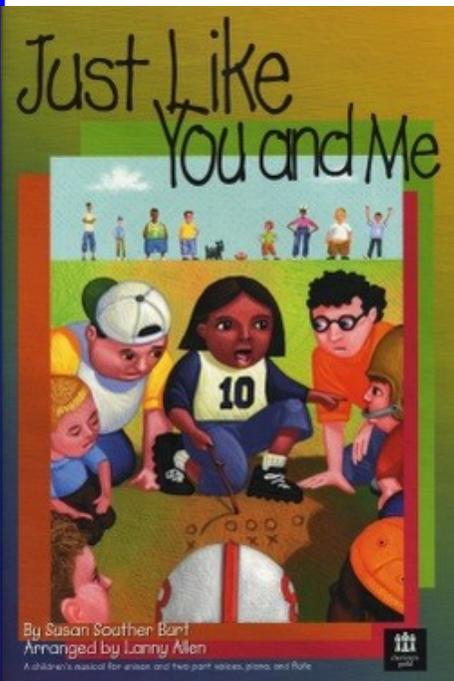


Our Children's Choir will present *Just Like You and Me* on Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day) at the 11:00 a.m. service.



Just Like You and Me is a story set in our time. Children are gathered on a playground and enjoying a beautiful day in God's creation. All the children are full of joy, save one, Plain Jane. Jane is sad because she believes she isn't very special. She thinks that ordinary is less than desirable, and wishes for more. Her friends on the playground help to remind her through story and song that being ordinary is exactly what God needs from us. With God's help and God's love we are transformed from ordinary to extraordinary.



Like Moses, David, Esther, Mary, and so many others in the Bible, God calls us, and uses us to do amazing things. With God's help, nothing is impossible!



It is our hope that when you hear Just Like You and Me, you will know the great love of God for you and your value to God. As Christians, we serve as our Lord's hands, feet, and voice. Today, as in times past, God uses ordinary people – just like you and me – to do extraordinary things.

Dear Family and Friends of Second Presbyterian,

I continue to discover the great gems that are a part of the life of Second Presbyterian. I'm still thinking about Youth, Confirmation and Senior Sunday. I loved hearing from the youth and seeing what a blessing they are in the life of the church. I also know they are there because you all nurtured them in the faith. Which leads me to May. On Mother's Day we will hear from the children as they share a musical at the 11:00 a.m. service. At 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., I will be preaching, "Mama, Do You Love Me?"

Then there is the big celebration of Jeannie Ford's ministry here at the life of Second Presbyterian on May 15. Talk about a gem. In my short time here, I've come to appreciate her leadership and her love for this church. Think about how many children and youth have been nurtured through her ministry. How many lives have been transformed as she shared the love of God with each person young or old? It's hard to imagine this church without Jeannie leading our Christian Education Ministry. She deserves our thanks and our best wishes as she transitions to retirement. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

As Jeannie leaves, we continue to work on managing several transitions. The Pastoral Nominating Committee is meeting faithfully as they begin their work. We are looking to manage other staff transitions through interims. We are forming a staff planning model. It looks like we will be moving toward a full time Director of Spiritual Formation (aka Christian Education) as we look to fill some open positions. This position would put together what are several part time positions. We are also looking toward developing a position to address emerging Communication and Technology needs. I ask your prayers for the Personnel Committee as they manage these many transitions. Also pray for your staff who remain as they must manage the transition as well.

One other thing. Sharon and I will be away for a couple of weeks starting at the end of May. We are on a bucket list trip: an Alaskan Cruise. We've had it on our calendar since January of 2021. Sort of a retirement gift to ourselves. We will be sharing that cruise with some close friends.

I continue to be grateful for your support and encouragement, especially during the time when I was infected with Covid. One thing I'll be telling candidates is how gracious and loving you are as a congregation.

In faith, hope and love,



Jody Welker

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.

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.



We are exploring the possibility that our online worshippers might like to watch the worship service with a printed bulletin. *If you would be interested in having a bulletin mailed to you to use when you watch the service, please call the church office at (501) 227-000 and let us know.*

Stewardship Campaign Final Results



The Pathways to Generosity Stewardship Campaign is now completed for 2022. At the April Session meeting, the Elders approved a balanced budget for this year.

This was a challenging year for stewardship because a few of our generous givers are no longer with us due to death. Also, transitions often affect stewardship. Still, generous givers helped narrow some of the gap from our previous year's giving. Thank you so much. The pledges we received are at \$2,060,500 (compared to \$2,111,500 in the previous year). We had to make some adjustments to the budget, but I'm glad to say we are able to move forward with mission, ministries and programs.

