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

FEBRUARY 20, 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 *Finale from Suite for Organ* G. Near

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

We gather for worship because God has called us together to hear, to listen and to respond to the Word God offers this day.

We gather because we are the church, the called-out people.

We remember God appearing to Moses in the burning bush and saying,
"I am sending you."

We remember Isaiah hearing the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

We remember Jesus saying to some fishermen, "Follow me," and they left their nets to follow Jesus.

We gather because Christ has called us to be his disciples in the world today.

*** HYMN NO. 93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.**

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

O God, You call but we do not listen. You invite us to share in Your work of bringing the gospel of Your kingdom to the world, but we resist out of fear. Forgive us for our failure to listen and our failure to trust in You. Make us eager to listen for Your voice and to discern Your call so we can participate in the joy of offering Your good news in a weary world. We pray this as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

* **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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Pathways to Generosity

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 LESSON *EXODUS 3:1-12* OT, P. 50

ANTHEM *Hallelujah, Amen! from Judas Maccabeus* G.F. Handel
SPC Chamber Choir

EPISTLE LESSON *1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31* NT, P. 166

SERMON *CONSIDER YOUR CALL* Jody Welker

* **HYMN NO. 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where you love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and love and grow in you and you in me.

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

OFFERTORY *Andante* G. F. Handel

* **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. 298** *Lord You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH

**Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you make the common holy:
"This, my body; this, my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.**

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Glory Be to the Father* C. V. Stanford

POSTLUDE *Prelude in B Major* M. Dupré

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

Grant Wright, Interim Director of Children's Ministry

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Sharon Downs

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

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).

SHROVE SUNDAY CELEBRATION will be on Sunday, February 27. *Save the Date* for this all-church reception following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Celebrate the season change into Lent with Mardi Gras beads, king cake and more. Meet our newest church members. Weather permitting, we'll be out front on the courtyard.



We are currently receiving commitments to the 2022 annual stewardship campaign. We are off to a great start and have received almost 300 Estimate of Giving cards and gifts totaling \$1,433,506. If you have not made your commitment, there are four ways you can turn in your Estimate of Giving card:

- Place it in the offering plate today
- Mail it to the church
- Complete it online through our church's website at www.secondpreslr.org
- Scan the QR code



CHURCH CHAT WITH JODY: Mondays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. via Zoom. *February 21-March 28.* Jody invites you to join in a Zoom time of church chat every Monday starting February 20 to the end of March. You can come just to have a conversation, ask questions, or to help him understand more about the members and life of Second Presbyterian. It's very casual. You can join for the whole time or part of the time. Look for the link in the Sunday morning Second Connections email. Or email Jody for the link: Jodywelker@secondpreslr.org. If you would like to set up an in-person meeting with Jody, email him or Tracy May (tracymay@secondpreslr.org).

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will have its next meeting on Monday, February 21, at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. The study is 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.

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A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for Sunday, March 6, to receive the report of the Nominating Committee. They will be placing before the congregation names of people they recommend to serve on the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). More information will be shared later.

JODY WELKER'S LENTEN STUDY

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Thursdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31

12:00 p.m. (In-person in **Second Hall** and on Zoom by request)
7:00 p.m. (On Zoom only)

According to Luke, one day one of Jesus' disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. The disciple had observed Jesus was a person of deep prayer. You read that throughout the gospels. Thanks to the question, we have the Lord's Prayer as a model prayer. Prayer, some say, is the act of being with God. Another will say, prayer is defined as a conversation with God. Both were true for Jesus.

During Lent, as Christians turn a bit inward, it is a good time to once again consider the life of prayer that is so essential in the life of a disciple. Here are the topics by the week:

March 10: What is Prayer? What do we learn from the prayer life of Jesus? What do we learn from the prayer life of other Christians, Jews, and Muslims?

March 17: "The Lord's Prayer"- Part 1 – What does the Lord's Prayer have to teach us?

March 24: "The Lord's Prayer"- Part 2

March 31: Learning to pray according to your Spiritual Type- a look at what the Spiritual Typology of Corrine Ware has to teach us about prayer. We will consider 4 primary ways people connect to God through prayer. And how people grow in prayer.

Sign up by emailing Jody Welker at jodywelker@secondpreslr.org in order to receive the Zoom link. Let Jody know if you are planning to attend the morning class or the evening class.

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) for information about Zoom links.

SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING LENT: MARCH 6-APRIL 10
Forgiveness: A Lenten Study by Marjorie J. Thompson

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christians. Lent is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. In six brief chapters, Marjorie Thompson, author of best-selling book *Soul Feast*, addresses six themes related to biblical examples and real-life situations.

Leaders: Alisa Secrest, Rabbi Gene Levy, Randy Bear, Alan Bell, Vernon Markham.

This class will meet each Sunday at 9:50 a.m. in Second Hall and on Zoom. Contact Jeannie Ford (jeannieford@secondpreslr.org) or see the Sunday morning Second Connections email each Sunday morning for Zoom information.

YOUNG ADULT UPDATE: *“What Would Jesus Brew?”*, our every other week gathering, will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22. Email grantwright@secondpreslr.org for additional details.

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

FEBRUARY CHILDREN’S CHOIR SCHEDULE: On Wednesday, February 23, we’ll have bells and art. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis at maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MINISTRY SUNDAY DINNERS

4:00-6:00 p.m.

BEGINNING *TODAY* THROUGH MAY 2022

We realize over the past 2 years it has been hard to keep connected with one another at the church. With so much recent change and the pandemic, we feel it is very important to keep our church family relationships alive and well. The McCormacks have graciously offered to host our church families over the next few months. We’re calling it “Sunday Dinner.” *Every Sunday from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.* Just attend when you can/want to, or even every week if you want! If you have a Youth, they will be carpooled down to church for SPY meetings if they’re participating. Main dish provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Their address is 2 Northwest Ct. Little Rock, AR 72212. Contact Dania (daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org) with questions or to ask what’s for dinner!

CHEESES WITH JESUS is a pairs & spares adult group, for those between ‘young adult’ and retirement. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 23. We will meet at 5 Berwyn Drive, Little Rock at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Catherine Allsbury at catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MINISTRY “MID-WEEK SABBATH” Need a moment of rest? Parents may join us Wednesday evenings March 2 - May 4 from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the Church Library for casual fellowship. No expectations, no preparation, just come and “be”. March 2 we will do a “book swap” - bring your favorite children’s or adult’s books to lend, borrow or barter! We will not meet the week of Spring Break. Contact Dania Edwards with questions daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

2021 BABIES PLAY DATE is today 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.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN FAMILY RETREAT Save the date! The annual FWYC Family Retreat will be held all day on Saturday, May 14 at Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center. Come prepared for a day of faith, family, fun and fellowship! Contact Dania Edwards to RSVP or with questions 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. To register, contact Sharon Howard at 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

8:30 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
Horacio Gomez	Natasha Graf	Kim Truslow Linda VanHook

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
*2021 Babies Playdate 9:50
MS and HS SPY 5:30 GH
Evening Ringers 6:00

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

*First and Third Monday Morning
Women's Bible Study 9:30
Day Ringers 11:30
Pastoral Care 1:30

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00
*What Would Jesus Brew? 7:00

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Staff Meeting 9:00
*Second Readers 3:00
9:00 Music Rehearsal 6:00
Children's Music 6:00
*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Little Rock Wind Symphony 7:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:5
*Shrove Sunday Celebration 12:00
MS & HS SPY 5:30 GH
Evening Ringers 6:00
Confirmation 1:30

* Denotes announcement in bulletin