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

FEBRUARY 6, 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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Come, let us sing to Yahweh;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
It is good to give you thanks, O Yahweh;
To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;
At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

*** HYMN NO. 620** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forever, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**God of amazing grace, from who all blessings flow,
we give you thanks for the many blessings we have received from you.
Blessed to be a blessing, we confess there are times
when we have not shared your blessings with others. Forgive us.
Give us generous and gracious hearts
eager to share with you and others.**

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly. Reign-ing God of
 pw'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,
 All cre-a-tion seeks your light! Bless-ed is the One who
 comes in Your name. Bless-ed be the Lord most High!

You are holy, O God of majesty,
 and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
 Out of your great love for the world,
 you sent Jesus among us
 to set us free from the tyranny of evil.
 He lived as one of us,
 sharing our joys and sorrows.
 By his dying and rising,
 he releases us from bondage to sin
 and frees us from the dominion of death.

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;
 Christ the Lord will come a - gain.

Gracious God,
 pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
 that the bread we break
 and the cup we bless
 may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
 By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ
 and with all who are baptized in his name,
 that we may be one in ministry in every place.
 As this bread is Christ's body for us,
 send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

A - men. A - men.
 A - men. A - men.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The communion elements are prepackaged, individual servings of a gluten-free wafer with grape juice. You are invited to come forward, receive a kit and return to your seat. Please partake of communion in your seat. At the conclusion of the service, please dispose of your empty kits as you exit the sanctuary.

If you are a visitor, we welcome you and invite you to follow the example of the members of the congregation as to when to come forward and how to return.

To request assistance opening your communion kits, or to receive a kit at your seat, please raise your hand and a server will come to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

- * **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. 223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

- * **BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Marge Ana Luttrell

Communion servers: (11:00) Ann and Grady McCoy, Jane and Vernon Markham,

Phillip Boggs

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.

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).

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.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE: Our Confirmation will "reboot" by gathering today, 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 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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Stewardship 2022: *Pathways to Generosity* is the theme for this year's stewardship campaign. This year's campaign accompanies a spiritual journey where 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.
- Scan the QR code



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 \$10 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.

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 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.

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. Meetings will be at 5 Berwyn Drive at 7:00 p.m.

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: 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.

YOUNG ADULT UPDATE: “*What Would Jesus Brew?*”, our every other week gathering, will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8. We’ll also be gathering for a *Young Adults Super Bowl Party* at 5:00 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13. Email grantwright@secondpreslr.org for location and details.

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 to sign up to receive a Bible! Bibles will be presented in worship on Sunday, February 13.

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.

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.

FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE: On February 9, from 6:00-7:15 p.m., we will record a music video for church and make Valentine cards. On February 16 and 23, we'll have bells and art. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
*Confirmation 1:00
Youth Ringers 4:30
MS & HS SPY 5:00
Evening Ringers 6:00

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

*1st and 3rd Monday Morning Bible Study 9:30
Day Ringers 11:30
Pastoral Care 1:30
Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00
*PW February Gathering 10:00
Environmental Stewardship 5:30
*What Would Jesus Brew? 7:00

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Staff Meeting 9:00
Planned Giving 11:30
9:00 Music Rehearsal 6:00
Children's Music 6:00
*Cheeses with Jesus 7:00

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Guys Night Out 7:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

*Third Grade Bible Workshop 12:30

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
Youth Ringers 4:30
MS & HS SPY 5:00
Evening Ringers 6:00
*Confirmation 1:30

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