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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

JANUARY 16, 2022

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 *Prélude, Op. 18* C. Franck

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)** Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before God with your joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God who made us and we are God's children;

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

Give thanks to God and praise God's name.

For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever;

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

* **HYMN NO. 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.**

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**God of all times and places,
we confess that we have wandered after false gods of this age
and followed the wisdom of the world.**

We have denied our need for You and for one another.

**We have been foolish when following the false values
that squeeze life from our souls. Forgive us.**

**Teach us Your ways so that we live as Your wise
and obedient disciples.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus, our teacher and friend. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *DEUTERONOMY 8:10-18* OT, P. 165

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer* A. Malotte
Elizabeth Riddick, soprano

NEW TESTAMENT READING *LUKE 12:13-21* NT, P. 74

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON *BEING A WISE DISCIPLE* Jody Welker

* **HYMN NO. 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

**God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

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

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.

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 2022 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.

A WEATHER REMINDER: Weekday church events are canceled and the church office is closed if the Little Rock Public Schools are canceled or dismissed due to weather.



Stewardship 2022: *Pathways to Generosity* is the theme for this year's stewardship campaign. This year's campaign accompanies a spiritual journey where we will explore generosity and gratitude in response to God's abundant blessing in our lives.

The Leadership Team for the Pathways to Generosity campaign is Garry Mertins, J. Dyke, Robert and Barrett Feltus, and Melissa Fontaine. The journey begins in January and culminates on Sunday, February 6.

This year we invite you to join the congregation in reading a daily devotional. While you are reading the devotional, reflect and pray about the gift God has given us in Christ.

May this time be a time when we connect the giving of our gifts with our desire to worship, honor and serve Jesus Christ. May you find joy in knowing that your gifts support the very reason Christ came into the world. The devotional will be emailed to you daily beginning on January 9. If you prefer, you can pick up a copy of the devotionals in the narthex. We look forward to traveling this road with you.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE: Those wishing to use weekly-dated envelopes may pick them up from one of the tables inside the Sanctuary doors or in the church office.

CARING TRANSPORTATION: We are looking for members willing to offer a companion drive on occasion to members or neighbors needing outpatient medical care. This might involve round-trip transportation for an outpatient procedure or treatment, receipt of discharge instructions and possible pharmacy pickup. To express interest in joining this care team or receive more information, contact Alisa Secrest (alisasecrest@secondpreslr.org).

SECOND READERS BOOK CLUB will meet January 19, 3:00 p.m., on Zoom. The book to be discussed is *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi. This book is a deeply moving portrait of a family of immigrants ravaged by depression, addiction and grief. It is also a novel about faith, science, religion and love. Exquisitely written, emotionally searing, it is a testament to Yaa Gyasi's extraordinary range and ambition, a leap into completely new territory undertaken with effortless command and raw emotion, in language that soars. . Contact Jeannie Ford at jeannieford@secondpreslr.org for more information.

MUSIC WITH MS. MARY: Day Ringers, Youth Ringers, Evening Ringers, and Children's choir will not meet this week. Please contact Mary Ibis with any questions you may have.

2021 BABIES PLAY DATE, Sunday, February 20 at 9:50 a.m. Do you have a baby that was born in 2021? We'd love to get our newest little ones together (and their parent/caretaker) for a play date and get to know one another! Join us in the baby room (in the preschool hallway) during the Sunday School Hour at 9:50 a.m. on February 20. Adults, please bring a mask. Contact Dania at daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will start its new "semester" on Monday, February 7, at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. The study will be based on the Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*. The renowned and beloved *New York Times* bestselling author and former Episcopal priest recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world's religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia. Throughout *Holy Envy*, Taylor weaves together stories from the classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been complicated and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions—even those whose truths are quite different from hers. Books will be available in the church office for \$15.00. Contact Jeannie Ford at jeannieford@secondpreslr.org for more information.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES: A search committee has formed to find a new 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. Alisa Secrest. 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 to the search team by contacting Marge Anna Luttrell or Alisa Secrest. The job description can be found on the church's website.

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ADULT SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: ON ZOOM ONLY, JANUARY 16

January 16, 23, & 30: Images of Jesus in the Arts

In this three -week series participants will have the opportunity to explore the topic of “Images of Jesus” in literature, in visual art, and in music.

January 16: Chuck Chappell will lead a discussion of a poem by Ezra Pound, “The Ballad of the Goodly Fere,” in which Jesus is presented as a vigorous, rowdy and physically assertive man among men—a contrast to his portrayal in some biblical passages as meek and mild.

January 23: Jaime Rollans will lead an exploration of images of Jesus in visual art. **The Changing Representations of the Holy Face**-- the evolution of the image of Jesus from the earliest known images to today. The focus will be on how the image of Jesus is often reflected in theology, power structures, or the events of the time. Jaime is a consultant for the College Board in AP Art History and teaches Art History in the Scholars program at W. D. Mills University Studies High School.

January 30: Jon Davies will lead an exploration of images of Jesus found in hymns. John is a life-long Presbyterian, a long- time member of Second Presbyterian Church and our choir.

THE CONNECTIONS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS which normally meets in Room 62, will be joining The Second Hall Adult Sunday School class for the month of January. (**Sunday, January 16, meeting on Zoom only.**) Please contact Dania at daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org with any questions.

YOUNG ADULT UPDATE: “*What Would Jesus Brew?*”, our every other week gathering, will be restarting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25. Email grantwright@secondpreslr.org for location and details. We’ll also be gathering for a *Young Adults Super Bowl Party* at the Youth Building on 5:00 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13.

FAITH AND GRIEF, a support group for those living with grief, will meet by Zoom on Tuesday, January 18, from Noon – 1:00 p.m. To register (no charge), please go to faithandgrief.org. The Zoom link will be emailed to you.

FAMILY LITTER CLEAN-UP: Saturday, January 29, 3:00 p.m. Help us keep Arkansas beautiful! Families with kids of all ages can help! Meet at the Two Rivers Park Bridge in the main parking lot at the end of River Mountain Road. Let us know if you're coming so we know to look for you! Email Dania Edwards daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org to RSVP.

MOMS NIGHT OUT: Families with Young Children Ministry invites Moms to join us for a game night. We'll be meeting virtually on Zoom this month. Moms Night Out will now be held on the 3rd Friday of each month. Check here or online for each month's location. RSVP to Dania Edwards daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org

SPY FIRESIDE AT FERNCLIFF: All middle and high school SPY are invited to Ferncliff for s'mores, and to work together on programming for the New Year. Drop off at the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. and pick up at 6:30 p.m. To register, contact Sharon Howard at sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org or visit our website.

JUNIOR HIGH JUBILEE AT MO-RANCH IN HUNT, TX: It’s almost time for summer trips! Junior High Jubilee is a middle school youth conference that will include everything from taking a challenge on the Mo ropes course, dancing, games, energizers, vespers and popsicle parties, to aquathons, sports, evening movies, swimming in the beautiful Guadalupe, singing God’s praises and more! This year’s trip will be from July 2 through July 7 for all completed 6th through 8th graders. To register, contact Sharon Howard at sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org or visit our website.

CHEESES WITH JESUS is a pairs and spares adult group, for those between ‘young adult’ and retirement. Our next meeting will be on Jan. 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

We will be talking about plans for the rest of this current year. Due to the current surge, meeting might be via Zoom rather than in person. Stay tuned for updates! Contact Catherine Allsbury at catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org for more information.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Virtual Sunday School classes start at 9:50 a.m. Contact Grant Wright (grantwright@secondpreslr.org) for more information.

MLK DAY CHILDREN’S POP-UP EVENT: Children are invited to an outdoor Pop-Up event on Monday, January 17 from 1:30-3:30. For more information, contact Grant Wright at grantwright@secondpreslr.org.

SPY KIDS JANUARY HIKE: Fourth and fifth grade kids are invited to a lunch, hike, and game time at Wildwood Park for the Arts at 1:00 p.m. on January 23. For more information, contact Grant Wright at grantwright@secondpreslr.org.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES: If you are a third grader (or fourth grader who missed getting a Bible last year) contact grantwright@secondpreslr.org to sign up to receive a Bible! On Saturday, January 29, at 12:30 p.m., there will be a workshop for those receiving Bibles to learn how to explore them.

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.



**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.

JANUARY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
Chris McDaniel chrismcdaniel@sbcglobal.net	Natasha Graf nrgraf@icloud.com	Chris Boggs chrisboggsctrl@yahoo.com

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Worship 11:00
Sunday School 9:50

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

MLK Jr. Day-Church Office Closed
*Children's Pop-Up Event 1:30

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Faith and Grief 12:00
MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00
Diaconate Meeting 7:00
Session Meeting 7:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

Staff Meeting 9:00
*Second Readers 3:00
9:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

*Moms Night Out 7:00

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
*SPY Fireside at Ferncliff 4:00
Youth Ringers 4:30
Adult Evening Ringers 6:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin