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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 9, 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**                      *Menuet gothique*                      L. Boëllmann

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Holy God, parent of us all, we gather to worship you                      Psalm 133  
and to reaffirm our shared relationship as children of God.

**With tender care, God welcomes us to our shared  
experiences of worship, fellowship, prayer and praise.**

Renewing God, we gather to be transformed by your presence  
and to nurture relationships that flows when worship together

**How good and pleasant it is, when we gather together as one people, ready  
to praise, to pray, and to hear your word.**

For here you bestow your blessings to us of life forevermore!

\* **HYMN NO. 645**    *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*    MIT FREUDEN ZART

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)**

God of mercy, God of love, in humbleness of heart we confess our sins.  
We forget to love and serve you, and wander from your ways.  
We are careless of your world, and put its life in danger.  
We talk of our concern for others, but fail to match our words with action.

*(silence)*

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

*(silence)*

**Merciful God, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. 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.



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Jody Welker

The Reverend Marie Mainard O'Connell

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

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) Leon Lants (11:00) Laura Cook

Elder of the Day: (11:00) Alicia Byrd

Ushers: (8:30) Bob Skinner, Gwin and Cotten Cunningham, Judi and Steve Short

(11:00) Cheryl Denson, Jo Paulus, Peggy Marshall, Steve Dunnagan,

Anne and Christian Grimes

*Liturgy used for The Prayers of the People adapted from the Liturgical Task Force  
of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity, 2017*

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](http://secondpreslr.org). To receive a copy of a sermon either by e-mail or regular mail, contact Karin Howze, [karinhowze@secondpreslr.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org))

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** is called for October 23 at 9:30 a.m. and Noon. The purpose of this meeting will be 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.

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC:** Today at 12:15 p.m. is our Annual All-Church Picnic at Ferncliff! 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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  
Susan Marsh

**GOODBYE YELLOW CARDS, HELLO RED FRIENDSHIP PADS!** We are returning to a former practice of using red folders with a sign in sheet (one folder at each pew). Those who have joined us in worship before 2020 will find this a familiar ritual. For those new to us in recent years, the form should be easy to use. We hope that all will take a moment to sign the pad, then pass it on to the neighbor in your pew. Most importantly – please take a moment to see who is seated nearby. As Jody noted recently, Christians are in the hospitality business! Thank you to all who have cooperated with our COVID – coping yellow cards for recording members and friends in worship.

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:** Each year on World Communion Sunday, we participate in the PC(USA)'s Peace and Global Witness Offering. Gifts received for this special offering are used to support the denomination's Presbyterian Peacemaking Program as well as local peace-making efforts in our community. This year the local portion of our offering will go to support the Little Rock Race and Faith Summit hosted by the Little Rock Congregations Study and UA Little Rock. The goal of this summit is to help equip faith leaders and congregations in Little Rock for the work of racial justice and reconciliation. Please give generously to support the work of peacemakers in our community and world.

**IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH? REMEMBER THE BIRTHDAY FUND!** If you have an October 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. Celebrate your birthday at the Birthday Fund table today in the Narthex. Birthday Fund envelopes are located at the table, at the Welcome Center and in the church office.

**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.

**FALL FESTIVAL AT PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE:** Enjoy dinner on the grill, the fellowship of friends, and seasonal activities at this community event on Thursday, October 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Village Courtyard. Don't miss the cake walk, photo booth or live music. Entry is \$25; \$10 for children under 12. Stay tuned for more information.

**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 Wednesdays (as a part of our new Wednesdays At Church for Kids and Youth-WACKY Wednesday program) from 6:00-6:50 in Second Hall. Christmas Choir rehearsals begin this Wednesday. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@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.

**OCTOBER SERMON SERIES**

**BY JODY WELKER**

During the month of October, 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*

**SECOND READERS** is looking for leadership and book ideas! This committed group of readers enjoys a self-determined book study on the third Wednesday of each month. Following the gracious exit of our previous leader, we're looking for a new person interested in helping the group craft their readership and leader list for each month and communicate to the group and church. Do you love to read books? Can you organize a schedule and help folks participate? Our next meeting is October 19 at 3:00 p.m. in Second Hall and on Zoom; contact Pastor Marie at mariemo@secondpreslr.org if you'd like to participate or help us continue our love of reading.

**CHEESES WITH JESUS** schedule for October will be our normal 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. October 12: the family of Abraham and Sarah is uprooted to move cross country. October 26: this same 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!

**SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Join us in October to explore the theology and morality revealed in the American classic story *To Kill a Mockingbird*, led by Dr. Chuck Chappell. More than a tale of coming-of-age amid racism, the lives of Atticus and Scout Finch reveal the undergirding goodness that works to heal a broken world.

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**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.

**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 10 Micah 6:6-8	Oct 17 Luke 15:1-32
<b>From the Gospels</b>	Oct 18 John 3:16-21
Oct 11 Matthew 5:1-16	Oct 19 John 6 (focus on vs 35)
Oct 12 Matthew 6:19-34	Oct 20 John 14
Oct 13 Matthew 7:7-27	Oct 21 John 21:1-17
Oct 14 Matthew 11:28-30	<b>From the Letters:</b>
Oct 15 Luke 10:25-42	Oct 22 Romans 8

**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.

**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 by Rev. Jody Welker each Monday at Noon in Room 67 and on Zoom.

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

**GAME DAY AFTERNOON!** A new adult fellowship program on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. We are meeting TODAY from 2:00- 4:00 p.m. Bring your favorite indoor game to share: dominos, cards, board games, puzzles, etc. Bring a friend, spouse, relative or neighbor. Come on your own. Drop in or stay all afternoon! Make some new friends. We gather at the little round tables in the hospitality area (in the Northwest Entry). Contact Jeanne Lloyd for more information.

**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).

**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. So far, we have sixteen youth and three adults attending YouthQuake at Ferncliff October 14-16. On October 30, 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, [maggiekirchner@secondpreslr.org](mailto:maggiekirchner@secondpreslr.org).

**JOIN US AT PRIDEFEST!** Living into our statement of Welcome and Inclusiveness, our congregation participates in Central Arkansas Pridefest each year, celebrating our LGBTQ members and their allies. This year, a group from our church will be walking in the Pridefest parade on Saturday morning, October 15. We will gather between 11:00-11:15 am at our assigned location at the parade, and we will walk the route together when the parade starts at noon. This is a fun and spirited event, and it is a great way to share the good news about our warm and welcoming congregation! For more details about the event or our meeting location, contact Lindy Vogado ([lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org)).

**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](mailto:clementine22@att.net).



**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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:grantwright@secondpreslr.org)

**JOIN US FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AT BALE ELEMENTARY THIS FALL:** Volunteers are needed for three special events at our school partner Bale Elementary! On October 21 at 8 am, they will be hosting a Muffins for Moms Breast Cancer Awareness event and are looking for a few folks to help at the sign-in table. Later that day on Oct 21 from 5-7:30 pm, they will be also hosting their annual Fall Festival. This is a super fun, family-friendly event for the school, and volunteers are needed to work booths, collect tickets, and help in the food area. Finally, on Oct 27 at 9 am, they are in need of volunteer judges for "Wear Red Day" during Red Ribbon Week. Each class will come visit the judges, and some of these kiddos will be covered from head to toe in red paint and clothing. If you like seeing excited groups of kids showing off their school pride, this is the job for you! To volunteer for any of these events or for more information, contact Lindy Vogado ([lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org](mailto:lindyvogado@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, OCTOBER 9

Worship 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00  
Sunday School 9:50  
\*All Church Picnic 12:15  
Young Adult Lunch 12:15  
\*Game Day Afternoon 2:00  
Praeclara Ringers 3:00  
\*Family Dinner 4:00

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

\*Fall Bible Study 12:00  
Day Ringers 12:00  
Pastoral Care 1:30  
Stephen Ministry 6:00  
\*Beyond Ideology 7:00  
Volleyball 7:00

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00  
PW Gathering 10:00  
Environmental Stewardship 5:30  
Fellowship 6:00

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Staff Meeting 9:00  
\*WACKY 5:00  
Adult Choir 6:00  
\*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Enneagram Class 7:00  
\*Young Adults Group 7:00

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

\*YouthQuake at Ferncliff

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

\*YouthQuake at Ferncliff

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

\*YouthQuake at Ferncliff  
Worship 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00  
Sunday School 9:50  
Prospective Member Class 9:50  
\*Hancock Portrait Dedication 11:00  
Praeclara Ringers 2:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin