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

May 22, 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 *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720* J. S. Bach

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon the earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Let all the peoples praise you!

*** HYMN NO. 409** *God is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God, may your way be known everywhere:

in the hidden places of our hearts;

in the comfort of our homes;

in every corner of our world;

in the farthest reaches of creation.

You transform us; you heal our lives;

you renew the earth and every creature:

Let our praise for you shake the rafters with songs of joy! **Amen.**

*** 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

SCRIPTURE LESSON *ACTS 16:9-15* NT, P. 136

ANTHEM *Balm in Gilead* Traditional
Melanie Hanna, soprano
Ethan Ezell, tenor

SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 5:1-9

NT, P.96

SERMON

Becoming Unstuck

Alisa Secrest

* HYMN NO. 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

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

Aria

A. Willan

* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

**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. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PROMISE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

A. Carter

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

The Reverend Catherine Allsbury

Grant Wright, Interim Director of Children's Ministry

Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Mike Paulus (11:00) Marge Anna Luttrell

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 the most recent worship service on the church website at secondpreslr.org. 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.

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.

PRAECLARA RINGERS CONCERT AND HIGH TEA: Today, *May 22*, Praeclara Ringers and Presbyterian Women bring you an afternoon of great music and fellowship. Join us for High Tea at Highclere Castle. Our afternoon begins with a concert at 3:00 p.m., including music featured in the Downton Abbey series. Following the concert, high tea will be served on china with linens, crystal, and silver. Costumes are encouraged but not required. The cost is \$15 per ticket and includes the concert and the tea. *Tickets will be available at the door.*

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

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.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! On Friday, June 10, all ages are invited to Second Pres Night at Dickey-Stephens Park with the Travelers vs. Wichita. Ballgame, picnic, fireworks, splash pad for the littles. \$10/person. Tickets can be purchased in the Narthex, in the church office and at secondpreslr.org.

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.

AFGHAN WELCOME PROJECT: Our Afghan family 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.

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).

VOLUNTEER WITH OZARK MISSION PROJECT: Ozark Mission Project (OMP) is a church-related home repair organization that coordinates service projects throughout the state. They have recently had a large group cancel their plans to serve, and they are looking for additional volunteers for the week of June 26-July 1. Volunteers will be serving at work sites in Little Rock from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and they will begin each day at St. James UMC (down the street from Second Pres). These service projects do involve physical labor outdoors in the Arkansas summer heat so volunteers will need to be in relatively good physical health to participate. If you are interested in helping families in Little Rock during this week, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org), and she will connect you with the leadership team at OMP.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN (FWYC) HAPPENINGS!

FWYC SUNDAY DINNERS: We realize over the past 2 years it has been hard to keep connected with our young families at church. The McCormacks have offered to host families with babies through elementary school aged children 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.

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)

ITTY BITTY PLAYDATE: *Today, May 22, 9:50-11:00 a.m.* FWYC 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 at daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

MOMS NIGHT OUT AND POP-UP PLAYDATE: *Thursday, June 23, 6:00-8:30 p.m.*

Moms can join us from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Bar Louie (11525 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR.) It will be Dania's last MNO so come say goodbye! Drop kids 5 years and older off at the church beforehand for a Pop-Up Playdate with Mr. Grant. Pizza provided for the kids! Pop-Up is available to kids even if Mom is not attending MNO. Please RSVP to Dania at daniaedwards@secondpreslr.org.

DADS NIGHT OUT: Dads! Get together *monthly* to catch up with each other and solve the world's problems. Venues change and include bar Trivia, backyards and restaurants depending on current Covid conditions and comfort levels. To be added to the list for current plans, contact Grant Wright at grantwright@secondpreslr.org.

YOUTH END OF THE YEAR BANQUET—OSCAR NIGHT! Please join us on Sunday, June 5, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall to celebrate this past year of SPY, to welcome our incoming 6th graders, and to honor our seniors. We will be celebrating with an Oscar themed night featuring a red carpet, awards and more! All youth, incoming youth, and their friends and families are welcome! Dinner will be provided. Please check the next eLoop for a sign-up form or contact ruthamensen@secondpreslr.org to RSVP.

CHEESES WITH JESUS is a pairs and spares adult group, for those between 'young adult' and retirement. New friends are always welcome! *Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m.* (5 Berwyn Drive, Little Rock). After our fellowship time, we will have a short Bible study.

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.

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.

LUNCH BUNCHES: This spring we are rebooting our Lunch Bunch Program (after the COVID surge affected many of us). We will also be forming new groups for those who are signing up for the first time. Newcomers – welcome to join in! Briefly, this is a program for a small group of adults to meet together for lunch on a schedule of mutual agreement. [For more details, please see our brochures on a display in the Narthex.] Sign up online at www.secondpreslr.org or use the QR code in the bulletin.



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) for details.

CONNECTIONS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays, 9:50 a.m. in Room 62. Laid back, discussion based adult Sunday school class for 20-40 somethings. Great place for parents to land while the kids are in Sunday School! *Our last date for the spring will be today, May 22*, and then we break for the summer. We will resume in the fall, so keep it on your radar!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Young Adults (18-35ish) are invited to join us at our regular fellowship events. We can be found every Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for lunch and discussion. We also meet offsite every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for trivia and fellowship. To inquire about these events or get on our mailing list to find out about special events, contact grantwright@secondpreslr.org.

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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 22

Worship 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
*Itty Bitty Playdate 9:50
*Young Adults Lunch 12:15
*Praeclara Concert 3:00
*High Tea 4:00
*FWYC Dinner 4:00
MS and HS SPY 5:30

MONDAY, MAY 23

Pastoral Care 1:30
Stephen Ministry 6:00
Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, MAY 24

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Staff Meeting 9:00
Adult Choir 6:00
9 o'clock Music Rehearsal 6:00
*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

THURSDAY, MAY 26

FRIDAY, MAY 27

SATURDAY, MAY 28

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Worship 8:30 and 10:00
*Young Adults Lunch 12:15
*FWYC Dinner 4:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin