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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

MARCH 13, 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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Anna Laura Page
Day Ringers
Ansley Fleming, accompanist

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*RESPONSIVE*) *PSALM 95*
Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For the Lord is our God, and we are God's people.
Listen to God's voice—the Lord is a great God, above all others.
We will listen and follow God's way.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**
God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive.
Grant us grace to renounce all evil
and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

* **HYMN NO. 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* 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**

**What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.**

**What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.**

**These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.**

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Prélude from Trois Pièces, Op. 29* G. Pierné

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 Ministry
Mary Ibis, Associate Director of Music and the Arts Ministry
Adam Savacool, Organist

Ansley Fleming, accompanist

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

Ushers: (8:30) Diane and Bob Skinner, Gwin and Cotten Cunningham

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.

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 (alissasecrest@secondpreslr.org).

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.

REFUGEE AID FOR PEOPLE IN UKRAINE: The Presbyterian Church (USA) has long-standing mission partners throughout Eastern Europe, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is already providing funds to organizations who are aiding the millions of people who are fleeing Ukraine. If you would like to make a donation to our denomination's refugee efforts, you may contribute by writing a check to the church with "PDA-Ukraine" in the memo line or by visiting the online giving section of our church website and choosing the "PDA-Ukraine" option.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY MUSICAL will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, March 9, 6:00-7:15 p.m. All Kindergarten through Fifth Graders are invited to join us. For more information, contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

SAVE THE DATES! Vacation Bible School will be June 13-17, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be before care and after care options, too. Opportunities for Youth volunteers! Questions? Contact Grant at grantwright@secondpreslr.org.

SPY MUSICAL SHOWCASE! SPY Youth is excited to announce our musical production for 2022! After our unexpected two year hiatus, we are ready to celebrate our rich history of building community through the performing arts with a special **Best of Disney Showcase**. Our ensemble will highlight some of their favorite numbers from a few beloved Disney musicals. For this one-of-a-kind SPY production, we will rely solely on the kids' talent rather than elaborate costumes or sets. There is a part for everyone! The performances are scheduled for Friday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m. To share your interest in participating and all the details, check the e-loop or contact Sharon at sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org.

SPY MUSICAL MEETING: Join us **TODAY at 12:00 p.m. in The Great Hall** for our first musical showcase meeting with Creative Director, Nicole Mann. We'll be talking through this awesome opportunity and putting together a tentative rehearsal schedule. If unable to attend this meeting, it's okay! We'll get the details to you. Contact Sharon at sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org or Ruth at ruthamensen@secondpreslr.org.

REGISTER FOR SPY SUMMER TRIPS to Junior High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch, TX (July 2-7) and Montreat Youth Conference, Montreat, NC (July 24-30). Contact Sharon Howard (sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org) for registration details.

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 an email (during Lent) with a PDF of the week's daily readings, please contact Jeannie Ford (jeannieford@secondpreslr.org).

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We are currently receiving commitments to the 2022 annual stewardship campaign. 83% of the Estimate of Giving cards have been received. With additional gifts, the total is \$1,774,846. 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



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) and 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. Let Jody know if you are planning to attend the morning class or the evening class. Zoom link: <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/89395241542?pwd=Z0d0Q3FsY3Z2aEc1NEIETUNIL2RwUT09>

CANDLELIGHT PRAYER SERVICE FOR UKRAINE: We are invited by The Presbytery of Arkansas to come together with other Presbyterians and the community for a special Candlelight Prayer Service for Ukraine at 6:00 p.m. *today*. It will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 800 Scott Street, Little Rock.

The chapel of our church will host a prayer vigil from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16. You are invited to drop in the chapel for a time of prayer and meditation. You will be offered scripture, prayers and other devotional activities as a resource for your prayers.

CHEESES WITH JESUS is a pairs and spares adult group, for those between 'young adult' and retirement. On March 23, 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 15: 1-3, 11b-32. (7:00 p.m., at 5 Berwyn Drive, 72227)

FWYC SUNDAY DINNERS: *Sundays through May 2022, 4:00-6:00 p.m.* 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. **FWYC 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. **FWYC Spring Gathering** Sunday, April 10, 3:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Join us at the Big Maumelle Pavilion at Pinnacle State Park and spend some time outdoors with your church family! Please bring a dish to share for dinner. We'll play, share a meal, craft, and have a volunteer opportunity to pick up litter in the area. The pavilion is by the visitors center, 11901 Pinnacle Valley Rd, Little Rock AR 72223. At the fork approaching the visitors center, take the left towards the boat ramp. [THIS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF SUNDAY DINNER APRIL 10] Please RSVP to Dania Edwards daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

MARCH MOMS NIGHT OUT: Moms will meet up at Senor Tequila, 10200 N Rodney Parham Rd, Little Rock on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

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, Beth Sigler, 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.

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).

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.

IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH? REMEMBER THE BIRTHDAY FUND! If you have a March 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.*

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

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| 8:30 A.M. | 9:00 A.M. | 11:00 A.M. |
| Bob Skinner | Tracy Sykes | Melissa Hendricks Annette Hurley |

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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Confirmation 10:00
*SPY Musical Meeting 12:00
Sunday School 9:50
Youth Ringers 4:30
MS & HS SPY 5:30 GH
Evening Ringers 6:00

MONDAY, MARCH 14

*Church Chat with Jody 11:30
Day Ringers 11:30
Pastoral Care 1:30

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00
Faith and Grief 12:00
*Moms Night Out 7:00
Session Meeting 7:00

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Staff Meeting 9:00
9:00 Music Rehearsal 6:00
*Children's Choir 6:00
*FWYC Mid-Week Sabbath 6:00
Belonging Ministry 7:00

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

*Lenten Study 12:00 (SH) and 7:00 (Z)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Memorial Service for John
Youngblood 1:00

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



Easter is a time to remember the special people in our lives—those who have gone from us, and those who are still enriching our lives! Place an Easter lily in the sanctuary in their memory or in their honor. A list of those being honored and remembered and their donors will be printed as a special insert in the Easter bulletin. The cost per plant is \$15. Checks may be made out to the church and marked "Lily Fund." Fill out the form below and return it to the church or order

online at secondpreslr.org. (A 3% processing fee applies to online orders.) The deadline for ordering lilies is Thursday, April 7.

I/We would like to purchase _____ lily/lilies.

Enclosed is a check for \$_____.

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