We owe a special word of thanks to the Stewardship team and to our chairs: Robert & Barrett Feltus, J Dyke & Garry Mertins, and Melissa Fontaine. The team was involved in a number of meetings, strategy sessions and discussions prior to and during the campaign. They did so with clear love for their church. We also owe thanks to Aileen Moore, our Church Business Administrator. Behind the scenes, Aileen crunches lots of numbers to help us come up with a balanced budget.

Thank you, most of all, to the members of Second Presbyterian Church. Your pledges in a time of transition reflect a deep love for God and your church. It is an expression of your faith in the future of your church. Thank you for that witness.

Jody Welker, Transitional Pastor



**Honoring Jeannie Ford
and her 30 Years of
Christian Education Ministry**

Lunch Reservation Deadline

Tuesday, May 10

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Highlights of the Day

8:30 a.m. Traditional worship service in the sanctuary.

There will be no 9:00 a.m. worship service or Sunday School this day. Instead, there will be *A Festival of Friends* at 9:45 a.m. which will include visiting with Ms. Jeannie, activities, games, and projects inspired by Jeannie's ministry at the church.

9:45 a.m. *A Festival of Friends* - Second Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship service in the sanctuary with special music and a special presentation as we thank God for Jeannie Ford's ministry among us.

12:00 p.m. Special lunch and program honoring Jeannie in the Great Hall. For the purposes of the meal, this part of the morning does require a reservation.



The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, May 30,
in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Easter Egg Hunt!



Summer Music Camps

To register, or for more information, contact Mary Ibis.

Summer Music and Arts Camp (SMAC)

dates have changed

August 15-19, Full day option available

Grades 1-6 (entering fall, 2022)

Handbell Camp



2 spots available

August 8-12, Full day option available



save the date!



Vacation Bible School

June 13-17

9am-3pm

Options for before care (8-9am)
& after care (3-5:30pm)

Opportunities for Youth volunteering!

Questions? Contact Mr. Grant
grantwright@secondpreslr.org



Need a break from the hustle and bustle of busy weekly schedules?

Flexible schedule designed to be exciting for kids and relaxing for adults!

Family RETREAT Weekend

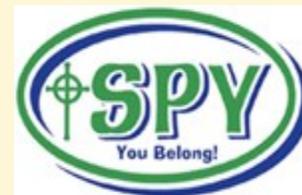


July 22-24, 2022

Find out more and register online at ferncliff.org



Youth Sunday April 24, 2022



New Members

Ray and Lora Eckard (joined 4/17/22)



Ray and Lora Eckard joined by Transfer of Letter from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH. They are previous member of Second Pres. Prior to retirement Ray was in retail transportation and Lora was a nurse. They both have been active in bible studies, and outreach. Lora enjoys sewing and scrapbooking and Bruno mysteries.

Brian & Sarah Contino (joined 4/10/22)

Brian and Sarah Contino joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. They have two children Vincent and Amelia. Brian works for the City of Little Rock. He enjoys football, baseball, and running. Sarah is a runner and a certified yoga instructor. She has also taught gymnastics. The family enjoy hiking, cycling, swimming and being outside.



2022 Confirmation Class



On Sunday, April 24, we celebrated with our first confirmation class in two years! The following eighth graders were confirmed during the 11:00 a.m. service (each confirmand's mentor is listed in parenthesis): Catherine Brown (Beth Sigler), Will Brown (Bill Woodyard), Eli Eifling (Mary Ibis), Windsor Henry (Mary Ibis), Elliott Johnson (Barrett Feltus), Lena Nelson (Alan Diekman), Thomas Priebe (Cotten Cunningham), Ezra Voth (Justin Villines), Becket Wright (Woody Jolley). William Adams Brown and William Elliott Johnson will be presented for Baptism as part of the Rite of Confirmation. We celebrate this step in the journeys of faith of these young people. Please keep these youth and their families in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ in our community of faith.

Praeclara Ringers and
Presbyterian Women Present...

*High Tea at
Highclere Castle*

Sunday, May 22
3:00 concert, 4:00 tea
\$15 per ticket, advanced reservation required

The ministry of Jeannie Ford will be celebrated. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Call 227.0000 for more information.

Second Pres. Spring Hayride



Saturday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m.
At the Farm of Dr. Rudy Jolley
14300 Colonel Glenn Rd, Little Rock

Come on out! Enjoy friends and fun in a beautiful setting.
Hot dogs and s'mores at the bonfire. Bring a fishing pole to fish,
and your own folding chair. Friends of all ages welcome!

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 Dora Jane Flesher or Julie Font.



University Avenue Cleanup

Confirmands Will Brown (mentor Bill Woodyard), Elliot Johnson (mentor Barrett Feltus), and Thomas Preibe (mentor Cotten Cunningham) recently spruced up our church's adopted stretch of University Ave., from Cantrell to Evergreen. It's a fun way to care for creation and Keep Little Rock Beautiful. Contact Ann Owen if your group would like to borrow the cleaning kit!



Linda K. Smith Named Sustain the Rock 2022 Award Winner!

Congratulations to longtime Second Presbyterian member, Linda K. Smith who on Earth Day, was named the City of Little Rock Sustain the Rock in the individual category for 2022.

Linda joined Central Arkansas Water as Director of Sustainability in 2020. In this capacity, she is the project manager for a 4.8MW solar farm, and is moving the fleet to electric vehicles. Her work to implement a Net Zero Carbon Emission plan for the utility will benefit every household in Little Rock.



Healthier buildings are part of her legacy. During her 11-year tenure as the executive director for the U.S. Green Building Council - Arkansas Chapter, Linda promoted LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) buildings throughout Little Rock and the state of Arkansas. She cofounded the Green Schools Challenge encouraging schools to form student teams to green their schools.

She served for six years on the Little Rock Sustainability Commission, and was recently named to the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Commission. Linda is green in all aspects of her life: she is a member of the Environmental Stewardship Ministry at Second Presbyterian, which was recognized as Sustain the Rock winner for 2021, and she just joined the board at Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center, which won a Sustain the Rock award in 2014.

Cheeses With Jesus

This is 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.

Second Hall Sunday School: April 24-May 22 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.

Join the fun on Sunday, May 8

The Second Presbyterian Birthday Fund

During your birthday month, celebrate your birthday by giving a dollar celebrating each year of your life to our church's endowment fund. Whether you are 1 or 101 years of age, the gift gives back for all the blessings in your years. Our endowment fund provides support for all our church's ministries. Watch for the table in the Narthex on Sunday morning.





Tired

The day-in, day-out routine of caring for her is finally getting you down. And she isn't getting any better. You're exhausted. You need someone to care for you.

A Stephen Minister can be this person. He or she won't push advice on you—instead, your Stephen Minister will listen and care for you, helping you sort through your feelings and discover the resources you need to make it through.

If you are going through a tough time and could use a caring friend, 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, (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

Stephen Leaders

Kay Combs
Cathy Crass
Steve Dunnagan
Alisa Secrest
Laurie Stueart
Jana Villemez

Those Serving Our Country

Matt Coffey – stationed in Washington, DC

Taylor Douglas, son of Susan & Kevin Douglas – San Diego, CA

Jackson Hudkins, son of Jay Hudkins and Becky Latch, Air Force Academy, CO

Greer Johnson, daughter of Cory and Stephanie Johnson, granddaughter of Kelly & Judy Johnson - Air Force Academy, CO

Jonathan Johnson, grandson of Helen Scott, nephew of Clarke & Cindy Scott Huisman – stationed at Fallon, NV

Daniel Jones, Marjorie Watkins' nephew, Sarah Ceja's cousin – stationed in Offut AFB, NE

Jonathan Miller, son of Patrice & Stan Miller – pilot for the USS Carl Vinson

Kyle Rought, Mary Ibis' cousin – stationed in Fort Hood, TX

Jesse Smith, nephew of Diane Karlson – stationed in CA

John Matthew Solomon, son of Mary Margaret & Alan Solomon – stationed at Fort Meade, MD

Kevin Truslow – stationed in Sumter, SC

Cogan Wade – 2nd Lt. in the USMC stationed at Marine Corps Base – Quantico, VA

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.





A Ministry of Compassion and Connection

Please note the upcoming gatherings designed for processing grief in the eyes of faith. These gatherings require registration at www.faithandgrief.org. The next meeting will be in-person on Tuesday, May 17 at 12:00 p.m. in Second Hall.

Living with loss or grief? Join the monthly support group offered to the community by Faith and Grief Ministries and Second Presbyterian Church.

For those who prefer attending a support group by Zoom, consider any of the partner support groups listed on the FaithandGrief.org website.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group

Are you caring for a loved one with dementia—perhaps a parent or a spouse? You are invited to our twice monthly Caregiver Support Group, designed for family members caring for a loved one with dementia. Meetings will be held in Room 60. For more information, contact Jo Ann McQuade or Alisa Secrest (alisasecrest@secondpreslr.org).

Give Online to Support the Ministries of Second Presbyterian Church

You now have the opportunity to support the ministries of Second Presbyterian Church through online giving. Visit secondpreslr.org/giving to contribute to the Annual Budget, the Second Vision Capital Campaign, make a Memorial Gift or Birthday Fund contribution.

Missed a Sermon?

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@secondpreslr.org or (501) 227-0000.



For up-to-date info and reminders for current happenings in events with Families with Young Children Ministry contact Sharon Howard (sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org.) Also, follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with what we’ve got planned! [@SPLRFamiliesWithYoungChildren](https://www.instagram.com/SPLRFamiliesWithYoungChildren).

Family Retreat - Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. families with children of ALL ages are invited to join us at Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center! Rev. 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



SUNDAY DINNER

SUNDAYS 4:00-6:00PM

We’re continuing Sunday Dinners through the summer (skipping holidays). The McCormacks have graciously offered to host our church families twice/month at their home (2 Northwest Ct. Little Rock, AR 72212) and once/month we’ll meet at church in the Great Hall and playground. Attend when you can/want to, or even every week! If you have a kid in Youth Group, they will be carpooled down to church for meetings if they’re participating.

Main dish provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. **SCHEDULE THROUGH SUMMER:**

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
17 - EASTER	1 - CHURCH	5 - MCCORMACKS	3 - SKIP (4TH OF JULY)	7 - CHURCH
24- MCCORMACKS	8 - SKIP (MOTHERS DAY)	12 - MCCORMACKS	10 - MCCORMACKS	14 - MCCORMACKS
	15 - MCCORMACKS	19 - SKIP (FATHERS DAY)	17 - CHURCH	21 - SKIP (Back 2 SCHOOL)
	22 - MCCORMACKS	26 - CHURCH	24 - MCCORMACKS	28 - MCCORMACKS
	29 - SKIP (MEM. DAY)			



Sunday Online Worship Service

Available beginning at 11:00 a.m. at secondpreslr.org

Transitional Pastor

Rev. Jody Welker

Associate Pastors

Rev. Alisa Secrest

Rev. Lindy Vogado

Parish Associate

Dr. Robert Williamson

Church Educator

Jeannie Ford

Director of Families with Young Children Ministry

Dania Edwards

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Grant Wright

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Malinda Kirchner

Newcomer Care

Catherine Allsbury

Facilities Manager

David Beach

Administrative Associates

Karin Howze

Tracy May

Sharon Howard

Carrie Johnson

Food Service Manager

Brenda Majors

Child Care Coordinator

Karin Howze

Sustainability Coordinator

Ann Owen

Sextons

Guy Howze

Carrie Johnson

Bulletin Board

Hospitalized (*Discharged) *Antonio Alonso, *Pat Holthoff, *Randy Hyde, *Jim Penrod, *Ben Lincoln, *Chester Lowe, *Piet Meyer, *Joan Rorex, *Fred VanHook.

We rejoice with Emma and Austin Ryall on the birth of a daughter, Brinley Ryall, April 12. Grandparents are Steve and Schelle Fike; Courtney and Miles Hesterly on the birth of a son, Charles McConnell Hesterly, April 11. Grandparents are Leland and Tracy Sykes.

We celebrate with Mary Carol Majors and Adam Angel who were married on April 9. Parents of the bride are Lee and Paige Majors, grandparents are Weaver and Carol Majors.

Our sympathy goes to Bevan and Kira Keating, Brock and Blythe, on the death of mother and grandmother, Edith Keating; Molly and Matt Humphries, Helen and David, on the death of father and grandfather, Daniel Brennan Kemp, Sr.; the family and friends of Molly Goodman; Sandy and Bob Lessenberry on the death of Sandy's cousin, Charlotte Mannes; Christian and Annie Grimes on the death of Christian's grandfather, Fred Dawson "Biff" Grimes; Bob Hogg on the death of his brother, Thomas Marvin Hogg; Jerry Jones on the death of his brother, Larry.

We would appreciate your help . . . in keeping the church office informed when there is a sickness in your family, when someone is in the hospital, or a death has occurred. Please also keep us updated on the sickness or concern so that the information we have on our Care and Concern Line is accurate. Members and friends can call the Care and Concern Line, (501) 227-6117, on weekdays to receive information about prayer concerns in our church family. We will honor all requests for confidentiality, but in order for us to offer pastoral care we need to be aware of your situation. We also want to know about the joys, accomplishments and achievements of members of the church. Please call Alisa Secrest or Sharon Howard in the church office with information, (501) 227-0000, or e-mail alisasecrest@secondpreslr.org or sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org. Thanks for your help!

Newsletter articles may be e-mailed to: newsletter@secondpreslr.org



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Please prayerfully consider including our Church in your estate plans. Your gift will support our ministries for many years past your lifetime. Our legal name is: Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock, Arkansas

Upcoming Deadlines:
Wednesday, May 25
Wednesday, June 29



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