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

August 28, 2022

8:30 and 11:00 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 *Fugue in A minor, BWV 543* J. S. Bach

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Sing joyful songs to the LORD!

Praise the mighty rock where we are safe.

Come to worship God with thankful hearts and songs of praise.

The LORD is the greatest God, king over all other gods.

Bow down and worship the LORD our Creator!

The LORD is our God, and we are God's people,

the sheep he takes care of in his own pasture.

Listen to God's voice today!

*** HYMN NO. 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)**

Loving God, who gave us birth and knows us by name, you offer this place as a home where we can remember who we are and whose we are.

Forgive us for times when we forget we are your children who you call us together as your family.

Like prodigals, we are prone to leave home without regard for you. And yet you keep watching and waiting. You are eager to welcome us home. Thank you.

May we respond when you call in order to be nurtured by your love and fed by your word.

Ready, then, to go back into the world as your forgiven people. Ready to live in ways that bring healing and hope to the world you love.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

Rick and Jessie Gillham present their daughter, Emma Katherine Gillham, to receive the Sacrament this morning.

PRESENTATION

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

WELCOMING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* Hymn No. 188, Stanza 1

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY (8:30)

Spiritual Engagement

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

PSALM *PSALM 100* OT, P. 552

ANTHEM *Old Hundredth Psalm Tune* R. Vaughn Williams
SPC Adult Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *MICAH 6:6-8* OT, P. 866

SERMON *Calling All the Children Home* Jody Welker
(Then Sending Them Out!)

* HYMN 70 *What Does the Lord Require of You?* MOON
(three times)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY (11:00)

Spiritual Engagement

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

(For those who desire to give online, see the QR code in the announcements)

OFFERTORY *Jubilate Deo* A. Laszlo
SPC Adult Choir

* 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. 769** *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN

* **BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Final from Sonata No. 1* A. Guilmant

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

The Reverend Marie Mainard O'Connell

Grant Wright, Interim Director of Families and Young Adults

Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Liturgists: (8:30) Cotten Cunningham (11:00) Sandra Rogers

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Elder of the Day: (8:30) Alicia Byrd (11:00) Somerset Sea

Ushers: (8:30) Don and Libby McDaniel, Chris McDaniel, Jean Kohler,

Kirby and Ann Norwood

(11:00) Doug Barton, Chris Herring, Alex Honeycutt, Leon Lants,

Diane Lord, Ann McCoy and Linda VanHook

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 FELLOWSHIP! As a reminder, there are coffee and goodies every Sunday morning in the gathering space by the Northwest entryway (near the kitchen and the Great Hall). We invite you to grab a cup of coffee and a snack in between services and Sunday school and visit with your church friends!

SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Beginning TODAY, 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, *Dream Catcher: Reflections on the Joseph Saga*, 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Faith and Grief support group (with lunch) resumes in Second Hall on Tuesday, September 20, at noon. Barry McVinney will share about his journey with grief. Please register at faithandgrief.org so we can have plenty of food and seating around the table. Guests are welcomed.

CHEESES WITH JESUS will be returning to their 'regular' schedule in September. Our next meetings will be on September 14 and September 28, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We will gather at 5 Berwyn Drive, 72227 for refreshments (cheese and crackers included), followed by a short Bible study. 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.

SAVE THE DATE: Dedication of Steve Hancock Portrait, October 16, after the 11:00 a.m. service.

SECOND SAFARI WALK AT THE ZOO: Every year the Walk of Love for Alzheimer's Arkansas raises thousands of dollars to support caregivers in our state. The 2022 Walk of Love will take place Friday, September 30 at the Little Rock Zoo, 5:30 p.m. All ages are invited to join the Second Safari team as we honor or walk in memory of someone special. Register through the church website, in the church office or with the QR code. Upon registration, participants will receive information on Second Safari plans, t-shirts, giving options and how to honor or memorialize a loved one. For more information, contact Team Captain Jamie Gomez.



