



Just Like You and Me

Second Presbyterian Children's Choir
May 8, 2022

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

11:00 AM

The Congregation will speak aloud the bold print in responsive readings.

* Those who are able, please stand.

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

Toccata in Seven

J. Rutter

* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Let us worship God.

* HYMN No. 409

God is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

* PRAYER OF ADORATION (UNISON)

Powerful and faithful God, you care for our needs like a loving father or mother. When we seek you, you make yourself known to us. When we knock at heaven's door, you open your heart to us. When we ask, you give us the gift of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for your love and your grace so abundant, so overflowing, that you receive us in spite of our fear and our timid lives of faith. As you have encouraged the faithful of all ages to witness in the face of risk, encourage us to follow your call rather than to cower before the powerful. Grant us peace in midst of challenge and fill us with your Holy Spirit, through the risen Christ. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (RESPONSIVE)

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 49:13-18

JUST LIKE YOU AND ME
By Susan Souther Burt
Arranged by Lanny Allen

Overture

Just Like You and Me

God uses people like you and me to do extra-ordinary things. Think of the people throughout history, Moses, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednigo, David, and many others who have done great things with God's help.

For Such a Time as This

For such a time as this you were born; you are here. Your people must be saved, their lives are in your hands. For such a time as this you must be brave. Your people have been saved, God's praises we will sing. For such a time as this you are queen.

Plain Jane

There's nothing wrong with being ordinary and plain. You may not grow up to be famous but God still knows your name. God has something for everyone to do even though you're just plain Jane.

Don't You Think?

Don't you think if God used Mary to bear the Son of God, don't you think the Lord can use me, too? God can use each one of us to share the news again; God's son brings new life to everyone.

When the Numbers Don't Add Up

When the numbers don't add up, you can still trust the Lord. When the job seems way too hard, you can always count on the Lord. God specializes in impossible things. Always remember, never forget you can know the joy that trusting brings.

Lord God, Please Use Me Today

Our Father in heaven please use us to do your will. Lord, please use us to show others how much you love and care. Live through us Lord, this is our prayer. Lord please use us today.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that God gave birth to your world and cares for it as a loving parent. We believe that God is present us through tragedy, struggle, celebration, and all the rest of the varied seasons of life. We believe that all people are children of God, beloved and called to special work for God's family. We believe that God speaks to the world in many ways, and that we are called this day to listen and follow God's voice.

*** HYMN NO. 468**

In My Life

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"There is a spirit..."

N. Rorem

*** DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

SENDING

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

*** INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

*** HYMN No. 547**

Go My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYDY NOS

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

Toccata in G Major

T. Dubois

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Mary Ibis, Associate Director of Music

Grant Wright, Interim Director of Children's Ministry

Adam Savacool, Organist

Susan Harley, Flute

Tracy DePue, Accompanist

Liturgists: Keers McMillian, Peyton McMillian, Kate Holder

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Susan Marsh (11:00) Somerset Sea

Children's Choir Participants

Justice Barrow
Khloee Barrow
Audrey Campbell
Ava Campbell
Harper Cate
Aria Hoover

Lila Cross
June Cross
Sophie Edwards
Helen Humphries
Molly Hyde
Foster Moore

Hudson Moore
Savannah Sea
Sam Skinner
Lawton Wright
Jill Wright
Rosalie Yancy

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

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).

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.

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 and program reservation for the Great Hall after the 11:00 service, or to give to the love offering, go online at secondpreslr.org, call the office at (501) 227-0000, or make a reservation at the table in the Narthex. Reservations are due by *Tuesday, May 10*. There is a basket in the Narthex and the church office if you would like to leave a note of appreciation to Jeannie.

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) or see the Sunday morning Second Connections email each Sunday morning for Zoom information.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Presbyterian Women May Gathering: Tuesday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m., in person and on Zoom. 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

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

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN (FWYC) MINISTRY NEWS

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)

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.

ITTY BITTY PLAYDATE: Sunday, 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 daniaedwards@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 8

Mother's Day

Worship 8:30, 9:00

Mother's Day Musical 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 9

Day Ringers 11:30

Pastoral Care 1:30

Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00

Stephen Ministry 6:00

Volleyball 7:00

Tuesday, May 10

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00

*Presbyterian Women May Gathering 10:00

Environmental Stewardship 5:30

Wednesday, May 11

Staff Meeting 9:00

Children's Choir 6:00

9 o'clock Music Rehearsal 6:00

*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

Thursday, May 12

Preschool Graduation 6:00

Praeclara Ringers 5:30

Guys Night Out 7:00

Friday, May 13

Our House Cook Team 3:00

Saturday, May 14

*FWYC Retreat at Ferncliff 9:00

Sunday, May 15

Worship 8:30 and 11:00

***A Festival of Friends** 9:45

*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

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