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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 1, 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.*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**                      *Prelude in A minor, BWV 543*                      J.S. Bach

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**    Psalm 19:1; Psalm 24:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God.  
**The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**  
The plants and trees show God's presence.  
**Let us join with creation in praising God.**  
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
**the world and those who live in it.**  
God has founded it on the seas,  
**and established it on the rivers.**

\* **OPENING PRAYER**  
God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness of the earth  
that you made and sustain. Our voices join in praise with all creation:  
with the sea that roars, the trees that clap their hands,  
and the birds that sing in joy. Unite us by your Spirit,  
that we may be signs of your abundant mercy  
and live in thanksgiving for your grace,  
as we wait for the completion of your creation  
in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

\* **HYMN NO. 14**                      *For the Beauty of the Earth*                      DIX

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

**Refrain:**  
**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
[Refrain]**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
[Refrain]**

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
[Refrain]

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Beloved, we are made in the divine image, and God called us good. Yet we go our own way, causing harm to ourselves, to one another, and to the planet. Confident in the mercy of the One who made us and saved us, let us confess our sin to God and to another.

**God of life, You created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation. Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life, we pray.**

*(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.

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

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

<b>GOSPEL LESSON</b>	<i>MATTHEW 6:25-34</i>	NT, P. 6
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> SPC Chamber Choir	J. Rutter
<b>OLD TESTAMENT LESSON</b>	<i>GENESIS 1:26-31</i>	OT, P. 1-2
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Lessons from and for the Master Gardener</i>	Jody Welker

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(RESPONSIVE)*

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,

**And the Lord's glory covers the earth as the waters over the sea.**

The trees of the field clap their hands,  
the birds of the air sing songs of praise

**And if we should fail to express our worship,  
even the rocks and stones would cry out!**

And so, we lift up our hearts, and we lift up our voices

**And we offer thanksgiving and adoration to the Lord  
the Creator of all...**

<b>THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>	Elizabeth Riddick, soprano	A. Malotte
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## 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

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Elizabeth Riddick

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

*Adagio*

C. Franck

### \* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Amen.**

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

*The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.*

### \* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### \* HYMN NO. 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* CHORAL BENEDICTION

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

J. Rutter

### POSTLUDE

*Toccata on O filii et filiae*

L. Farnam

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

Grant Wright, Interim Director of Children's Ministry

Adam Savacool, Organist

Communion Servers: (8:30) Chris McDaniel, Don and Libby McDaniel (11:00)

Christina Littlejohn, Diedra Gaskalla, Neil Gillespie, Phillip Boggs

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Leah Shell

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

### 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.

**DID YOU MISS ONE OF THE SERMONS?** If so, you can listen to recent sermons on the church website at [secondpreslr.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://secondpreslr.org/giving) or mailing a check to the church office, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72227.

**PRAY FOR OUR GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS:** For several years, our congregation has supported the ministry of PC(USA) mission co-worker Dori Hjalmarson in Honduras. Dori accompanies, coordinates and coaches lay and pastoral leaders of the Presbyterian Church of Honduras as they develop educational opportunities for their members and communities. For more information about getting involved in our Presbytery's International Partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Honduras, contact Lindy Vogado ([lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org)).

**LIVESTREAM TECHNICIANS NEEDED:** Would you like to be a part of the weekly ministry delivering our 11:00 worship service to our at home friends? Would you mind sitting at a computer and clicking a button every once in a while during the service? Then do I have an opportunity for you. We're in need of a few more folks for our "stream team." The process is as simple as clicking start at the beginning of the service, clicking the down arrow as we move through the service to move to different scenes, and then clicking 2 buttons at the end of the service. If you're interested stop by and chat with one of us at the back of the sanctuary, we'd be glad to show you how easy it is. Contact Sam Byrd ([sbyrd@thebyrdnest.net](mailto:sbyrd@thebyrdnest.net)) for details.

**A FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS: CELEBRATING JEANNIE FORD!** Join us on May 15, 2022 for Sunday morning worship and an all-church lunch for *A Festival of Friends* as Jeannie Ford retires after thirty years of Christian Education ministry. To make a lunch reservation or to give to the love offering, go online at [secondpreslr.org](http://secondpreslr.org), call the church office at 227-0000, or make a reservation at the table in the Narthex.

**BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY:** Today we send Elizabeth Riddick off with God's blessing and our best wishes as she moves to Los Angeles, California.

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION:** Spring is a great time to start composting! In observance of our church's celebration of Earth Day today, our Environmental Stewardship Ministry is in the Narthex *today* sharing information on composting and other aspects of green yard care!

**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPRING HAYRIDE:** *Saturday, May 7, 3:00 p.m.*  
The church is invited to come enjoy fun and friends in a beautiful setting! Join us at the Farm of Dr. Rudy Jolley for a hayride, and hot dogs and s'mores over the bonfire. Bring your own fishing pole to fish the pond and a folding chair. 14300 Colonel Glenn Rd, Little Rock.

**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:

April 24	<i>Everything happens for a reason.</i>	Randy Bear
May 1	<i>God helps those who help themselves.</i>	Beth Sigler
May 8	<i>God won't give you more than you can handle.</i>	Chuck Chappell
May 22	<i>God said it, I believe it, that settles it.</i>	Vernon Markham
	<i>Love the sinner, hate the sin.</i>	

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

**OUR ENDOWMENT AT WORK: MAY-DEAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY** The May and Deal families blessed our church by giving planned gifts to be used as scholarships for higher education. The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the May-Deal Scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year. The requirements are as follows:

- Applicants shall be residents of Arkansas.
- Applicants shall need financial assistance for higher education.
- Applicants shall not be on full scholarship.
- Undergraduate applicants must be full-time students.

The application process is competitive for a fixed pool of scholarship funds. Usually, in-coming freshmen applicants need to be in the upper 20% of their high school class. Those already in college must be in good standing and on schedule to graduate with their freshman class. The application deadline for the 2022-2023 school year is June 6, 2022. Applications that are incomplete or late will not be considered. Applications are available in the church office. Completed applications should be submitted to Aileen Moore.

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

**Presbyterian Women May Gathering: Tuesday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m.** All women are invited to join us for our May Gathering of Worship, Bible Study, and celebration. Jeannie Ford will lead Lesson 9: “What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This “?” from our *What Our Grandmothers Taught Us* Bible Study and the 2022-2023 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will be installed.

**Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering:** The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women’s two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. This offering provides grants to enable a variety of ministries supported by churches and Presbyteries around the country and world. The 2022 Birthday Offering recipients include: **McCleary House Transitional House** in Farmington, Maine provides a safe place for vulnerable individuals and families who have lost their homes due to job loss, eviction, sickness or economic hardship. The Birthday Offering will help provide needed renovations. **Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares /Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand** in Puerto Rico is a go-to location in the community for food, purified water and personal items following Hurricane Maria and 2020 earthquakes. The Birthday Offering will help replace appliances, wiring, lighting, and plumbing needed to make the facility ADA accessible, You may support these ministries of Presbyterian Women through online giving or mail a check to the church office, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72227.

**MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION:** Church Women United will be meeting on Friday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 509 Scott Street, Little Rock. The theme for 2022 is “It’s Up to You in 2022.” The May Friendship Day theme is “A Call to Serve.” The speaker will be Kathy Webb, Chief Executive Officer of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance. If you would like to meet in the church parking lot to carpool downtown, please arrive in time for a 9:30 a.m. departure.

**AFGHAN WELCOME PROJECT:** Our Afghan families could use your help! We would like to give our sponsored family’s school aged children the opportunity to expand their English reading, speaking, and math skills over the summer. If you would like to spend a couple of hours a week this summer with some really great kids who love to learn, please contact Lindy Vogado at [lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

**CHEESES WITH JESUS** is a pairs and spares adult group, for those between ‘young adult’ and retirement. Normally, we meet twice per month, on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings New friends are always welcome! Our next meeting will be on May 11 (Wednesday). We will gather at 5 Berwyn Drive at 7:00 p.m., for fellowship and a time of study.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** : Young adults (18-35ish) are invited to join us every other Tuesday night for trivia and fellowship Find us after the 1:00 a.m. Sunday service for lunch and discussion, or catch one of our special events! Contact [grantwright@secondpreslr.org](mailto:grantwright@secondpreslr.org) to get on our contact list or to ask questions.

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

**ITTY BITTY PLAYDATE:** Sunday, May 22, 9:50-11:00 a.m. Families with Young Children Ministry invites everyone to get their littlest ones together and give parents a chance to mingle during the Sunday School hour! This Play Date is for babies and kids up to 4 years old and their parent/caregiver. This will be outdoors on the Church playground, and in the Great Hall if it rains. Contact Dania Edwards with questions [daniedwards@secondpreslr.org](mailto:daniedwards@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." Contact Dania Edwards with questions ([daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org](mailto:daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org).)

**FWYC SUNDAY DINNERS:** We realize over the past 2 years it has been hard to keep connected with families at church. The McCormacks have offered to host us at "Sunday Dinner" 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. One week/month will be at the church in the **Great Hall/Playground**. Attend when you can/want to, or even every week! 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. The McCormacks' address is 2 Northwest Ct. Little Rock, AR 72212. Contact Dania Edwards with questions [daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org](mailto:daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org).

**May:** 1 (Church), 8 (SKIP), 15 (McCormacks), 22 (McCormacks), 29 (SKIP)

**June:** 5 (McCormacks), 12 (McCormacks), 19 (SKIP), 26 (Church)

**July:** 3 (SKIP), 10 (McCormacks), 17 (Church), 24 (McCormacks)

**August:** 7 (Church), 14 (McCormacks), 21 (SKIP), 28 (McCormacks)

**FWYC FAMILY RETREAT:** *Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.* at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. Families of ALL ages are invited to join us! Marie Maynard O'Connell will lead us in a day of "Finding Joy, Meeting God" and help us find ways to look for God in the world and within our family. We'll have a day filled with Faith, Family, Fun and Fellowship. Enjoy some time in nature, boating, lunch (provided) a service project, and plenty of free time built in! Join us for all or part of the day.. Click here <https://forms.gle/USNnv5zSypRiPrW78> to register, and contact Dania Edwards with questions [daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org](mailto:daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org).

**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](mailto:grantwright@secondpreslr.org). Youth and adult volunteers always needed.

**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](mailto:carriejohnson@secondpreslr.org).

**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.

#### MAY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

**8:30 A.M.**

Justin Villines  
Ann Norwood

**9:00 A.M.**

Tracy Sykes

**11:00 A.M.**

Melissa Hendricks  
Marsha Taylor



**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, MAY 1

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

Sunday School 9:50

\*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

\*FWYC Dinner 4:00

Youth Ringers 4:30

Evening Ringers 6:00

### MONDAY, MAY 2

First and Third Monday Morning Bible

Study 9:30

Day Ringers 11:30

Pastoral Care 1:30

Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00

### TUESDAY, MAY 3

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00

Planned Giving 11:30

Tuesday Night Ministry Meetings

5:00, 6:00 and 7:00

\*Young Adults Group 7:00

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Staff Meeting 9:00

Children's Choir 6:00

9 o'clock Music Rehearsal 6:00

\*Mid-Week Sabbath 6:00

Belonging Ministry 7:00

### THURSDAY, MAY 5

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

1:00

Praeclara Ringers 5:30

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

Mother's Day Musical Rehearsal 9:00

\*SPC Spring Hayride 3:00

### SUNDAY, MAY 8

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

Mother's Day Musical 11:00

\*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

\*FWYC Dinner 4:00

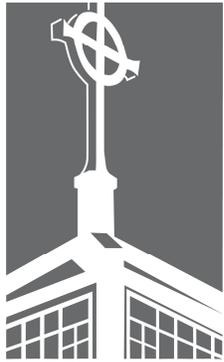
Youth Ringers 4:30

MS and HS SPY 5:30

Evening Ringers 6:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin

## VISION STATEMENT



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BY CHRIST  
IMPACTING  
THE WORLD  
INCLUSIVE  
OF ALL

### CHURCH OFFICERS

#### SESSION

##### CLASS OF 2022

Phillip Boggs  
Sharon Downs  
Mike Paulus  
Leah Shell  
Chris Villemez

##### CLASS OF 2023

Bracy Cross  
Kim Dunnagan  
Susan Marsh  
Garry Mertins  
John Ransom

##### CLASS OF 2024

Marge Anna Luttrell  
Barry McVinney  
Somerset Sea  
Joseph Yancey  
Carol Young

##### YOUTH ELDER

Charlie Henry

#### DIACONATE

##### CLASS OF 2022

Tracy Armbruster  
Horacio Gomez  
Melissa Hendricks  
Annette Hurley  
Woody Jolley  
Janna Michael  
Rebecca Ring  
Tracy Sykes  
Kim Truslow  
Justin Villines

##### CLASS OF 2023

George Babb  
Mary Carolyn Bailey  
Abby Considine  
Anne Grimes  
Natasha Graf  
Chris Herring  
Alex Honeycutt  
Amy Lallier  
Elizabeth McGuire  
Brother Nipper  
Jennifer Rigsby  
Bob Skinner  
Linda Van Hook

##### CLASS OF 2024

Chris Boggs  
Amber Griffin  
Christin Hankins  
Diane Holt  
Kathryn Hyde  
Katie King  
Ann Norwood  
Shannon Rookey  
Lisa Skultety  
Marsha Taylor

##### YOUTH DEACONS

Kennedy Griffin  
David Rich