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

September 25, 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 *Prelude in A minor, BWV 543* J.S. Bach

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

I was glad when they said to me, Psalm 122
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

To give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you."

**"Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."**

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,

"Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek your good.

*** HYMN NO. 385** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* OLD HUNDREDTH

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)**

**Almighty God, we rejoice that we can come into your house today and
worship you. We also confess that we often forget what a privilege it is to
be in your presence. Thank you for inspiring and leading your people to
establish your house here in this place. Thank you for gathering us together
as your church. While we are broken by sin, we are healed by your grace.
We pray others might experience your love, grace, mercy and forgiveness
among us. We pray all may find peace that you have offered through our
Lord Jesus Christ in whose name 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

Adult Education

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)

STEVE HANCOCK PORTRAIT DEDICATION: Reverend Steve Hancock will be honored for his 20 years of vision, leadership and dedicated service. A portrait has been donated, and it will be unveiled and dedicated in the Prayer Garden on Sunday, October 16, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The event comes on the first anniversary of Rev. Hancock's retirement as pastor. The portrait will hang in the NW Entry alongside the portrait of Allen Smith.

GOODBYE AND HELLO: Thanks to Ruth Amensen who has been serving as our part-time Transitional Youth Coordinator. We are grateful for her loving leadership with our youth, their advisors and their families. Ruth is departing Second Church to work with the full-time program staff at Ferncliff. We enthusiastically welcome Maggie Kirchner as she hits the ground running as our part-time Transitional Youth Coordinator. We continue our search for a full-time Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. We are grateful for Maggie's consistent presence with our youth during the interim.

YOUTHQUAKE 2022: This year's event titled "When Did You See Me?" will be held October 14-16 at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, Little Rock. All students (6th-12th graders) are welcome plus chaperones and college and adult leaders. Registration is September 17-30. Use the QR code to register online through The Presbytery of Arkansas. Scholarships are available on a first come basis. Contact Mary Ibis (maryibis@secondpreslr.org) for more information.



DING-DONG! DO YOU HEAR THE BELLS? Join us this fall in an adult handbell ensemble! The Day Ringers will have their first rehearsal on Monday, September 26 at 12:00 p.m. If you would like to join, please contact Mary Ibis at maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

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.



FABULOUS FILM FEATURE: Immerse yourself in the award-winning world of Atticus and Scout Finch in the movie "*To Kill a Mockingbird*," shown October 2 at 4:00 p.m. in Second Hall, and be prepared for the October Second Hall Sunday School class.

SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Through September, Randy Hyde will lead the Second Hall Adult Sunday School class at 9:50 a.m. in a study of Joseph, the son of Jacob, based on his recent book, *Dream Catcher*. Next week Rev. Hyde leads his final session on the summary of chapter 14 and "the rest of the story". Join us in October to explore The Faith of the Mockingbird through the book *To Kill a Mockingbird*, led by Dr. Chuck Chappell.

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

MIDWEEK ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES to enliven your faith during the week, on Zoom and in person.

- Monday Fall Bible Study: 50 Passages in 50 days, "passages that have had a deep impact amongst Christians" led each Monday at noon in room 67 and on Zoom by Rev. Jody Welker.
- First and Third Monday Morning Bible Study: *The Book of Forgiving* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, led by Rev. Lindy Vogado in Second Hall at 9:30 a.m. "Each of us has a deep need to forgive and to be forgiven. Only through walking the fourfold path can we free ourselves of the endless cycle of pain and retribution: telling the story and witnessing the anguish; asking for forgiveness and granting forgiveness, and renewing or releasing the relationship."
- Tuesday Men's Group Ministry: each Tuesday at 7:00 a.m., men gather in person in Second Hall and on Zoom for encouragement, support, and bible study. Free donuts and coffee! For more information, Zoom address, questions and ideas please contact Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell at 214-686-6347 and mariemo@secondpreslr.org

FIFTY DAYS BIBLE STUDY: This class will *not* meet on Monday, September 26. We will resume our meetings on Monday, October 3. Please join us in Room 67 or on Zoom that day. The readings for this week are:

Sept 26 Psalm 118:21-24

Sept 27 Psalm 121

Sept 28 Psalm 139

Sept 29 Proverbs 3:5-6

Sept 30 Proverbs 22:6

Oct 1 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

UPDATE FROM YOUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Great news from the PNC! The MIF has been approved by the Session and the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. Now the process is to post the MIF to the CLC, the Church Leadership Connection site for prospective candidates. We anticipate getting our first applicants in October. One way you can help - if you have connections with other Presbyterian pastors or folks in the pastor community, let them know we're looking. And let us know as well! If you visit a church in your travels and the pastor knocks your socks off, we'd love to have those recommendations. Continue to pray for us as we continue this search.

WATER RELIEF UPDATE FOR JACKSON: Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our water donation drive for Jackson, Mississippi. Pastor Robert Lowry is making multiple trips to deliver the water collected by Westover Hills and Second Presbyterian, and our financial gifts have gone to trusted local agencies in Jackson who are distributing water to those in need. Together our congregations have provided over 2000 gallons to help our neighbors. Thank you for your generosity.

TOUR EUROPE WITH THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN ADULT CHOIR: The SPC Adult Choir will tour Spain, June 8-19, 2023, singing in several cathedrals and including tours of the cities of Madrid and Barcelona, among others. Dr. Keating has about 4 or 5 spots open if you would like to join us, as either a singer or part of what we call "tour support." The cost, based on double room occupancy, is approximately \$4,000 (final cost to be determined soon). This includes breakfast every morning and several dinners. A private hotel room is an added \$800. If you would like to see our proposed itinerary or have questions, please contact Clementine Whitman at clementine22@att.net.

GAME DAY AFTERNOON! A new adult fellowship program! Game Day Afternoon at the church on Sundays. The next get together will be TODAY, September 25, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. This group will be meeting on the second and fourth Sundays each month. 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. 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.



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commissioned May, 1992



If you or someone you know is hurting and you would like more information about receiving Stephen Ministry care

-OR-

If you are interested in learning more about our upcoming Stephen Ministry training class, please contact any of our Stephen Leaders.

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STARTING IN OCTOBER

Beginning Sunday, October 2, Jody will be preaching on the *Six Great Ends of the Church*. They are a statement of what Presbyterians believe the church is called to be and do. They have been with us for decades. Here they are:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- The maintenance of divine worship
- The preservation of the truth
- The promotion of social righteousness
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

**From the Presbyterian Book of Order F-1.0304*

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.



NATIONAL SOLAR TOUR: The 81-panel solar parking lot array at Second Presbyterian will again be a part of the National Solar Tour on October 1-2! During this two-day event, Second Presbyterian will be joining hundreds of homes, businesses and organizations across the nation to showcase their solar sites. Our 29.16 kW solar array generates about 39 megawatts annually, which is used to help power our 7,600-square-foot youth building. Any excess power that we generate is applied to the energy used by our main building. The American Solar Energy Society National Solar Tour is the largest grassroots solar, renewable energy, and sustainable living event in the nation. The tour allows solar owners and supporters to connect, ask and answer questions, and participate in a nationwide in-person and virtual solar experience. Check it out at www.nationalsolartour.org!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Calling all dogs, cats, turtles, and hamsters! On Sunday, Oct. 2 at 3:00 p.m., our church will be joining with Grace Presbyterian Church for our annual Blessing of the Animals service. We invite you to bring your family pet (all species welcome!) to this casual service as we celebrate God's good creation and the role that animals play in our lives. The service will take place outdoors in the courtyard of Grace Presbyterian Church (9301 N. Rodney Parham Road), and if you are able, we invite you to bring a bag of dog or cat food for the Humane Society of Pulaski County. We do ask that all pets remain either leashed or in a cage/aquarium throughout the service. If you have any questions, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

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)

CHEESES WITH JESUS has returned to their 'regular' schedule. Our next meetings will be on 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 chapter 3 of **The Flawed Family of God** (by Carolyn B. Helsel and Song-Mi Suzie Park). This time we look at the family of Noah, coping with chaos of a disastrous flood. 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.

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.

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

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.

OCTOBER WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.
Bob Skinner

11:00 A.M.
Margo Shoffner
Anne Grimes



**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 25

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 26

*Day Ringers 12:00

Pastoral Care 1:30

Stephen Ministry 6:00

Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

PW Coordinating Team 10:00

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Staff Meeting 9:00

*WACKY 5:00

Adult Choir 6:00

*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Enneagram Class 7:00

*Young Adults Group 7:00

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

*Alzheimer's Walk of Love 5:30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

*National Solar Tour

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

*National Solar Tour

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

Sunday School 9:50

*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

Praeclara Ringers 2:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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SESSION

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