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

September 11, 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

Elegy

J. Cotton

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Who is seeking after God above all else?

We look to Jesus Christ for wisdom and truth;

We reach out to be strengthened for service.

Remember your promises to us, O God.

Create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits.

We seek to know you and to grow in understanding.

Confront us here and light our way.

*** HYMN NO. 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)**

**Merciful God, have mercy on us, according to your unwavering love;
according to your abundant mercy wipe away our sins and the guilt we
have carried for so long. Instead write on our hearts your love, your
boundaries for our lives, your salvation that sets us free from our sins to
live the abundant life you have for each of us. Lord, create in us clean
hearts. Renew your spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in us a willing spirit. Write on our hearts your love O God,
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

Alzheimer's Walk

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd
SPC Adult Choir
Susan Harley, flute

J. Rutter

SERMON

Lost and Found

Alisa Secrest

* **HYMN NO. 436** *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* O QUANTA QUALIA

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

Presbyterian Women

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & DEDICATION OF TIME AND TALENT COVENANTS

OFFERTORY

Andante tranquillo

F. Mendelssohn

* 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. 769***For Everyone Born*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

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

J. Rutter

POSTLUDE

CWM RHONDDA

arr. P. Manz

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

The Reverend Marie Mainard O'Connell

Grant Wright, Interim Director of Families and Young Adult Ministries

Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Jon Davies (11:00) Philip Shell

Elder of the Day: (8:30) Kim Dunnagan (11:00) Alicia Byrd

Ushers: (8:30) Don and Libby McDaniel, Eugene and June Jones,

Anne Brantley, Chris McDaniel

(11:00) Tom Hicks, Margo Shoffner, Carolyn Wenger,

Joseph, Amara and Graham Yancey

<p>For a full listing of prayer concerns, please call the Care and Concern line at (501) 227-6117.</p>
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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 Hjalmarsen 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)

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

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.

TIME AND TALENT DEDICATION TODAY: Please be prayerful as you discern where God may call you to be a part of Christ's work at Second Presbyterian. When you are ready, please complete the Time and Talent Covenant which you have received in the mail. After you complete the form, please return it to the church office, or use the QR code and submit your covenant online. Please consider how you might use the gifts God has given you to support the life and ministry of Second Presbyterian Church.



JODY WELKER is out of the office for Continuing Education through September 16.

SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: 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.

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, call Eugene Jones at (501) 231-8860.

SEPTEMBER 11 ANNIVERSARY: On this anniversary of September 11, we offer special remembrance of all those who lost their lives or loved ones in the horrific events of that day in 2001. We also continue our prayers that healing, peace, and justice will prevail in our hurting and broken world.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will be meeting in person on September 13 at 10:00 a.m. for refreshments, worship and study with guest speaker Rev. Carol Clark. It is our hope that many of the women at Second Presbyterian Church will be joining us. We will begin our new PW year with the Bible Study by Carol M Bechtel, entitled *Celebrating Sabbath, Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. We meet in Second Hall every second Tuesday of the month through May. Hope to see you soon! Shalom!

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.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Join these Adult Sunday School classes in person or on Zoom 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 \$20 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. Connections Cafe (room 62) younger adults (20s to 40ish) gather to discuss life, families, and the nine Enneagram spiritual personality types, led by Kathryn Hyde. For curriculum, Zoom links, or more information please contact Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell at mariemo@secondpreslr.org

SECOND READERS BOOK CLUB meets Wednesday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m. in Second Hall to discuss Adele Holmes new book *Winter's Reckoning*. On sale and for signing today in the Narthex and later in the church office.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE: We have entered a new phase in our search for a full-time Director of Youth and Young Adults. First of all, we discovered that the pool of candidates nationwide is rather small at this time, so we are being wise to expand our search. Our Session has endorsed a search which might result in a candidate who is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament or one who is not ordained. Either way, we are seeking a leader of faith, passion and energy. We are using the denomination's national search website to post our search, as well as our personal networks. We will continue to keep you posted on progress. Many thanks to the Search Committee and to Marge Anna Luttrell, its moderator. Many thanks also to the Youth Ministry (Alicia Byrd, moderator) for adapting around our leadership needs during this time of transition, deploying parents and youth advisors where needed.

GAME DAY AFTERNOON TODAY! A new adult fellowship program! Game Day Afternoon at the church on Sundays. Bring your favorite indoor game to share: dominos, playing cards, board games, jigsaw puzzles; etc. Bring a friend (excellent Outreach opportunity). Bring your spouse, relative or neighbor. Come on your own. The first get together is TODAY, Sunday, September 11, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Drop in or stay all afternoon! We will gather in the hospitality area (in the Northwest entry). Come on in to make some new friends. Contact Jeanne Lloyd for more information.

DING-DONG! DO YOU HEAR THE BELLS? Join us this fall in an adult handbell ensemble! All experience levels (including beginner) are welcome. Our rehearsals begin late September. Please contact Mary Ibis at maryibis@secondpreslr.org for more information.

IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH? REMEMBER THE BIRTHDAY FUND! If you have a September 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.*

ALL CHURCH PICNIC: It's that time again. Mark your calendar for the Annual All-Church Picnic on Sunday, October 9 at Ferncliff, 12:15 p.m. We'll use 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.



UPDATE FROM YOUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The PNC is working! Our primary focus right now is the MIF (Ministry Information Form). This is the form candidates will read to see if they may be interested in the position of Senior Pastor. The PNC is taking information from the Mission Study and the surveys to include in the MIF. In addition to including information from the study and survey, we are considering the specific terms of call (as required in the MIF) for our Senior Pastor, which will be submitted to the Personnel Committee and Session. We hope to have the MIF ready to share with the Session in September. Once the Session approves, it is submitted to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) for approval. After COM approval, it will be uploaded to the PC(USA) website and activated to the church leadership connection (CLC). The CLC will make matches with people actively seeking a call. It will also be shared with others with whom the PNC initiates contact. We hope to start receiving PIFs (Personal Information Forms) from candidates in October.

NEW AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN! WACKY (WEDNESDAYS AT CHURCH FOR KIDS AND YOUTH) GRADES K-12 Wednesdays from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner, Activities, Choir, and Handbells. Multi-Ministry Programming. All are welcome. Come for the full offering, or choose your level of participation. Visitors and friends are warmly invited. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org or (501) 412-1416, cell. Drive-thru drop off and pick up are at the NW Entry (coffee/muffin area by the Great Hall Kitchen). If your child/youth is arriving late or leaving early, please escort them to/from the building. This helps our leaders confirm that all children/youth are being cared for and are accounted for.

K-5 Grade Schedule:

4:45-5:00 Drop-off (NW Entry)
5:00 Handbells/Instruments (Rm 66)
5:30 Dinner (Great Hall)
6:00 Choir (Second Hall)
6:50 Activities (Bible Village)
7:30 Dismissal (NW Entry)

6-12 Grade Schedule:

4:45-5:00 Drop-off (NW Entry)
5:00 Choir (Adult Choir Room)
5:40 Activities (Youth Building)
6:20 Dinner (Great Hall)
6:50 Handbells (Rm 66)
7:30 Dismissal (NW Entry)

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“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 18

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)

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. Our study will be taken from chapters of *The Flawed Family of God* (by Carolyn B. Helsel and Song-Mi Suzie Park). 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.

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

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.

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, SEPTEMBER 11

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

Sunday School 9:50

*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

*Game Day Afternoon 2:00

Praeclara Ringers 2:00

*Family Dinner 4:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Bible Study 12:00

Pastoral Care 1:30

Stephen Ministry 6:00

*Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

*PW Gathering 10:00

Environmental Stewardship 5:30

Fellowship Ministry 6:00

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Staff Meeting 9:00

*WACKY 5:00

Adult Choir 6:00

*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

*Young Adults Group 7:00

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

Sunday School 9:50

*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

*Game Day Afternoon 2:00

Praeclara Ringers 2:00

MS and HS SPY 5:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin