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

FEBRUARY 27, 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

Processional

W.

Mathias

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!"
is the same God who made light shine in our hearts
**To bring us the knowledge of God's glory
shining in the face of Christ.**
Praise the Lord!
The Lord's Name be praised!

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God, glorious and faithful,
to those who seek you with a sincere heart
you reveal the beauty of your face.
Strengthen us in faith
to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transfiguring power;
that, clinging in love to your will for us,
we may walk the path of discipleship
as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*** HYMN NO. 193**

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

**Jesus, take us to the mountain, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.**

**What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours your go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.**

**What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,
"Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."**

**Take us to the other mountain where we see you glorified,
where you shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!"**

**We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”**

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*UNISON*)

**God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**
(Silent Confession)

* **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* **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.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Gathered in God’s name, we now open ourselves to God’s life-giving Word.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:30)

John and Kati Mallory present their son, Tate William Mallory, to receive the Sacrament this morning.

PRESENTATION

* **THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

WELCOMING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* Hymn No. 188, Stanza 1

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

The children will remain with their families rather than come forward.

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 9:28-36

NT, p. 69-70

ANTHEM

Let the People Praise Thee
SPC Chamber Choir

W. Mathias

* HYMN NO. 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of Light*

HOUSTON

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain:

**In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**OFFERTORY**

Can't You Feel the Spirit
SPC Chamber Choir

arr. M. Hogan

* **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. 827** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine God's truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior,
you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious,
rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing.**

Lord, when you look on us with love,
at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with
heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure! Let your mercy
warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached us.

What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last, the end and the beginning!
He will one day, O glorious grace, transport us to that
happy place beyond all tears and sinning! Amen!
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning for the day
of your returning.

* **BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Final from Symphonie No. 1* L. Vierne

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Michael Paulus (11:00) Leah Shell

Ushers: (11:00) Jane and Vernon Markham, Sandra and Ed Rogers, Stephanie Wade

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 is today! This all-church reception will follow 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. We'll meet in the courtyard in the front of the church.



We are currently receiving commitments to the 2022 annual stewardship campaign. 72% of the Estimate of Giving cards have been received. With additional gifts, the total is \$1,576,056. 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).

CHEESES WITH JESUS is a pairs & spares adult group, for those between 'young adult' and retirement. On March 2 we will attend the Ash Wednesday service (6:30 p.m.), then meet afterwards for a bite together. On March 9, we will continue a Lenten Study called Full to the Brim, looking at scriptures filled with promises of God's abundant and expansive grace. Focus text will be Luke 13:31-35. (7:00 p.m., at 5 Berwyn Drive, 72227)

MOTHER'S DAY MUSICAL will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, March 9, 6:30-7:15 p.m. All Kindergarten through Fifth Graders are invited to join us. For more information, contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

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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.

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).

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.

USED CAR FOR AFGHAN FAMILY NEEDED: During the month of February, our church has welcomed a second Afghan family to Little Rock. This family consists of a married couple and their young child as well as the husband's brother who is also a young adult. The two adult males are in the process of acquiring AR driver's licenses and will be in need of a vehicle in the near future. If you have a used car that you would like to donate or sell at reasonable cost to the church, please contact Lindy Vogado in the church office.

2022 DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LENT: These devotions are based on the Spanish poet Antonio Machado's poem, "Walker." Machado writes: "Walker, there is no road, the road is made by walking." Machado's poem resonates because it feels as if there is no road in front of us. The soil of our well-worn Lenten path has been overturned by the pandemic. If we want to follow Christ this Lent, we'll need to prepare the way and make the road. We'll need to rethink and recreate our Lenten practices. This six-week set of Lenten devotions includes daily reflections and prayers written by *Outlook* Editor Teri McDowell Ott. Each week we will make the road to Jerusalem through the following themes: Walking through Lent, Walking in the wilderness, Walking in prayer, Walking with others, Walking in hope, Walking through Holy Week. How can you get them? *Printed copies will be available on a table in the Narthex beginning today, February 27.* You may also receive these readings by email. If you would like to receive a weekly email (during Lent) with a PDF of the week's daily readings, please contact Jeannie Ford (jeannieford@secondpreslr.org).

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, March 8. 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.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MINISTRY SUNDAY DINNERS

4:00-6:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS 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!

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 daniedwards@secondpreslr.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: March 2, 6:30 p.m. Lindy Vogado will be preaching. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with the focus on repentance and confession as we acknowledge our sins. On Ash Wednesday, along with the reading of Scripture and sharing of prayers, we impose ashes as the ancient symbol of repentance for those who know that we all stand together as sinners, in need of the mercy of God. We look forward to sharing this service with you.

A LENTEN JOURNEY INVITE FROM JEANNIE: *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects*. I have decided to use Jill Duffield's book of Lenten devotionals (the same author/format as used in Advent) for my personal Lenten reading journey. Jill is currently Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina and formerly served as editor of *The Presbyterian Outlook*. In this daily devotional for Lent, ten objects common in our life and in the life of Jesus mark a way of prayer through Lent. Each daily devotional includes a Scripture passage and devotional, questions for reflection, and a prayer. I invite anyone who wishes to join me in this reading journey. Each Monday night during Lent there will be a "night vespers" Zoom gathering to reflect on the reading of the week. The readings begin on Ash Wednesday. The first gathering will be on Monday, March 7 at 9:00 p.m. There will be a few copies of the book available for purchase from the church office and they can be ordered on-line. *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield. Contact me (jeannieford@secondpreslr.org) if you would like to be part of this journey.

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 daniedwards@secondpreslr.org.

SPY SUMMER PARENT MEETING: Today, from 5:30-7:00 p.m., in the Great Hall, we will be having a parent meeting to discuss this summer's SPY schedule including trips to Mo-Ranch and Montreat. Summer will be here before we know it! Contact Ruth Amensen (ruthamensen@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.

MARCH WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.
Bob Skinner

9:00 A.M.
Tracy Sykes

11:00 A.M.
Melissa Hendricks
Annette Hurley

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
*Shrove Sunday Celebration 12:00
Confirmation 1:30
MS and HS SPY 5:30 GH
*SPY Summer Parent Meeting 5:30
Evening Ringers 6:00

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Day Ringers 11:30
Pastoral Care 1:30

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:0
Ministry Meetings 5:00
Ministry Meetings 7:00
Youth Ministry Meeting 6:00
FWYC Ministry Meeting 7:00

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Staff Meeting 9:00
9:00 Music Rehearsal 6:00
Children's Music 6:00
FWYC Mid-Week Sabbath 6:00
*Ash Wednesday Service 6:30
*Cheeses With Jesus 6:30

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
1:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
Youth Ringers 4:30
MS & HS SPY 5:30 GH
Evening Ringers 6:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin