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

October 23, 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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Cathy Moglebust
Day Ringers

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Come, let us worship.

**Teach us your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth;
give us undivided hearts to revere your name.**

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, and we will glorify your name forever.

**For your love is great towards us; you are merciful and gracious, slow to
anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Let us worship, let us praise, let us give thanks!

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

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)**

**We confess, O God, that we often view ourselves as slightly better than other
sinners. We see our sin as not quite so terrible, our prejudice as not quite so
hurtful, our little lies as not quite so harmful, our hypocrisy as not quite so
dishonest, and our selfishness as not quite so destructive. We deceive
ourselves and the truth is not in us. Forgive us, gracious God. Wash away the
stubborn stains that cling to us and gather us into the arms of your mercy.
We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Betty Herron and Kevin Crass

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Mary Ibis, Associate Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Ralph Wilcox (11:00) Debbie Bass

Elder of the Day: (11:00) Cotten Cunningham

Ushers: (8:30) June and Eugene Jones, Janie and Chester Lowe, Bob Skinner
(11:00) Anne and Christian Grimes, Kim and Steve Dunnagan, Margo Shoffner,

Gwin and Cotten Cunningham

Please notify the church office of hospitalizations, joys and concerns. 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)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION is called for TODAY at 9:30 a.m. and Noon. The purpose of this meeting is to designate the groups who will elect members to the Nominating Committee, to elect Associate Pastor Nominating Committees for the Youth and Young Adult position and the Director of Spiritual Formation position, to hear a brief financial report, and to receive updates from various search committees.



TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP KICK OFF SUNDAY

Let Us Build A House Where Love Can Dwell

*“The Lord said to Moses,
‘Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You
are to receive the offering for me from
everyone whose heart prompts them to give.
Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I
will dwell among them.’”
(Exodus 25:1-2, 8)*

Today we kick off our Stewardship Season with this question: Where do you see God’s love dwell at Second Presbyterian? We will be looking for your answers. As we look to 2023, you will be invited to consider the kind of house we want to “build” for God through the ministry of this church. We ask you to pray about how you might support the work of God here. On November 20, 2022, we will be dedicating those estimated gifts which will be used to fund our 2023 annual budget.

NEWCOMER DISCOVERY SEMINAR: November 13, 2022, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. in Room 60. This one hour session is designed for those who are newcomers to Second Presbyterian Church – as visitors or as new members. We will start out with some fellowship and refreshments, before diving into a Crash Course. This will be an overview of what it means to be a part of this congregation: some history, some things we believe, what we offer as a family of faith, and what we expect from our church family members. Contact Catherine Allsbury (catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org).

UPDATE FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM

We appreciate and are thankful for Jody’s spending a full year with us in his first venture into interim ministry. He felt called and came to us without a real break following his retirement after 39 years as an ordained minister, with the last seventeen years at the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church in Cary, North Carolina. We know that he and Sharon will be glad to spend time in their now finished home in Black Mountain, North Carolina, and we wish them well and Godspeed as they continue to serve in whatever ways they may be led. While we look forward to Jody’s continuing leadership as our Transitional Pastor in these seasons of fall, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, we want you to know that we are working on engaging our next interim minister to serve in this transition time while our Pastor Nominating Committee continues its work. With thanks for having Jody and Sharon as part of our faith community, we also look forward to who next will join our special congregation and walk with us as we transition.

Transition Team: Jon Davies, Marie Holder, Cyril Hollingsworth, and Susan Marsh

OCTOBER SERMON SERIES BY JODY WELKER

During the month of October, Jody is 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*

WACKY CHILDREN'S LED CHRISTMAS SERVICE: All Kindergarten through Fifth Graders are invited to join the children's choir for a presentation of the nativity in song and story. They will lead the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 11. Rehearsals are part of our new Wednesdays At Church for Kids and Youth (WACKY) program. WACKY meets on Wednesdays from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and attending just children's choir is 6:00-6:50 p.m. in Second Hall. Christmas Choir rehearsals have begun, but it's not too late to join us! For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

UPDATE FROM YOUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

More great news from the PNC! The MIF (Ministry Information Form) has been posted to the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) site for prospective candidates, and we have begun getting applicants! The next ongoing part of the process is for us to prayerfully evaluate these applications/applicants and determine who we want to consider further. Please continue reaching out to your connections with other Presbyterian pastors or folks in the pastor community. Let them know we're looking, and let us know if you've got contacts we can reach out to. Again, 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.

PNC Members: Beth Sigler, Moderator, Greg Adams, Christina Littlejohn
Jim Marsh, Kathryn McMillan, Jennifer Rigsby, and Jón Stevenson

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT: You're invited to the Halloween Carnival on Sunday, October 30, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.! We'll have games in the Great Hall for preschool and elementary aged children, trunk or treat in the parking lot, and hot dogs and sides for dinner. We are looking for volunteers to help with the trunk or treat event during the carnival. Please bring nut-free, non-melting candy or stickers to hand out from the trunk of your car. If you would like to participate in trunk or treat, contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

CHEESES WITH JESUS schedule for October will be our normal 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings (7:00 P.M., #5 Berwyn Drive). We will be looking at two stories of Abraham and Sarah, who lived in very different circumstances yet share stresses and concerns known to families in our own place and time. On October 26, we will discuss how this family struggles to have a child (heir for Abraham). On October 30, we will support our church youth as they bring back to life the Halloween Carnival for children. We will be participating in the Trunk or Treat part of the fun. Costumes are encouraged – but certainly not required. The more cars the merrier – so come on out!

GAME DAY AFTERNOON! Our next game date is today from 2:00- 4:00 p.m. Bring your favorite indoor game to share: dominos, cards, board games, puzzles, etc. Drop in or stay all afternoon! We gather at the round tables in the hospitality area (in the Northwest Entry). Contact Jeanne Lloyd for more information.

SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Today, October 23, enjoy our last discussion of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, led by Dr. Chuck Chappell, on how the moral arc of Atticus and Scout Finch lead us to build a bigger Kingdom of God. Join us October 30 for *Christian Caregiving: a Way of Life* by Kenneth C. Haugk, a brilliant guide to offering love and care during times of crisis without becoming overwhelmed or over-involved. This study is led by our Stephen Ministry leader team and the book is *strongly recommended* and available for \$15.00 in the church office.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Join these Adult Sunday School classes starting at 9:50 a.m.! Connections Cafe (Room 62) younger adults (20s to 40ish) gather to discuss careers, families, and current life issues, led by Kathryn Hyde. Seeking More Light (Room 67 & Zoom) with Greg Adams is reading Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Always a Guest*. Copies are available in the church office. Adult Bible Study (Zoom and Library) with Graham Catlett continues *The Present Word* curriculum for discussion of biblical texts. Spiritual Nourishment (Zoom & Heritage Room) with Nancy Hicks continues to study *Being Belonging Doing: Balancing Your Three Greatest Needs* in their intimate and caring exploration of personal faith. For Zoom links and 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.

First and Third Monday Morning Bible Study next meets October 17 at 9:30 a.m. to study chapters 6 and 7 of Desmond Tutu's "Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World."

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

FALL BIBLE STUDY: 50 PASSAGES IN 50 DAYS: Mondays at 12:00 p.m. through the first week of November. Please join us in Room 67 or on Zoom. The Zoom link can be found in the Sunday morning Second Connections email. The next readings are listed below:

Oct 24 Romans 10:9-11	Oct 31 Philippians 4:4-13
Oct 25 Romans 12	Nov 1 Hebrews 11:1-12:2
Oct 26 I Corinthians 13	Nov 2 Hebrews 13:1-8
Oct 27 I Corinthians 15	Nov 3 James 1:2-15
Oct 28 II Corinthians 5:14-21	Nov 4 Revelation 3:20
	Nov 5 Revelation 21:1-7

BEYOND IDEOLOGY: A CLASS ON FAITH AND POLITICS For three Mondays at 7:00 p.m., starting October 10, Jody Welker will lead a class on faith and politics as we learn from the wisdom of the great theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr. Niebuhr is read by presidents and politicians to this day. He speaks to both conservatives and liberals. We will use the documentary on his life, *An American Conscience*, as the guide to our conversation. The class takes place in Room 67.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH (SPY) UPDATE: There are a lot of exciting events happening with SPY in October! SPY meets weekly on Wednesdays for W.A.C.K.Y. programming from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and bi-monthly for SPY activities Sunday nights. Additionally, SPY Sunday School classes for students in grades 6-12 have launched; classes meet every Sunday in the Youth Building starting at 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Sunday School classes are also held for students in 8th grade at the same time. We will be hosting the Halloween Carnival. SPY will plan, set up, and run games and activities at the carnival. If you are interested in more information about any of these programs, please reach out to Maggie Kirchner, maggielkirchner@secondpreslr.org.

SPY KIDS TODAY! Join the Second Presbyterian 4th and 5th Graders from 12:00-1:30 p.m. as we learn about each other and Caring for Others. Please meet at the entrance by the Great Hall and Kitchen. Lunch will be provided. Contact Grant Wright at grantwright@secondpreslr.org or Somerset Sea at with questions.

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 in the Narthex 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



**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF
STEPHEN MINISTRY AT
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN!**
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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Jana Villemez 501-517-1474
Rev. Alisa Secrest 501-227-0000

**STEPHEN MINISTRY
GIVING COMFORT, LIFTING SPIRITS**

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, OCTOBER 23

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

*Annual Congregational Meeting
9:30 and 12:00

Sunday School 9:50

Young Adults Lunch 12:15

*SPY Kids 12:15

Praeclara Ringers 2:00

*Game Day Afternoon 2:00

*Family Dinner 4:00

Affinity Group Training 4:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

*Fall Bible Study 12:00

Day Ringers 12:00

Pastoral Care 1:30

*Beyond Ideology 7:00

Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

PW Coordinating Team 10:00

Affinity Group Training 7:00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Staff Meeting 9:00

*WACKY 5:00

Adult Choir 6:00

*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Enneagram Class 7:00

*Young Adults Group 7:00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Halloween Carnival Set Up 12:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

Sunday School 9:50

Young Adults Lunch 12:15

Praeclara Ringers 2:00

*Halloween Carnival 4:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator: Jody Welker
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