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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

JANUARY 9, 2022

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

Toccata in Seven

J. Rutter

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)** Matthew 2:1-2, Isaiah 60:1-6

Light! Light, Light and more light!
Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.
**Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
wise men came from the East, saying:
Where is he who is born king of the Jews?
**For we have seen his star in the East,
and have come to worship him.**

That wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*** PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY**

**O God, who by a star guided the Wise Men to the worship of your Son,
lead us, we pray, to yourself, the wise and great in every land, that unto
you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** HYMN NO. 151** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

**We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

Refrain:

**O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. [Refrain]**

**Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High. [Refrain]**

O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus

T. Dubois

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Adam Savacool, Organist

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

Ushers: (11:00) Gwin and Cotton Cunningham, Marge Anna Luttrell, Woody Jolley,
Chris and Graham Boggs

The Call to Worship is from Bruce Prewer

*The Prayer for Epiphany comes from the church of South India, From a Procession
of Prayers: Meditations from Around the World by John Carden*

*The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer written by the Reverend Mindi,
<http://rev-o-lution.org>*

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| For a full listing of prayer concerns, please call the Care and Concern line at (501) 227-6117. |
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WE WELCOME VISITORS this morning to worship and hope that you will find our worship to be joyous and meaningful. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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CHEESES WITH JESUS will continue the regular schedule of meetings on second and fourth Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be at 5 Berwyn Drive on Jan. 12, 2022. Jody Welker, our new transitional pastor, will be our special guest for a Meet and Greet time. Bring your questions and suggestions for this new era in the life of Second Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Catherine Allsbury (catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org).

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN JANUARY GATHERING is Tuesday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. All women are invited to join this time of prayer, music, and Bible study. Alisa Secrest will lead our Bible study on Lesson Four: *Ruth and Loyal Love* from our study book, *What Our Grandmothers Taught Us: The Women in the Genealogy of Jesus*. Contact Jeannie Ford at jeannieford@secondpreslr.org for more information.

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.

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: Mary Ibis, Associate Director of Music and Arts Ministry, is on vacation and will return to the office on Monday, January 10.

Children's Choir is in recess and will resume on Wednesday, January 12. We will begin singing (masked) indoors in January. Many of our children are vaccinated, but not all. If you would prefer, your child may participate in the bell/instrumental component of children's choir and be picked up after bells finish. The schedule for January and February will be 6:00-6:30 bells, 6:30-7:15, choir. Please contact Mary Ibis with any questions or concerns.

Adult Day and Evening Ringers are on recess and will resume Sunday, January 16 and Monday, January 17. We are actively recruiting new ringers. If you would like to join one or both of these ensembles, please contact Mary Ibis at (maryibis@secondpreslr.org).

Youth Ringers- All 6th through 12th graders are invited to ring in our Youth bell ensemble. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis. Plans for January and February are currently in the making.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

January 9: "Get Acquainted with Jody Welker" in Second Hall and on Zoom. Jody is our incoming Transitional Pastor. All are welcome to join for this informal time to get to know him a little bit and to help him get to know more about our church.

January 16, 23, and 30: Jesus in the Arts in Second Hall and on Zoom. In this three week series we will explore images of Jesus found in literature, art, and music.

January 16: Chuck Chappell

Jesus in Literature

January 23: Jaime Rollans

Jesus in Art

January 30: Jon Davies

Jesus in Music/Hymns

IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH? REMEMBER THE BIRTHDAY FUND! If you have a January birthday, you may give a gift as well as receive a gift. You are invited to give a dollar celebrating each year of your age to our church's endowment fund. You may also give in honor or in memory of the birthday of a loved one. Our endowment fund supports all of the ministries of our church, such as outreach missions, youth scholarships, pastoral care, music, Christian education and more. Envelopes are located in the back of the sanctuary, at the welcome center and in the church office.

ADOPT-A-PARK: FAMILY LITTER CLEANUP: Saturday, January 15, 3:00 p.m. Help us keep Arkansas beautiful by cleaning up litter at Two Rivers Park! Families with Young Children Ministry is partnering with Environmental Stewardship and 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, just west of the church. Let us know if you're coming so we know to look for you. (daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org)

MOMS NIGHT OUT: The Families with Young Children Ministry invites Moms to join us for a game night in the Youth Building. We will have a game night on Friday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game and come COMFY! Please bring a mask. Moms Night Out will now be held on the third Friday of each month. Check here or online for each month's location. RSVP to Dania Edwards daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

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. You can find more information and how to sign up in the weekly e-Loop or by contacting sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org.

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.

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.

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

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| 8:30 A.M. | 9:00 A.M. | 11:00 A.M. |
| Mary Carolyn Bailey marycbailey10@gmail.com | Natasha Graf nrgraf@icloud.com | Chris Boggs chrisboggsctrl@yahoo.com |

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
MS and HS SPY 5:00
Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Pastoral Care 1:30

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00
*Presbyterian Women 10:00
Environmental Stewardship 5:30
Youth Basketball 5:30

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Staff Meeting 9:00
9:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30
Children's Music 6:00
*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Youth Basketball 5:30
Guys Night Out 7:00

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Our House Cook Team 3:00

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

*FWYC Adopt-A-Park 3:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

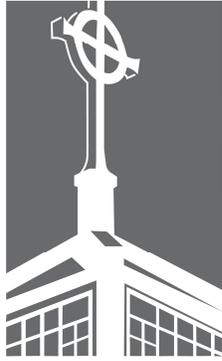
Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
Middle School SPY 5:30
Adult Evening Ringers 6:00
High School SPY 6:30

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

The Christmas Mystery has two parts: the Nativity and the Epiphany. A deep instinct made the Church separate these two feasts. In the first we commemorate God's humble entrance into human life, the emergence and birth of the Holy, and in the second its manifestation to the world, the revelation of the Supernatural made in that life. And the two phases concern our inner lives very closely too. The first only happens in order that the second may happen, and the second cannot happen without the first. Christ is a Light to lighten the Gentiles as well as the Glory of His people Israel. Think of what the Gentile was when these words were written—an absolute outsider. All cozy religious exclusiveness falls before that thought. The Light of the world is not the sanctuary lamp in your favorite church. . . .

The birth of Christ in our souls is for a purpose beyond ourselves: it is because His manifestation in the world must be through us. Every Christian is, as it were, part of the dust-laden air which shall radiate the glowing Epiphany of God, catch and reflect His golden Light. *Ye are the light of the world*—but only because you are enkindled, made radiant by the One Light of the World. And being kindled, we have got to get on with it, be useful. As Christ said in one of His ironical flashes, "Do not light a candle in order to stick it under the bed!" [Mark 4:21] . . .

VISION STATEMENT



INVITED
BY CHRIST
IMPACTING
THE WORLD
INCLUSIVE
OF ALL

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

CLASS OF 2022

Phillip Boggs
Sharon Downs
Mike Paulus
Leah Shell
Chris Villemez

CLASS OF 2023

Bracy Cross
Kim Dunnagan
Susan Marsh
Garry Mertins
John Ransom

CLASS OF 2024

Marge Anna Luttrell
Barry McVinney
Somerset Sea
Joseph Yancey
Carol Young

YOUTH ELDER

Charlie Henry

DIACONATE

CLASS OF 2022

Tracy Armbruster
Horacio Gomez
Melissa Hendricks
Annette Hurley
Woody Jolley
Janna Michael
Rebecca Ring
Tracy Sykes
Kim Truslow
Justin Villines

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Mary Carolyn Bailey
Abby Considine
Anne Grimes
Natasha Graf
Chris Herring
Alex Honeycutt
Amy Lallier
Elizabeth McGuire
Brother Nipper
Jennifer Rigsby
Bob Skinner
Linda Van Hook

CLASS OF 2024

Chris Boggs
Amber Griffin
Christin Hankins
Diane Holt
Kathryn Hyde
Katie King
Ann Norwood
Shannon Rookey
Lisa Skultety
Marsha Taylor

YOUTH DEACONS

Kennedy Griffin
David Rich