone is invited to join other Presbyterians in singing the National Anthem on the field before the opening pitch.** The gates will open at 6:00 pm and anyone wanting to sing should arrive no later than 6:15 pm. Warm up and practice will be in the McNaughton Real Estate Community Room Community Room that is located on your right after entering Arvest Ballpark. Contact Dan Fry, music director at FPC Bentonville, at dfry@fpcbentonville.org if you have questions.
- Please note that it will be \$1 hotdog night, and there will be a \$5 per vehicle charge (payable at the park).
- Tickets can be picked up in front of the main gates of the stadium on game night.

The deadline to register is Sunday, May 18th on this website:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/PresbyteryOfArkansas/PresbyteryOfArkansasNaturalsBaseball2025>