

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

JANUARY 30, 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 G minor, BWV 578*

J.S. Bach

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*RESPONSIVE*)

All that we are is a gift from God.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.**

All that we have is a gift from God.

**The world, and those who live in it;**

There are no words to describe the grade of God's generosity.

**For God has shared God's very self with us in Jesus Christ.**

Offering gifts of grace beyond our deserving.

**Giving his very life for the salvation of the world.**

God has given us the Holy Spirit

**God's presence with us today.**

Praise the Lord!

**The Lord's name be praised!**

\* HYMN NO. 35

*Praise Ye the Lord*

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*)

Gracious God, you the giver of every good and perfect gift.

You are generous beyond our deserving.

You give us our life, our talents and our financial resources.

We struggle to give back to you from these gifts.

We often worry that these gifts are not enough;

that we must hold onto them for ourselves and for our family.

Remind us again that you have blessed us to be a blessing to others,

and free us for more generous living.

We ask this in the name of the one who was rich,

yet became poor for our sakes, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*



## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

### PATHWAYS TO GENEROSITY MOMENT

#### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY *Prelude on SLANE* H. Willan

\* 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. 708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release,  
to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace:  
it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be;  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

\* BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Carillon Sortie* H. Mulet

#### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 we are exploring generosity and gratitude in response to God’s abundant blessing in our lives. We are currently receiving commitments to the 2022 annual stewardship campaign. You can make your estimate of giving in one of the following ways:

- Return the Estimate of Giving card
- Complete your Estimate of Giving card online at [www.secondpreslr.org](http://www.secondpreslr.org).
- Scan the QR code



**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has begun its work to prepare a slate for the Pastor Nominating Committee. This is the first step in calling a new pastor/head of staff. Also please submit names for Elders and Deacons. These Elder and Deacons will be installed later in the spring. Please reach out to any of the ministers or staff of the church with suggestions for these three groups. You may also email Leah Shell, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, with any names. The deadline to submit names to the committee is February 13.

**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](mailto:alisasecrest@secondpreslr.org)).

**MOMS NIGHT OUT:** *Favorite Things Party*, Friday, February 18, 7:00 p.m. Join us for a Moms Night Out and share your favorite thing! Let’s share some ways to make life better or easier. Bring something \$20 or less that may be simple but has made a big difference in your life or routine. Bring it wrapped and we’ll exchange them “white elephant” style. Location will be determined closer to the event based on current conditions. MNO will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month. RSVP to Dania Edwards [daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org](mailto:daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org).

**SECOND READERS BOOK CLUB** will be meeting on Wednesday, February 16 at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. They will be discussing *Housekeeping*, a 1980 classic novel by Marilynne Robinson. The novel takes place in a small Idaho town named Fingerbone and focuses on the Foster clan, an extended family touched by tragedy. In covering this family and the town that surrounds them, *Housekeeping* explores themes of loss and tragedy and the different ways people cope with them. After the loss of their parents, Ruth and Lucille grew up with their grandmother, then their great aunts and finally with Sylvie, the eccentric and remote aunt. The author explores the social construct of family, domesticity, and home, using the title as a way of exploring housekeeping not only literally but in the larger sense of creating a spiritual home for family and for one's self in the face of loss. The context of the Western Railroads and the development of the American West influences the book heavily, as does the life story of family patriarch Edmund Foster.

**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](mailto:jeannieford@secondpreslr.org) for more information.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FEBRUARY NEWS:** On Tuesday, February 8, at 10:00 a.m. we will have our monthly **Gathering and Bible Study** on Zoom. All women are invited to join for this time of prayer music and Bible study. Lindy Vogado will lead our Bible study on Lesson Five: *Ruth and Redemption* from our study book *What Our Grandmothers Taught Us: The Women in the Genealogy of Jesus*. Following the group presentation, circles will "meet" in break-out rooms. **Together in Service** will meet on Tuesday, February 15, 9:30 a.m., at Ferncliff. All who feel comfortable are invited to join at the Disaster Assistance Center at Ferncliff to help put together much needed disaster kits. For more information, contact Jeannie Ford at [jeannieford@secondpreslr.org](mailto:jeannieford@secondpreslr.org).

**CHEESES WITH JESUS** is a pairs & spares adult group, for those between 'young adult' and retirement. In February our meetings will be on Feb. 9 and Feb. 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. We will follow the practice for worship: meeting on Zoom if worship is virtual, or in person if worship is on campus. The Zoom link (if virtual) will be in the Second Connections email from Carrie Johnson.

**CONFIRMATION UPDATE:** Our Confirmation will "reboot" with gathering on Sunday, February 6 at 1:00 p.m. Confirmands and Mentors will gather to get to know each other and begin a few months of exploring our faith and what it means to be a part of a church. Please continue to pray for these eighth and ninth graders who will celebrate Confirmation on April 24 as part of our traditional Youth Sunday service: Catherine Brown, Will Brown, Catherine Crow, Eli Eifling, Windsor Henry, Elliott Johnson, Thomas Priebe, Ezra Voth and Beckett Wright.

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**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:** On January 30, at 9:50 a.m., 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. **Zoom only.**

**ADULT SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL: FEBRUARY 6-27**

***What's On Your Spiritual Bookshelf?***

Are you looking for sources of spiritual and theological inspiration? Often we get recommendations for movies and books from book club friends, family members, and others with whom we spend time. In years past we have asked pastors and church members to share movies, music, and Bible stories that have impacted their spiritual growth. During the month of February we have an amazing line up of leaders who will share with us books and authors who have shaped their theological thinking and spiritual growth. All are invited to join these conversations in Second Hall or by Zoom.

February 6	Randy Hyde
February 13	Vernon Markham
February 20	Jody Welker
February 27	Catherine Lowry

Watch for more information about authors and topics. Contact Jeannie Ford ([jeannieford@secondpreslr.org](mailto:jeannieford@secondpreslr.org)) for information about Zoom links.

**YOUNG ADULT UPDATE:** *"What Would Jesus Brew?"*, our every other week gathering, will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8. Email [grantwright@secondpreslr.org](mailto:grantwright@secondpreslr.org) for location and details. We'll also be gathering for a *Young Adults Super Bowl Party* at the Youth Building at 5:00 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13.

**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 30, meeting on Zoom only.)** Please contact Dania at [daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org](mailto:daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org) with any questions.

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**THE THIRD GRADE BIBLE WORKSHOP** has been moved to Saturday, February 12. If you are a student in the 3rd grade (or 4th grade who missed getting a Bible last year) contact [grantwright@secondpreslr.org](mailto:grantwright@secondpreslr.org) to sign up to receive a Bible! Bibles will be presented in worship on Sunday, February 13.

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

**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](mailto:daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org).

**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.

**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](mailto:sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org) or visit our website.

**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.

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS**

<b>8:30 A.M.</b> Horacio Gomez	<b>9:00 A.M.</b> Natasha Graf	<b>11:00 A.M.</b> Kim Truslow Linda VanHook
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**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**

Worship 11:00  
Sunday School 9:50

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31**

Pastoral Care 1:30

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00  
Planned Giving 11:30  
Ministry Meetings 5:00  
Ministry Meetings 7:00  
Youth Ministry Meeting 6:00

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

Staff Meeting 9:00  
Belonging Ministry 7:00

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group  
1:00

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00  
Sunday School 9:50  
\*Confirmation 1:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin