

Please make time to attend one of these
PrePresbytery Workshops
3:00-5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 9
First Presbyterian, Harrison



Faith and Politics

Robert Lowry, Pastor - First Presbyterian Church, Searcy

The US Constitution provides for the separation of church and state but says nothing about religion and politics. These two uneasy bedfellows have had a tumultuous relationship throughout American history and the current election cycle is no different. Join in this discussion of the role of faith in contemporary American politics and explore how many of the assumptions we make may not be as accurate as we once thought.



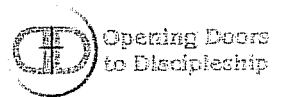
Learning How Congregation Can Be Prepared for Disasters

Emmett Powers, Pastor – First Presbyterian Church, Lonoke

This workshop will explore ways particular congregations should be prepared when disasters impact their communities and members. The information shared will include an overview of disaster preparation for the congregation, as well as ideas for relief, response and mitigation along with model plans, forms, and guide sheets.

Opening the Doors to Discipleship

Joan Erickson, Associate General Presbyter



Opening Doors to Discipleship are free online courses in the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition to help teachers and leaders equip themselves to be faithful disciples. This workshop will start you off using these courses in a learning group, for your own learning or as a resource for individual topics such as choosing a curriculum. There are three courses: Teaching Skills (for teachers of all ages), Bible Background (introduction level also good for review), and Presbyterian/Reformed Faith (why we think we get some things right). Check out this discipleship tool to see if it would be helpful for you and your church.



Pastor Search Process

Carl McCormack, Pastor – First Presbyterian Church, Malvern

The workshop is designed to be informative for those serving on active Pastor Nominating Committees; for members of Churches anticipating a change in pastoral leadership; or anyone who is curious about our Call Process. There will be a panel discussion with moderators/members of PNCs that have completed their tasks, and they will share their experiences, both good and bad. Members of all active Pastor Nominating Committees are encouraged to attend.

Worship, Sacraments and Sacramental Living

Chip Andrus, Pastor – First Presbyterian Church, Harrison



We will discuss ways in which our sacramental understanding helps us give deeper meaning to worship, daily prayer, and most of all the way we live each and every day. With a rich and expressive faith, grounded in Word and Sacrament, we can see how powerfully God is at work each moment of our lives. Our actions as individuals and as a church become intentionally grounded in God's guidance, love and grace. This way of living is something we will want to share with others. Suggested reading: "Invitation to Christ" The Sacramental Study Report, www.pcusa.org/sacraments/

These workshops are free and require no advance registration