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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY**

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

The Congregation will speak aloud the bold print in responsive readings.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

*Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls the Church into being.
In the name of Christ, we heed God's call and gather as the community of faith.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

D. Johnson

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

The Lord is sovereign and robed in majesty.

The Lord is girded with strength.

**God has established the world; it shall never
be moved.**

God's reign is established from before time began.

The waters have lifted up their voice, O Lord.

The floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

More majestic than the waves of the sea,

Majestic on high is the Lord!

Let us worship God.

* **HYMN NO. 265** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

* **MORNING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

Lord of all, your Son came among us as the Servant King.

**His power was unexpected. Humble and obedient, he
showed the way of devotion to your holy will. Now, he
reigns in glory and prays for us.**

**Grant us his passion for justice, mercy and peace
that we might continue to show forth your love for all
the world. Amen.**

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sin before God and each other.

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

O God, steadfast Rock,

Upon you, we stand secure.

Yet, we step away.

We stumble and struggle to regain the stability you offer.

Forgive our wandering from your ways,

our evasions of honesty and distortions of the truth,

and our resistance to offering ourselves completely

unto you for your good pleasure and purpose through Jesus Christ.

(Silent Confession)

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hear the Good News of Salvation

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin.
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (*RESPONSIVE*)

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid."
The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

The children will remain with their families rather than come forward.

ANTHEM *Hallelujah!* L. Beethoven

SCRIPTURE READING *JOHN 18:33-38A* NT, p.113

SERMON *THE ODD KING* Wm. F. Galbraith

* HYMN NO. 260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The proclamation of God's Word invites responses of faith.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Please give online or place your offering in the offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY *Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657* J. S. Bach

* DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All praise to God, Eternal One, and praise to Christ,
Redeeming Son, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise to the Spirit, ever near,
Great Three in One, be with us here, Alleluia (5 times)**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.
You have given yourself to us, Lord.
Now we give ourselves for others.
Your love makes us new people.
**People called to serve you joyfully,
to embrace life and enjoy you forever**
Your glory fills our hearts.
Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

SENDING

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

* **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

* **HYMN NO. 268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

* **BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* J. Rutter

POSTLUDE *Marche Triomphale, Op. 65, No. 59* S. Karg-Elert

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend William F. Galbraith

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts Ministry

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Leah Shell

Ushers and Greeters: (8:30) George and Pam Babb, Chris McDaniel, Tom Hicks and Carol Young (11:00) Jana and Meredith Michael, Jane and Vernon Markham, Marge Anna Lutrell.

For a full listing of prayer concerns, please call the
Care and Concern line at (501) 227-6117.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME AND INCLUSIVENESS

As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ's vision of God's realm—one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.

Second Presbyterian Church welcomes all people.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we invite those who respond in trust and obedience to God's grace in Jesus Christ to become part of the membership and ministry of the church.

We would be pleased to have you join us in our journey of faith, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, ethnic background, mental or physical abilities.

WE WELCOME VISITORS this morning to worship and hope that you will find our worship to be joyous, meaningful, and challenging. If this church or its pastors may be of service to you in anyway, please contact the church office, (501) 227-0000. To become more involved in the life of Second Presbyterian Church, contact Catherine Allsbury, catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org.

CONTACT CARDS: We invite everyone in worship today to fill out the Contact Cards in the bulletin. The cards can be dropped in the offering plates as you exit the Sanctuary. We are collecting contact information on the off chance that someone here today develops a serious and contagious health problem in the near future. Your cooperation is very much appreciated!

PRAYER CARDS: For your convenience, Prayer Cards are provided in the backs of the pews to collect your joys, concerns and notes. This is another way you can keep us informed with what's on your heart and mind. Please place your completed cards in the offering plate.

DID YOU MISS ONE OF THE SERMONS? If so, you can listen to recent sermons on the church website at secondpreslr.org. Click on "Worship and Music," then click on "Listen to Recent Sermons." To receive a copy of a sermon either by e-mail or regular mail, contact Karin Howze, karinhowze@secondpreslr.org or (501) 227-0000. Printed copies are available in the Narthex and the church office.

WELCOMING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Kids of all ages welcome throughout the entire service. We hope the worship packets provided (by the sanctuary doors) help your children to enjoy and feel fully included in the service. Younger children are also welcome in our church nursery for all or part of the service.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP PACKETS: Check out the Worship Station located in the back of the Sanctuary. At the station, you will find children’s packets to help your kids enjoy and be involved in worship. Please take these resources home with you after the service.

SOUND AMPLIFICATION: Assistive listening devices are in a cabinet at the rear of the Sanctuary, along with instructions. The wireless receivers each connect to either headphones or a neck loop. Use the neck loop if your hearing aid has a telecoil switch or t-switch. The telecoil feature is standard in most models. Use headphones if you don’t have a t-switch or if you don’t use hearing aids. See an usher for assistance.

SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Your generosity is a meaningful expression of your faith in God and your commitment to Christ’s work in the world. Contributions can be made to the 2021 Annual Budget, Second Vision Capital Campaign, Memorial Gifts and the Birthday Fund. You may support the ministries of our church by placing your offering in the offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary, through online giving at secondpreslr.org/giving or mailing a check to the church office, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72227.

WHEELCHAIRS AND WALKERS AVAILABLE: Please speak with an usher, greeter or staff person if you or a loved one have need of a walker or wheelchair while at church. Wheelchairs are available near the Second Hall and Northwest entrances, and walkers are also available in nearby closets. We want to provide safe and accessible mobility devices should the occasion arise. Please contact Alisa Secrest for more information, alisasecrest@secondpreslr.org or (501) 227-0000.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: HOG will take place *in person* on Sunday, November 28. The schedule will include 9:00 a.m. worship as usual, Hanging of the Greens activities 9:50-10:50 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. worship. Refreshments will be served. Activities will include setting up nativity scenes, setting up and decorating trees around the church, cleaning Christmas Eve candles, and more! All are invited to join our church family as we prepare our church home for celebrating the Advent season.

CHEESES WITH JESUS: Cheeses With Jesus is a ‘pairs and spares’ group for adults. We include married, single and formerly married members, parents and non-parents. We begin with a time of food and fellowship, followed by study. We will have two meetings in December: On December 8, we will continue our discussion of Shameless by Nadia Boltz-Weber. On December 17, we will have a Christmas Party. Attendees are encouraged to wear something festive, and bring a beverage or snack to share (appropriate for the season). We will also get a recap on our Outreach Project. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m., normally at 5 Berwyn Drive in Little Rock. For more information, contact Catherine Allsbury, catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP NEWS: The Young Adult group is starting “What Would Jesus Brew” back up. This is a two-time a month Bible study for Young Adults (21-40). It will take place at Soulfish, as of right now. This will be based on the lectionary for the following Sunday. No prep work is needed. The meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. For more information, please email annied2012@yahoo.com or grantwright@secondpreslr.org.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Both in-person and virtual Sunday School classes start at 9:50 a.m. Preschool classes are held in the hallway behind the sanctuary, while Elementary (1st-3rd Grade) and SPY Kids (4th-5th Grade) are held in Bible Village, on the first floor of the west wing. Online Classes are for all ages. Contact Grant Wright (grantwright@secondpreslr.org) for more information.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: We invite you to join us for a service that recognizes grief and loss during a season that can feel overwhelming with "merry and bright." This service will be held on Tuesday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m., in Second Hall. A simple dinner will be provided.

WE'RE HAVING A YOUTH MUSICAL! Youth and volunteers are excited. Here's what you need to know: The musical will be March 4-6. The specifics will be shared a bit later. Auditions are in two parts and Youth need to be at both. The music part of the audition will be December 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. The musical workshop and parent meeting will be at the same time and will be held in the Great Hall on December 5 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Also, there is a space for all Youth in the musical whether it's on stage, working behind the scenes, or helping with the set design. Contact Jen Evans at jenevans@secondpreslr.org if you want to participate but can't make these times or if you are an adult and would love to help with one of the many tasks.

THANK OFFERING: During the month of November, Presbyterian Women will be receiving their annual Thank Offering. This offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Twelve recipients have been selected for this year, 9 in the United States and 3 international. At least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries. You may give to this offering online (www.secondpreslr.org) or by mailing/bringing a check to the church. The check is payable to Second Presbyterian Church designated to PW Thank Offering.

SECOND HALL TODAY: At 9:50 a.m., Rabbi Gene Levy will lead an exploration of festivals and holy days in the Jewish Year. The meeting will be in Second Hall.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT STUDY: *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* December 5, 12, 19 and January 2 at 9:50 a.m. In-Person and on Zoom. Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. Be Transformed this Advent Season! His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. This four-week series will be based on *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, in which best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. Leaders: Lindy Vogado, Alisa Secrest and Randy Hyde.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES: Beginning Sunday, November 28, a variety of resources will be available for personal and family Advent reflections. Two devotional booklets will be available on a table in the Narthex.

Close to Home: An Advent Devotional from "A Sanctified Art"

Art, Poetry, Songs and Reflections for the Season of Advent

When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. The Advent and Christmas scriptures are rich with home metaphors and imagery—John the Baptist, Mary, and the Magi. *Close to Home* acknowledges the “already but not yet” tension of our faith: Emmanuel is with us, and yet, God's promised day—our everlasting home—is not fully realized. Advent calendars, play lists and color pages will be provided with these resources. If you would prefer an electronic version of this devotional booklet please contact Jeannie Ford (jeannieford@secondpreslr.org).

Glimpses of God Incarnate: 2021 Advent Devotional from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

In this Advent Season when we eagerly await the coming of the Christ, we reflect on the myriad of faces, forms, and appearances by through which God appears to us in the Holy Scriptures. We encounter God, the one who is with us—*Emmanuel*—in this life and in our Scriptures in diverse and complicated ways. These daily scripture passages and reflections are provided by faculty and staff of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

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AN ADVENT JOURNEY INVITATION FROM JEANNIE: *Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Object.* I have decided to use this book by Jill J. Duffield for my personal Advent reading journey. Jill is currently Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina and formerly served as editor of *The Presbyterian Outlook*. In this daily devotional for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, she draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that appear in the biblical narratives of messianic prophesy and incarnation—objects we encounter in our own lives. Each daily devotional features a Scripture reading, prayer, and reflection, reminding Christians that God still dwells among us, even in the most ordinary places. I invite anyone who wishes to join me in this reading journey. Each week there will be two opportunities to “gather” on Zoom for 30-45 minutes to reflect together on the weekly theme and daily readings. On Mondays, December 6 through January 10 at 7:00 a.m. (Morning Reflections) and 9:00 p.m. (Night Vespers) At each of these “gatherings” we will reflect on the readings of the week. The readings begin on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28. There will be a few copies of the book available for purchase from the church office and they can be ordered online. *Advent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. Contact me (jeannieford@secondpreslr.org) if you would like to be part of this journey.

HELP FOSTER CHILDREN CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT VERA LLOYD: Each year our congregation provides Christmas presents for the children and youth living at Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services's campus in Monticello. While in previous years we have collected gifts at the church for later delivery in Monticello, Vera Lloyd has requested that we make our purchases using the Amazon registry they have created at <https://www.amazon.com/wedding/share/VLChristmas2021>. The purchases made from this registry will be shipped directly to Vera Lloyd. If you don't feel comfortable using the online registry, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org), and she will be happy to help you still participate in this Second Pres Christmas tradition. Many thanks for your generosity!

MONDAY ROUND TABLE BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study at noon on Monday will be back for Advent, beginning November 22, 2021. Using the theme “Close to Home” we will look at scriptures from the lectionary associated with Advent. The holidays bring up emotional images and memories of being *Home for the Holidays*. In a perfect world, all such memories would be heartwarming and positive. For too many, the images are of empty homes, or painful (unfunny) family gatherings. This study series will consider what our scriptures suggest about being “at home” in every sense of the word. Class meetings will be on Mondays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., for five (5) weeks. Class dates are: November 22 and 29, December 6, 13 and 20. We will meet via Zoom. Contact Catherine Allsbury (catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org) for more information.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MINISTRY: “Mid-Week Sabbath,” Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 p.m. through December 22. Need a moment of rest? Parents may join us each Wednesday evening between now and Christmas from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the Youth Building for casual fellowship. No expectations, no preparation, just come and “be”. We will not meet the week of Thanksgiving. Contact Dania Edwards at daniedwards@secondpreslr.org for more information.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES: A search committee is in place to begin to look for a Director of Youth Ministries and they are hard at work. The team includes: Sam Byrd, Alex Honeycutt, Tim Hyde, Cade Johnson, Marge Anna Luttrell, Amelia Ross, and Rev. Jen Evans. As the team continues to prayerfully consider how God is calling Second Presbyterian Youth (SPY), please share any thoughts you may have regarding the needs of this position that would be helpful with the search team. Please share those insights by sending them to Marge Anna Luttrell at maluttrell@yahoo.com or Jen Evans at jenevans@secondpreslr.org. The job description can be found on the church's website.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

*And we know that in all things God works for the
good of those who love him.*

—Romans 8:28a

Second Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation. We provide confidential Christian caregiving to hurting people. To find out more about Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, call Associate Pastor Alisa Secrest at (501) 227-0000. Pastor Alisa will work with you to decide if Stephen Ministry will be a good fit for you and your unique situation.

USHER/GREETER VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS APPRECIATED: Those who serve as ushers and greeters for our worship service are providing a ministry of hospitality for members and visitors to our church. Along with providing an important leadership role for worship, those who serve as ushers and greeters are also afforded a wonderful opportunity to meet and work alongside other members of the congregation. You may contact the following deacons who serve as usher captains to volunteer as ushers or greeters.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

George Babb
grbabb@aol.com

9:00 A.M.

Lisa Skultety
lisa.skultety@gmail.com

11:00 A.M.

Amber and Kennedy
Griffin
aldgriffin@gmail.com

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Monday Round Table Bible Study
12:00
Stephen Ministry 6:00

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Staff Meeting 9:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving Day: Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

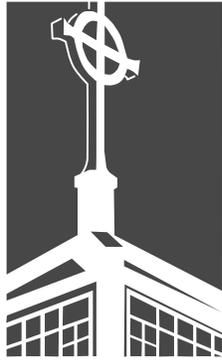
HOG—Worship Ministry/Sanctuary
1:30

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Worship 9:00
*Hanging of the Greens 9:50
Worship 11:00
Youth Ringers 4:30
SPY Hanging of the Greens 5:30
Evening Ringers 6:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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SESSION

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