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

August 7, 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 *Fugue in G major, BWV 541* J.S. Bach

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
**Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,**
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

*** HYMN NO. 22** *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Loving God, you have given us many ways to draw close to you: through
your Word, through prayer, through generosity, and through worship. You
offer us a path to life, joy, peace and love. Yet we fail to follow your path as
we go our own way. We fail to use the spiritual practices you offer us and
then wonder where you are. Forgive us. You are always there for us.
Encourage us as we seek to draw closer to you. We pray this in the name of
Jesus, your living Word. 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

*Amanda and Brother Nipper present their daughter, Ruby Fontaine Nipper, 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

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON *MATTHEW 6:1-18* NT, pp. 5-6

SERMON *Messages from the Mountain: Practice, Practice, Practicing Our Piety* Jody Welker

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer* A. Malotte
Melanie Hanna, soprano

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 our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty,
it is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you 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 *Ave verum corpus* Saint Saëns
SPC Chamber Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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!

WELCOME MARIE! Today we welcome The Reverend Marie Mainard O'Connell back to Second Presbyterian Church. Marie is serving as the part time Interim for Spiritual Formation. She will be supporting the Adult Education ministries of Second Church. We look forward to her ministry among us!

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).

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.

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.

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, *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.

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 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.

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)

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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, AUGUST 7

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

Handbell Camp 8:30
Pastoral Care 1:30
Volleyball 7:00
Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

Handbell Camp 8:30
MGM Men's Bible Study 7:00
Environmental Stewardship 5:30
Fellowship Ministry 6:00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

Handbell Camp 8:30
Staff Meeting 9:00
SPY Wednesdays at Church 5:00
Adult Choir 6:00
*Cheeses With Jesus 6:30

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Handbell Camp 8:30
Cathy Smith Memorial Service 10:00
*Young Adults Group 7:00

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

Handbell Camp 8:30
*End of Year Summer SPY Party

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

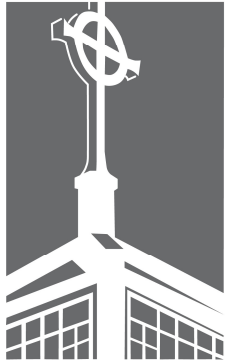
*End of Year Summer SPY Party

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Worship 8:30 and 10:00
*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
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Assistant Clerk: George Keck
Treasurer: Kenneth Rich

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Diane Karlson
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Dan Voth
Galen Wenger
Bradley Wright

YOUTH DEACON

Eli Eifling