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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
REFORMATION SUNDAY**

October 30, 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 *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720* J.S. Bach

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)** Psalm 89

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
O Lord God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O Lord?
Your faithfulness surrounds you.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
Blessed be the Lord forever.
Amen and Amen.

* **HYMN NO. 275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)**
(Adapted from the liturgy of the Reformed Church of Zurich, 1525)

Merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before your divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed your commandments, and are worthy of your anger.

But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased you. We pray that your grace may bring help to our distress.

Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us, O most gracious God. Forgive us all our sins, through the holy sufferings of your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant us now the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us each day, that we may repent, that sin may be destroyed in us, and that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life that are pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ. 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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Lullaby* J. Morris

* **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. 772** *Live into Hope* TRURO

* **BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Toccata in D minor, BWV 565* J. Morris

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Marie Mainard O'Connell

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Grant Wildwright, Interim Director of Families and Young Adult Ministries

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgist: (8:30) Nancy Weber

Elder of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young

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

(11:00) Anne Grimes, Margo Shoffner, Freddie and Woody Jolley,

Cheryl Denson, Peggy Marshall

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).

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

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)*



During our stewardship season, we are asking: Where do you see God's love dwell at Second Presbyterian? We hope you will fill out a slip of paper on the table in the Narthex which we will place on our banner. As we look to the finances in 2023, we invite you 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.

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day when we recall the rich heritage in the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. The last Sunday in October has been chosen as Reformation Sunday because it was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. Reformation Sunday is also a day when we remember and give thanks for Reformation leaders and all others who have kept the faith. As part of our Reformation Sunday observances, we sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" as our opening hymn. Based on Psalm 46, the hymn was written and composed by Martin Luther in 1529 and soon became the rallying cry of the Protestant Reformation. By 1900, the hymn had been translated into more than eighty languages, and today, nearly five hundred years later, more than two hundred versions of "A Mighty Fortress" are in common usage.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: On November 6, at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, the Second Presbyterian Adult Choir, with soloists Melanie Hanna, soprano, and Luke Angelo, baritone, accompanied by Adam Savacool and guest instrumentalists, will present selections from Johannes Brahms' (1833-1897) Deutsches Requiem. The choir prays that this musical offering will inspire and comfort us as we mourn and remember with love the members of the congregation who have passed into the arms of our Lord.

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).

SAVE THE DATE FOR HANGING OF THE GREENS: On November 27, we will celebrate the start of Advent with a church wide breakfast, decorating, and a single worship service. Stay tuned for more details!

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 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

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HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT: You're invited to the Halloween Carnival TODAY from 4:00-6:00 p.m.! Rain or shine, we'll have games for preschool and elementary aged children, trunk or treat, bounce houses, and hot dogs and sides for dinner. Please join us for all the fun!

THE PRAECLARA RINGERS invite you to a free concert filled with Broadway hits. From Les Misérables to Oklahoma, and so much in between, you're bound to hear familiar favorites. Sunday, November 13, 3:00 p.m. in our Great Hall. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

CHEESES WITH JESUS Our next meeting will be November 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. #5 Berwyn Drive, Little Rock. Continuing our study of flawed characters in the Bible, we will look at the struggle between brothers Jacob and Esau. What does their story suggest to us about learning to reconcile as adult siblings? For our next Service Project, we will be collecting funds to purchase Christmas gifts for one or two children at Centers for Youth & Families. We will be accepting contributions in November, so that Santa's helper(s) have time to make purchases in time for Christmas.

SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Join us 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.

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* meets November 7th at 9:30 a.m. to study chapters 8-10 of Archbishop Desmond Tutu's "The Book of Forgiving". *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 31 Philippians 4:4-13
Nov 1 Hebrews 11:1-12:2
Nov 2 Hebrews 13:1-8
Nov 3 James 1:2-15
Nov 4 Revelation 3:20
Nov 5 Revelation 21:1-7

FAITH AND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Join us in Second Hall on Tuesday, November 15, at Noon for our grief support group. Jeanne Lloyd will share her journey of faith and grief with the group. Lunch is provided. Please register at www.faithandgrief.org, with the QR code or in the office to ensure we have enough lunches.



THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY is hosting an Electric Vehicle (EV) Information and Demonstration Event at Second Presbyterian on Sunday, November 13, after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will have speakers from our church explain the benefits of EVs, the different types available, and the availability of federal tax credits. We will have demonstrations and owners to answer your questions. Please make a reservation with the QR code or by calling the church office by Wednesday, November 9.



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH (SPY) UPDATE: 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. If you are interested in more information about any of these programs, please reach out to Maggie Kirchner, maggielkirchner@secondpreslr.org.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MINI-RETREAT: Families with Young Children are invited to a Nov 5-6 Retreat at Petit Jean Mountain. Bring a tent and your favorite outdoor snacks and games! The schedule is flexible: come up Saturday afternoon, evening, or even just Sunday morning. If coming, please contact Jen Rigsby at jenrigsby@gmail.com.

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 grantwildwright@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 Wildwright with questions grantwildwright@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 Wildwright at grantwildwright@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.

Kay Combs 501-517-5007
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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.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.
Ann Norwood

11:00 A.M.
Chris Boggs
Lauren Gann



**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 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

*Fall Bible Study 12:00
Day Ringers 12:00
Pastoral Care 1:30
Boy Scouts 7:00
Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00
Planned Giving 11:30
Ministry Meetings 5:00
Pastoral Care 5:00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Staff Meeting 9:00
*WACKY 5:00
Adult Choir 6:00
Children's Choir 6:00
Belonging Ministry 7:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Enneagram Class 7:00
Dementia Caregivers Support Group
1:00
*Young Adults Group 7:00

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

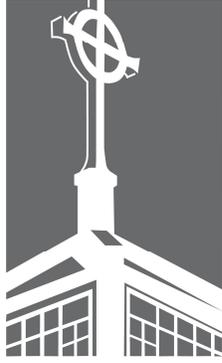
*FWYC Fall Mini-Retreat

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Worship 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
Young Adults Lunch 12:15
Praeclara Ringers 2:00
Stewardship Gathering 2:00
*Family Dinner 4:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator: Jody Welker
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