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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 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 *Toccata in Seven* J. Rutter

* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Praise the Lord!

With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!

Praise the Lord!

Never forget the good things God has done for us.

Praise the Lord, all the earth—

everyone, everywhere!

We, too, will praise the Lord!

* HYMN NO. 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived in judgment of others while failing to acknowledge our sins. We have blamed others for our problems in order to feel good about ourselves. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. As we have received mercy, let us share that mercy with others. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Silent confession)

* 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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Blessing of the Backpacks

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *PSALM 51:1-4; 10-23* OT, PP. 520-21

ANTHEM*Lord, for thy Tender Mercy's Sake*
SPC Chamber Choir

R. Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
 lay not our sins to our charge,
 but forgive that is past,
 and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
 To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
 that we may walk in a perfect heart [or: in an upright heart] before thee,
 now and evermore. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON*MATTHEW 7:1-5*

NT, pp. 6-7

SERMON*Messages from the Mountain:
Judging Others*

Jody Welker

* **HYMN NO. 693***Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*The proclamation of God's Word invites responses of faith.***OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS****OFFERTORY***Laudate Pueri Dominum*
SPC Chamber Choir

W.A. Mozart

Praise ye the Lord.
 Praise, O ye servants of the Lord,
 praise the name of the Lord.
 Blessed be the name of the Lord
 from this time forth and for evermore.
 From the rising of the sun
 unto the going down of the same
 the Lord's name is to be praised.
 The Lord is high above all nations,
 and his glory above the heavens.

* **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. 313***Lord, Make Us More Holy*

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

* **BENEDICTION*** **CHORAL BENEDICTION***Threefold Amen*
SPC Chamber Choir

Traditional

POSTLUDE*Toccata in D major*

M. Lanquetuit

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Mary Ibis, Associate Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Elder of the Day: Marge Anna Luttrell

Ushers: Diedra Gaskalla, Chris Herring, Betty and Jerry Herron,

Alex Honeycutt, Leon Lants, Barbara Vaught

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, 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, and we will be blessing backpacks at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. We will be hosting a Fall KickOff and Time and Talent Fair during the Sunday School hour (beginning at 9:30 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 is 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.

ANNUAL INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE: Please join The Interfaith Center of Arkansas and Arkansas House of Prayer for the annual interfaith prayer service, Love Thy Neighbor: Sowing Seeds of Promise, a celebration of peace through music, prayer, and wisdom. The event will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 6:00 p.m. It will be an in-person event. Love Thy Neighbor began as an interfaith prayer service to help bring people, who are dedicated to peace in our community and around the world, together. The event is FREE and open to all age groups. Stay up to date by visiting our website at www.theinterfaithcenter.org

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.

<p>UPCOMING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Beginning August 28 and continuing through September, Randy Hyde will lead the Second Hall adult Sunday school class in a study of Joseph, the son of Jacob. Based on his recently published book, <i>Dream Catcher: Reflections on the Joseph Saga</i>, Randy will guide the class through discussions of issues that are as old as the ancient Hebrew scriptures and as current as today's news. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$15. If you prefer, they can be purchased through Amazon as well.</p>

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.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH say "thank you" for the support of its programming this summer. Your generosity has had a huge impact on our youth program! Our youth have traveled to Montreat Music and Worship camps, Junior High Jubilee at MoRanch, and Montreat. They have also participated in Middle School Mission Week with serve partners in our Little Rock community. These camps are an important part of faith formation because they give our youth an early opportunity to explore and learn more about their own faith journeys. Supplementing that cost so it is less for families is done through a planned gift given by a church member who was passionate about the importance of youth camp. It is also through the generosity in your annual giving contributions. Thanks for making these camps and projects such a meaningful part our youths' summer.

CHEESES WITH JESUS: The 2022 *Tour of Margaritas* is coming to a close. We have just one stop left in August before returning to our normal schedule of fellowship and study: 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.

IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH? REMEMBER THE BIRTHDAY FUND! If you have an August 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.*

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. 14 (McCormacks), 21 (SKIP), 28 (McCormacks)*

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.

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Music and Arts Camp 8:30
Pastoral Care 1:30
Volleyball 7:00
Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00
Music and Arts Camp 8:30
Two Rivers Park Clean Up 9:00
Diaconate Meeting 7:00
Session Meeting 7:00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Music and Arts Camp 8:30
Staff Meeting 9:00
Adult Choir 6:00

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Music and Arts Camp 8:30
*Young Adults Group 7:00

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

Music and Arts Camp 8:30

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

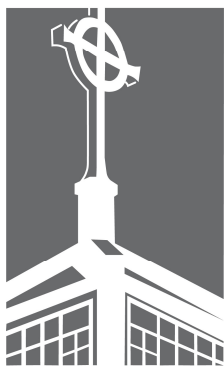
KickOff Sunday Set-up 12:00

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Worship 8:30 and 10:00
*KickOff Open House 9:30
*Young Adults Lunch 11:15
*FWYC Dinner 4:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

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

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Garry Mertins
John Ransom

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Barry McVinney
Somerset Sea
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Cotten Cunningham
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Eli Gomez

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Bradley Wright

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