WEDNESDAYS AT CHURCH FOR KIDS AND YOUTH (WACKY) starts September 7. We're excited to launch this program that includes music, dinner, and fellowship/fun/faith formation time for kindergarten through 12th graders. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Join these Adult Sunday School classes in person or on Zoom TODAY, starting at 9:50 a.m.! Seeking More Light (Room 67) is reading Barbara Brown Taylor's new book *Always a Guest*. Copies are available in the church office for \$25 and an excellent audiobook or Kindle/Nook version is available. Adult Bible Study (Library) continues to use *The Present Word* curriculum for an in depth discussion of biblical texts. Spiritual Nourishment (Heritage Room) continues their study of *Being Belonging Doing: Balancing Your Three Greatest Needs* in their intimate and caring exploration of personal faith. For curriculum, Zoom links, or more information please contact Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell at mariemo@secondpreslr.org

VOLLEYBALL IS BACK! Are you looking for ways to relieve stress after a day at work or school? Come join us for volleyball on Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. We are an intergenerational group that enjoys exercising and having fellowship with one another. All experience levels are welcome. If you have questions, visit us in the narthex today or call Eugene Jones at (501) 231-8860.

The **DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** resumes in-person meetings in the Library on September 1 at 1:00 p.m. For information, please contact Sandra Rogers.

“WELCOME HOME” SERMON SERIES: AUGUST 21-SEPTEMBER 25

By Jody Welker

August 21

Open House for Disciples (Matthew 28:16-30)

August 28

Calling All the Children Home (Psalm 100)

September 4 (Labor Day Weekend)

Take This Job and Love it! (1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1)

September 11

When A Stranger Comes to Our House (Romans 12:9-13; Deuteronomy 10:12-19)

September 25

The Splendor of the House of God (Haggai 1:15b – 2:9)

PLAY DAYS ARE NOT JUST FOR KIDS! A new fellowship program is starting: Game Day at the church on Sunday afternoons. Bring your favorite indoor game to share: dominos, playing cards, board games, jigsaw puzzles; etc. Bring a friend (excellent Outreach opportunity). Bring your spouse or a relative or a neighbor. Come on your own. The first get together will be on Sunday, September 11, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Drop in or stay all afternoon! We will gather in Room 60 (in the Adult Education wing). Come on in to make some new friends. For more information, contact Jeannie Lloyd.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC: It’s that time again. Mark your calendar for the Annual All-Church Picnic on Sunday, October 9 at Ferncliff beginning at 12:15 p.m. We’ll make use of indoor and outdoor spaces for fellowship, dining and recreation. Enjoy cafeteria-style lunch, lawn games, a fishing tournament, rocking chairs, canoeing, volleyball, the Shady Chute, tours of the grounds and more. Please sign up (website, office or Sunday mornings) or with the QR code, so we can prepare plenty of food. The cost is \$8 per person up to \$25 per household.



FAMILY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY UPDATES

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 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.

SUNDAY FAMILY DINNERS: Families with children are invited to dinners every other week (alternating weeks with Sunday Evening SPY) at the home of the McCormack family. 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.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL: There are Sunday School options for all ages of children starting at 9:50 a.m. each Sunday. Toddlers and Preschoolers have Beginners Sunday School in the Nursery, while Elementary Age kids meet in the Bible Village downstairs. We teach from the SparkHouse curricula, incorporating audio, visual, and tactile learning. With any questions, contact Grant Wright at grantwright@secondpreslr.org

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BECOME A READING TUTOR AT BALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: After a couple of years of pandemic hiatus, our congregation will once again be volunteering as reading tutors at our school partner Bale Elementary School! Tutors meet with their assigned student(s) once a week from October-March, and training is provided about how to help each child progress in their reading skills and comprehension. The goal for each child is to read at grade level in elementary school so they will continue to have academic success throughout their educational careers. To begin the process of becoming a tutor, visit the website, www.arkidsread.org, and select Bale Elementary School as your preferred site. If you'd like more information about our church's involvement at Bale Elementary or help navigating the online sign-ups, 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 PM. 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.

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.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

Chris McDaniel

11:00 A.M.

Justin Villines

Galen Wenger



**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, AUGUST 28

Worship 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00

Sunday School 9:50

*Young Adults Lunch 11:15

*FWYC Dinner 4:00

Youth KickOff Event (Ferncliff) 5:00

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

Pastoral Care 1:30

*Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

Staff Meeting 9:00

Adult Choir 6:00

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

*Dementia Caregivers Support Group

1:00

*Young Adults Group 7:00

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Worship 8:30, 9:00 and 10:00

Sunday School 9:50

*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

* Denotes announcement in bulletin