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

July 31, 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 *Trumpet Tune* H. Purcell

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

One: God has accomplished all things through Christ,

All: so that we might live as God's own children.

One: Let us give thanks to God

All: and live for the praise of God's glory.

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

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus loves us with steadfast tenderness;
therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

(Silent confession)

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Beloved, God forgives us and strengthens us for love;
therefore be at peace. 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

GOSPEL LESSON *LUKE 12:13-21* NT, p. 74

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* M. E. Byrne
Melanie Hanna, Susan Harley
Ethan Ezell, Kevin Ezell

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

HOSEA 11:1-11

OT, p.842-3

SERMON

First Steps

Randy Hyde

* HYMN NO. 488 *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry* WATERLIFE

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

Prelude on SLANE

L. Visser

* 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.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

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

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

* HYMN NO. 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* GREEN TYLER

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* J. Rutter

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

A. Carter

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Randy Hyde

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

The Reverend Catherine Allsbury

Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Elder of the Day: Kate Franks

Greeter: Mary Carole Polk

Ushers: Scott Polk, Micky Rigby, Libby and Don McDaniel

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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, 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).

JOIN US FOR OUR FALL KICKOFF OPEN HOUSE! The last two and a half years have been difficult ones for our church and world, but even with the pandemic still persisting, we are grateful that the life and mission of our congregation has continued! A lot, though, has changed, and many of us are looking forward to getting back into familiar projects or trying out some new ways to be involved in the life of our church. **Sunday, August 21**, is going to be a special day for our congregation! We will be moving back to having three worship services, we will be kicking off the new programmatic year, we will be blessing backpacks at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, and we will be hosting a Time and Talent Fair during the Sunday School hour (beginning at 9:50 a.m.) for everyone to learn more about the great things happening at our church! More details will be coming soon, but please save the date for the morning of August 21!

AFGHAN WELCOME PROJECT UPDATES: *Conversation Partners Needed:* One of the things we have been working on since our families' arrival is helping them access the English language resources that they need. Fortunately, we have several ESL professionals and volunteers in our congregation who have been sharing their expertise with us as we work to equip our families to be successful in their new community. Our church members have identified local resources and given numerous hours of their own time working with our families. One specific need we have are more casual English-speaking conversation partners for the mothers in both families. For cultural reasons, these volunteers need to be women. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org) in the church office. *Used Car Needed:* On a very positive note, all of the men in our Afghan families have secured jobs or internships in their chosen vocations. Because the adult brothers in our second Afghan family are both working with widely varying hours, we are looking to help them purchase a second used vehicle for the household. If you have a reliable car that you'd like to donate or sell, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

MARY IBIS is on vacation and out of the office until August 1.

MISSION STUDY CONVERSATIONS: Thank you to all who participated in our “Let’s Talk” conversations. Your input is so valuable. If you were unable to participate in one of the conversations and would like to have an opportunity to do so, please let Catherine Lowry or Jody Welker know. You can email Jody at jodywelker@secondpreslr.org.

SERVICE PROJECT AT OUR HOUSE: On Saturday, August 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., a group from our church will be volunteering at Our House Homeless Shelter to help paint the classrooms in their Children’s Center before the new school year begins. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org) in the church office.

CHEESES WITH JESUS: The 2022 *Tour of Margaritas* is coming to a close. We have just two stops left in August before returning to our normal schedule of fellowship and study. August 10 (6:30 p.m.) at Camp Taco at Lost Forty Brewing (822 E. 6th Street 72202) and August 26 (6:30 p.m.) at Casa Villines (8301 Evergreen Drive 72227). Prizes will be awarded for those who have been on tour! On August 26 we will include a mission project with our feasting and fellowship: gathering of snacks for staff at *Bale Elementary School*. Thanks to our Outreach Ministry, our church has been in a partnership with Bale Elementary for several years. The snack for teachers and staff (about 55 persons) help promote a positive atmosphere of joy and welcome for students. Please bring your favorite snack stuff (fun or healthy) to fill the baskets. 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 catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org for more details.

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 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.

FWYC (FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN) 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. **August:** 7 (Church), 14 (McCormacks), 21 (SKIP), 28 (McCormacks)

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.

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.

AUGUST WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.
Natasha Graf

10:00 A.M.
Chris Herring
Alex Honeycutt



**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 31

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

Pastoral Care 1:30
Volleyball 7:00
Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00
Ministry Meetings 5:00
Worship Ministry 7:00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Staff Meeting 9:00
SPY Wednesdays at Church 5:00
Adult Choir 6:00
Belonging Ministry 7:00

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

*Young Adults Group 7:00

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Worship 8:30 and 10:00
*Young Adults Lunch 11:15
*FWYC Dinner 4:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

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