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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 3, 2022

10:00 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 *Solemn Melody* H. W. Davies

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Eternal and everlasting God, we presume to present ourselves this morning before thy Divine majesty, beseeching thee to accept of our humble and hearty thanks, that it hath pleased thy great goodness to keep and preserve me the night past from all the dangers poor mortals are subject to.

Increase our faith in the sweet promises of the gospel; give us repentance from dead works; pardon our wanderings, and direct our thoughts unto thyself, the God of our salvation; Teach us how to live in thy fear, labor in thy service, and ever to run in the ways of thy commandments.

(from George Washington: A Prayer for Guidance)

*** INVOCATION**

Almighty God, Ruler of the peoples of the earth, forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love and truth; give wisdom to our counselors and steadfast love to our people; and bring us at last to the fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

(from Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States and a Presbyterian)

*** HYMN NO. 337** *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* AMERICA

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Creator God, we thank you for this Nation, the freedoms we enjoy and the prosperity that has been ours. We know that to whom much is given much is expected. Forgive us for the times we have misused our national strength and resources. Forgive us for the times we have misused our personal strength and resources. Forgive pride that overlooks wrong or justifies injustices. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed, even as we repent them.

Make us strong to do your work, willing to heed and hear your will, and write on our hearts these words: "Use power to help people." For we are given power not to advance our own purposes, nor to make a great show in the world, nor a name. There is but one just use of power, and it is to serve people. Help us to remember it, Lord. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers; may he not leave us or forsake us; so that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways... that all peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other.

Have mercy on us, O God, and help us to be the people you have called us to be. In Jesus Christ we pray...Amen.

(Silent confession)

(from George W. Bush: A Prayer to Help Others)

* **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

ANTHEM	<i>America the Beautiful</i> SPC Adult Choir Jón Stevenson, conductor	Traditional
GOSPEL LESSON	<i>MATTHEW 25:31-46</i>	NT, p. 29
SERMON	<i>Messages from the Mountain: Being a Good (Dual) Citizen</i>	Jody Welker

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(RESPONSIVE)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(UNISON)*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people, the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endow with Thy spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Thomas Jefferson: A Prayer for the Nation)

Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that the scourge of war may speedily pass away. With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and for his orphans, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

(Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address)

Almighty God: Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogances. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace--a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy people. And a peace that will let all people live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

(Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Prayer in Dark Times: 1944)

Let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings--let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals--and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world. ...Let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist.

(John F. Kennedy: A Prayer of Gratitude, 1963)

O God let our lives be meaningful in the enhancement of your kingdom, that our lives might be meaningful in the enhancement of the lives of our fellow human beings.

(Jimmy Carter: A Prayer for a Meaningful Life)

And "As we have been assured, neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, can separate us from God's love. May He bless the souls of the departed. May He comfort our own. And may He always guide this country." Amen.

(George W. Bush: From his address to the nation, September 14, 2001)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Prière

C. Franck

* 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. 338** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* MATERNA

* **BENEDICTION**

“May God strengthen our hands for the good work ahead.”
(Bill Clinton: A Prayer for People in Public Office)

“We add our voices to the familiar prayer your people have raised so often:
‘The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace....”
(Ronald Reagan: From a speech to the American people, February 6, 1986)

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter

POSTLUDE *March* Mendelssohn

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker
The Reverend Catherine Allsbury
Jón Stevenson, Conductor
Adam Savacool, Organist
Clint Brockway, Interpreter
Elder of the Day: Susan Marsh

Communion Servers: Christina Littlejohn, Randy Bear, Phillip Boggs,
Christopher Boggs

Ushers: Dan, Clara, Anna and Ezra Voth

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 watch past worship services 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 FLAGS ARE IN THE SANCTUARY today in honor of Independence Day.

MARY IBIS is out of the office until Sunday, July 3. **ALISA SECREST** will be away on vacation from June 20, returning July 5. For pastoral care emergencies, please notify the office at (501) 227-0000. **LINDY VOGADO** is out of the office through July 10.

MONTREAT ANNOUNCEMENT: July 22-31 our youth are heading to Montreat. We are looking for the 2 drivers aged 25-65 years old to drive to Montreat. If you are interested, please email Ruth Amenson ruthamenson@secondpreslr.org.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY: An email has been sent to the congregation asking you to complete the Mission Study survey with a link attached. Please return it by July 7. Here is a QR code with the survey and hard copies are available in the Narthex. Hard copies should be returned to the church office.



CHEESES WITH JESUS will continue their *Tour of Margaritas* on July 13 at The 1836 Club (1406 Cantrell Road, LR 72201). We plan to meet at 7:00 p.m. New faces at the table always welcome! We are a pairs and spares group of adults, between 'young adult' and retiree. We normally meet on the second and fourth Wednesday evening of each month. Contact Catherine Allsbury at catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org for more details.

LET'S TALK! WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU: Sign up for *Congregational Conversations* which are scheduled for July 10 or July 20. The Mission Task Force and your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) need to hear from you. More information was sent in an email and is available on the church website. You can sign up for lunch and conversation for Sunday, July 10, after worship, or you can join for dessert and conversation on Wednesday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. Please register on the website or by using the QR code.



YOUTH AT MO-RANCH (TX): Our youth are traveling with the Presbytery of Arkansas to Mo- Ranch July 2-7.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK is July 10-13. The week focuses on different ways to serve our church, community, and earth through conversations with church leaders and service projects at Our House and Ferncliff. If you would like more information, please reach out to Maggie Kirchner, maggiikirchner@secondpreslr.org.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN (FWYC) SUNDAY DINNERS: Sunday Dinner is "still cooking." 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! Main dish provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share. The McCormacks' address is 2 Northwest Ct. Little Rock, AR 72212. Contact Grant Wright with questions grantwright@secondpreslr.org. **July:** 3 (SKIP), 10 (McCormacks), 17 (Church), 24 (McCormacks) **August:** 7 (Church), 14 (McCormacks), 21 (SKIP), 28 (McCormacks)

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 10:00 a.m. worship service for lunch and discussion. We also meet offsite every other Thursday 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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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.

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).

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.

JULY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.
Chris Boggs

10:00 A.M.
Scott Polk
Dan Voth



**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, JULY 3

Worship 8:30 and 10:00
*Young Adults Lunch 11:15

MONDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day
Church Office closed
*Junior High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch

TUESDAY, JULY 5

*Junior High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch
MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

*Junior High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch
Staff Meeting 9:00
SPY (MS and HS) Wednesdays at Church 5:00
Adult Choir 6:00
Belonging Ministry 7:00

THURSDAY, JULY 7

*Junior High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch
*Young Adults Group 7:00

FRIDAY, JULY 8

SATURDAY, JULY 9

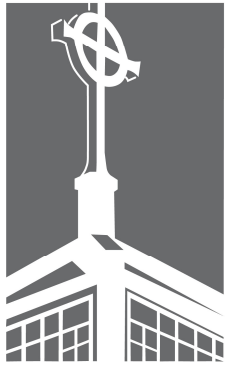
*Junior High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch
Jai Lambert Memorial Service 2:00

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Worship 8:30 and 10:00
*Congregational Conversation 11:00
*Young Adults Lunch 11:15
*Middle School Mission Week 1:30
*FWYC Dinners 4:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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SESSION

Moderator: Jody Welker
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Assistant Clerk: George Keck
Treasurer: Kenneth Rich

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Eli Gomez

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