

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 23, 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 *Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552* J.S. Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*RESPONSIVE*) Psalm 122:1-2; 6-9

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

**To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN NO. 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* UNSER HERRSCHER

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also down to me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou;
let it be thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee;
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee,
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

God, we thank You for calling us to be a part of Your church,
the Body of Christ, sharing your kingdom of love,
peace and justice with the world.

Forgive us when we forget we are called to participate
in this family of faith.

Teach us what it means to be a part of Your Body
and to participate in Your work in the world.

For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
the Head of the Church. 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.

ANTHEM

God Is Here
SPC Vocal Quartet

F. Green

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

NT, P. 174

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

WHY GIVE TO AND THROUGH THE CHURCH?

Jody Welker

* HYMN NO. 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one.
At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: WHY?

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY

Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552

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

SENDING

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

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

* HYMN NO. 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

J. Rutter

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552

J.S. Bach

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

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).

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.

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.

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.

ADULT SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: ON ZOOM ONLY, JANUARY 23

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 23, meeting on Zoom only.**) Please contact Dania at daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org with any questions.

CHEESES WITH JESUS Cheeses With Jesus is a pairs & 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 will be via Zoom. Zoom link will be emailed, and available in the Sunday morning Second Connections email from Carrie Johnson.

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.

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.

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: Today, January 23, 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.

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

SPY KIDS JANUARY HIKE: Today, January 23, 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. 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., for those receiving Bibles, there will be a workshop to learn how to explore them.

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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.

Chris McDaniel

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9:00 A.M.

Natasha Graf

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Chris Boggs

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Worship 11:00

Sunday School 9:50

*SPY Kids January Hike 1:00

*SPY Fireside at Ferncliff 4:00

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Pastoral Care 1:30

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00

*What Would Jesus Brew? 7:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Staff Meeting 9:00

*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

9:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

*Third Grade Bible Workshop 12:30

*FWYC Adopt-A-Park 3:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00

Sunday School 9:50

Youth Ringers 4:30

Adult Evening Ringers 6:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin