

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

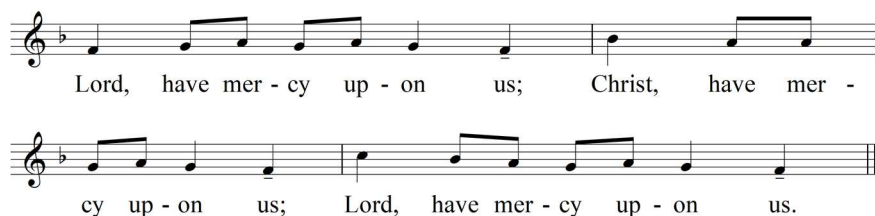
* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

O good and gracious God, we come to you confessing that we have sinned against heaven and before you and we are no longer worthy to be called your children. We also confess that, out of pride, there are times when we wish you would not offer mercy to others or welcome them to your home. Forgive us and embrace us with your healing love. May we know the joy of all those who you welcome home where we experience mercy and grace. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(*Silent Confession*)

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer -
cy up - on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

* 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.

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.

EPISTLE LESSON *2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21* NT. P. 181

ANTHEM *Ave verum corpus* S. Saëns
SPC Chamber Choir

GOSPEL LESSON *LUKE 15: 1-3, 11B-32* NT. P. 78

SERMON *THE PRODIGAL FATHER AND 2 LOST SONS* Jody Welker

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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.

- * **BENEDICTION**
- * **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* J. Rutter
- POSTLUDE** *Toccata in B Minor* E. Gigout

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker
 The Reverend Alisa Secrest
 Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts Ministry
 Adam Savacool, Organist
 Elders of the Day: (8:30) Mike Paulus (11:00) Kim Dunnagan
 Ushers: (8:30) Bob and Diane Skinner, Becky and Jackson Farrow

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 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for April 3 following all services and at 12:15 p.m. on Zoom. You will hear the Church Nominating Committee recommendations for members to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Stay tuned for more information.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Stop by the Northwest entry for coffee and a treat, beginning this Sunday! Brenda's fabulous cookies are featured today. We are resuming coffee fellowship time on Sunday mornings.

THE SECOND CONNECTIONS EMAIL is sent to the congregation on Sunday mornings; it contains special announcements as well as Sunday School, Bible study, special classes and studies, meetings and other information, including Zoom links. If you would like to receive this email or have any other questions about church wide communication information, please contact Carrie Johnson at carriejohnson@secondpreslr.org.

UPDATE FROM THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN SESSION: On March, 15, 2022, at the stated meeting, the Session decided to adopt a COVID policy based on the CDC Community Level Guidelines. We are now at the Medium Level. Therefore, we are moving to a mask optional policy with details about other circumstances and gatherings. One exception is for the 9:00 service. At 9:00 a.m., we will require masks to accommodate those who may need or desire a mask only service. We welcome masks to be worn at any time and are also grateful that anyone can still join in worship online via livestream or participate through Zoom. Copies of the policy are printed and available.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 6:00 P.M., GREAT HALL: This service will include a simple meal, communion, hymns, scripture, foot washing, and a homily. Since a meal is included in this service, the kitchen staff needs to know how much food to prepare. The registration deadline is Sunday, April 10. Register here with the QR code or visit our website at secondpreslr.org.



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.

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).

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 21 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).

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.

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SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL: APRIL 24-MAY 22
SUNDAY AT 9:50 A.M.
IN SECOND HALL AND ON ZOOM

*Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible
Doesn't Say*
By Adam Hamilton

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include:

- Everything happens for a reason.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- God won't give you more than you can handle.
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
- Love the sinner, hate the sin.

Contact Jeannie Ford (jeannieford@secondpreslr.org) or see the Sunday morning Second Connections email each Sunday morning for Zoom information.

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) 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. The link can be found on the website and in the Sunday morning Second Connections email.

SPY UPDATES: 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 **SPY Musical Showcase**. 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 sign up and to get all the details, check the weekly e-loop and the church's website or contact Sharon at sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org. *The next rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in The Great Hall.*

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.

THE APRIL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GATHERING will be held on *Tuesday, April 12*, at 10:00 a.m. in Second Hall and on Zoom. All women are invited to join for this time of Bible study, music and prayers. Grant Wright, our Interim Director of Children's Ministry, will lead the Bible study from *What Our Grandmothers Taught Us: Chapter 8*. Contact Jeannie Ford for Zoom information.



We are currently receiving commitments to the 2022 annual stewardship campaign. 87% of the Estimate of Giving cards have been received. With additional gifts, the total is \$1,836,427. 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



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.* 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).

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.

FERNCLIFF SUMMER CAMP: Ferncliff registration is open! Now's the time to register for a week of fun, sun, and faith for children and youth of all ages. Overnight and Day Camp spots are available. Learn more and sign up online at ferncliff.org. Can't wait for summer? Come visit Ferncliff for Family Day on Saturday, April 9, for a cookout, lunch and tons of camp activities.

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. It's not too late to join.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration for our "God's Big Garden" environmentalism-focused VBS is open now! VBS is from June 13-17, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with before and aftercare options. Register online via the QR code found on the tables in the back of the sanctuary, or contact grantwright@secondpreslr.org. Youth and adult volunteers always needed!

EASTER EGG HUNT: Kids from toddlers through 5th grade are invited to our Easter egg hunt! Come to the church on April 16 (the day before Easter!) 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an egg hunt, storytelling, and Easter games!

FWYC APRIL MOMS NIGHT OUT: Join us in the Great Hall for an Easter Cookie Decorating class on Friday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. Go home with beautiful sugar cookies decorated by you to share with your family! Pop-Up, dinner and a movie with Mr. Grant and Miss Mary available for kids at the church from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Dania Edwards by Thursday, March 31, for supplies and childcare (daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org).

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! **FWYC Family Retreat Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** We're getting ready for our Family Retreat and we're hoping you'll join us this year for a day of faith, family, fun and fellowship! We'll spend a day together at Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center (1720 Ferncliff Road, Little Rock, AR 72223) and enjoy some time in nature, service projects, and plenty of free time built in! Lunch provided. Visit <https://forms.gle/pua8LocKJyjeAkbfx> to register. Contact Dania Edwards at daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org for any questions or concerns. **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.

SISTER ACT *A Praeclara and Wildwood Park for the Arts Production* April 1-10, 2022 at Wildwood Park for the Arts Tickets: www.wildwoodpark.org. When disco diva, Deloris Van Cartier, witnesses a murder, she's put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior. Using her disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community but, in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gang is giving chase, only to find them up against Deloris and the power of her newly found sisterhood. Filled with powerful music, outrageous dancing, and a truly moving story, Sister Act will leave audiences breathless. Starring Second Presbyterian's own Janette Robinson as Deloris, as well as other members of the Adult Choir as a bevy of quirky nuns and off-the-wall henchmen, *Sister Act* is a sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship and a reason to REJOICE!

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.

APRIL WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M. Chris McDaniel	9:00 A.M. Tracy Sykes	11:00 A.M. Jennifer Rigby Christin Hankins
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**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 27

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00

Sunday School 9:50

*FWYC Sunday Dinner 4:00

Youth Ringers 4:30

MS & HS SPY 5:30

Evening Ringers 6:00

MONDAY, MARCH 28

*Church Chat with Jody 11:30

Day Ringers 11:30

Pastoral Care 1:30

Children's Pop Up 5:30

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Staff Meeting 9:00

Children's Choir 6:00

*Mid-Week Sabbath 6:00

9:00 Music Rehearsal 6:00

*SPY Musical Showcase Rehearsal

6:00

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

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

Praeclara Ringers 5:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

*Congregational Meeting

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00

Sunday School 9:50

SPY Kids Pinnacle Mountain Hike

2:00

*SPY Musical Showcase Rehearsal

2:30

*FWYC Sunday Dinner 4:00

MS & HS SPY 5:30 GH

Youth Ringers 4:30

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 \$ _____.

PLEASE PRINT

In memory of

In honor of

Name(s) of donor(s)