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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

JANUARY 15, 2023

8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

The Congregation will speak aloud the bold print in responsive readings.

* Those who are able, please stand.

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 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. L. Smith

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)** Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come into the divine presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;

the One who made us and to whom we belong;

we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;

go into these courts with praise;

give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;

and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

O come, let us worship God!

* **HYMN 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERRN

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, our Lord, Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we fail to notice your presence in our lives: when we walk through this world feeling lost and alone, when we fail to see you near us, ready to guide us and walk alongside us. Open our eyes to your presence, Lord of love, that we may lean on you, learn from you and follow you. In your holy 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.

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
Adam Savacool, Organist
Clint Brockway, Interpreter
Liturgist: Elizabeth Cahoon

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Susan Marsh (11:00) Vernon Markham
Ushers: (8:30) Dan, Chrissy, Clara and Ezra Voth, Ann Norwood
(11:00) Jane and Vernon Markham, Shanna Smiley,
Garry Mertins, Jay Dyke, Melissa Hendricks

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.



224,572. That is what is needed for our Stewardship Campaign to reach its goal. It’s why we need every Estimate of Giving commitment and an increase in those commitments. If we are able to reach that goal, we will be able to continue vital ministries, maintain our commitment to outreach, and provide the cost of living raises (it’s been over 2 years) and compensation adjustments for the staff. We give thanks to those who have already made your commitments. Thanks to you, we have received \$1,886,927 in Estimate of Giving

commitments. Thank you. If any of you wish to increase a commitment, please contact Aileen Moore. If you have not made your commitment, there are four ways you can turn in your Estimate of Giving card:

- Place it in the offering plate on Sunday.
- Mail it to the church.
- Drop it off at the church office during the week.
- Complete it online through our church’s website at secondpreslr.org or with the QR code.



Estimate of Giving cards are on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office.

OFFERINGS TO 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 2023 Annual Budget, Memorial Gifts and the Birthday Fund. Your offering supports the ministries of our church by placing your offering in the offering plate, through online giving at secondpreslr.org/giving or mailing a check to the church office, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72227.



2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE: Those wishing to use weekly-dated envelopes may pick them up from one of the tables inside the Sanctuary doors.

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.

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).

A WEATHER REMINDER: Weekday church events are canceled and the church office is closed if the Little Rock Public Schools are canceled or dismissed due to weather.

CELEBRATE JODY AND SHARON WELKER at a reception in The Great Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service *today!* Don't miss this opportunity to say "thank you!" Contact information for the Welkers: 6 Hemlock Lane, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

UPDATE FROM YOUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Your PNC is continuing its work. We are continuously evaluating applications/applicants and determining 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.

WEDNESDAYS AT CHURCH FOR KIDS AND YOUTH (WACKY) is open to all Kindergarten through Twelfth Graders and runs on Wednesdays from 5:00-7:30 p.m. With choir, bells, dinner and youth/children's activities, there's something for everyone! Come get WACKY with us. Friends and visitors are always welcome. See you soon! Interested in volunteering, or for more information, please contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org or (501) 412-1416 or Elizabeth Cahoon at elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH (SPY) WELCOME DINNER: The Youth Ministry encourages all youth families to welcome Elizabeth and Joel Cahoon at a special dinner in the Youth Building on Sunday, January 22, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Scan QR code to register.



NEW SECOND HALL SHORT SERIES: Start the new year off right with our first series on "The Meaning of Transitional Ministry." If you asked the question, "when will we get a new pastor?" then this series is for you! Rev. Jody Welker will join us today to reflect on his experience in a year of Interim Head Pastor. Then, newly retired professional interim Rev. Howard Reed will join us for two Sundays January 22 and 29 to discuss the theological underpinning of transitional ministry and the congregational response and responsibility in a season of change. Get answers to questions you may not realize you had, and discuss our path forward together.

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 read excerpts of Brian McClaren's *Do I Stay Christian?* and craft a space of openness and acceptance for everyone's differing faith journey as emotions and questions arise during each person's effort to deconstruct and reconstruct a meaningful faith. No advance reading required, but books available! Seeking More Light (Room 67 & Zoom) with Greg Adams is reading Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Always a Guest*. 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.

YOUR MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS:

A CELEBRATION ORGAN RECITAL WITH MR. KEN COWAN

It is a special evening of music and celebration, as our Music Ministry presents our inaugural organ recital on our spectacular new instrument! Ken Cowan, one of North America's finest concert organists, praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike, will perform Friday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m. This concert is open to the general public and there is no ticket admission. Please save the date, and help all of Second Church celebrate!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: The Faith and Grief support group resumes its monthly lunch gathering on January 17 at noon. Join any time as members share stories of faith in the eyes of grief and provide support to one another. Register at faithandgrief.org/gatherings or through the office, so we know how many lunches to prepare.

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY resumes Monday, January 16, at 9:30 a.m. with a new book "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" by Eugene Peterson, led by Rev. Dr. Robert Lowry, pastor of Westover Hills Presbyterian Church. All are welcome, women and men, to share this time of reflection and conversation on a classic book of spiritual formation using Psalms 120-134. Books are available in the office.

CHEESES WITH JESUS will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be Jan. 25, 2023 7:00 p.m. at #5 Berwyn Drive, 72227. We are an adult group in between 'young adult' and retiree. We pride ourselves on being inclusive: pairs and spares; with and without children; married, single, divorced; LGBTQ+. We are always delighted to meet new friends! Questions? Contact Catherine Allsbury (catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org).

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Young Adults (18-35ish) are invited to join us at our regular fellowship events. We meet on Sundays in the back of the sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for lunch and discussion. **TODAY we will be attending the Welker reception after the 11:00 worship service.** 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 elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org.

SECOND READERS RETURNS! Join us Feb. 15 at 3:00 p.m. in-person in Second Hall (Zoom by request only). Our group Second Readers is regathering with a new purpose: once we met to re-read familiar books from high school and secondary education; now we meet to read books that may provoke and encourage us to deeper thought about our current world. Leaders will still rise from among us to share a book that they found personally impactful, and we encourage readers – men and women, younger and older – to join us for an hour every third Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. (preferably in-person) to dialog about books, reading, and the impact it makes on our lives. Our first book will be led by Nancy Coleman, *Silent Spring Revolution* by David Brinkley. "Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring*, published in 1962, depicted how detrimental DDT was to living creatures. The exposé launched an ecological revolution. In intimate detail, Brinkley extrapolates on such epic events as the Donora (Pennsylvania) smog incident, JFK's Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Great Lakes preservation, the Santa Barbara oil spill, and the first Earth Day." Discuss how one book changed science, politics, and activism forever, and its effects continue to reverberate today. Please contact Nancy Coleman (nancycoleman01@comcast.net) for more information.

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INTRODUCTION TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: TOURS AND TRADITIONS

Join Catherine Allsbury for a walking tour of the church campus. This session will show the ways in which the vision for ministry of Second Presbyterian Church is carried out through our buildings, grounds, sanctuary and classrooms. Join us to learn about the church family of Second Presbyterian Church, and to meet some new friends. There will also be time for coffee & refreshments! January 29, 2023. 9:45 a.m. Please meet at the front of the sanctuary. For more information, contact Catherine at catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org.

NEWCOMER SEMINAR: Let's get to know each other! Several times each year we offer an introductory course as a ministry to those who are new to our church: visitors as well as new members. Topics covered will give an overview of what we believe, as well as opportunities we offer to grow in faith and mission. We invite you to come get to know us, and to meet some new friends. February 12, 2023 from 9:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. in Room 60. (Coffee and refreshments included)

AFGHAN WELCOME UPDATE: We need another car! The oldest daughter in our first Afghan family has passed the written portion of her driver's test and will soon be able to drive! Having a second driver for this family of ten will be a huge step forward in their transition to life in Arkansas. We hope to be able to help provide another vehicle for this family by the summer as the daughter seeks full-time employment. If you have a vehicle that you would like to donate or sell inexpensively for this purpose, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

STEWPOINT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE NEW YEAR: Stewpot is a daily meal ministry on the campus of First Presbyterian Church downtown, and our congregation provides significant financial and volunteer resources to make the ministry possible. During the pandemic, Stewpot distributed sack lunches in a carry-out fashion, and this change was so well-received that the leadership has continued to serve in this way. One need is volunteers to help put together the sack lunches from 9:00-11:00 a.m. once a month. They are looking for new volunteers to serve once a month on the following times: 1st, 4th, or 5th Tuesdays or 3rd, 4th, or 5th Thursdays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

STEWPOINT CLOTHES DONATION SITE: We have now restarted our donation site for the Stewpot clothes closet downtown. Their most immediate needs are blankets, smaller size men's jeans/pants (sizes 36 down to size 30), and men's athletic shoes. They also need hoodies, men's gloves, and men's knit caps (toboggans). They can also always use travel size personal hygiene items. If you would like to donate these items, please place them in the Stewpot donation box located in the closets to the right of the church chapel entrance, and they will be delivered to the Stewpot meal ministry at First Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

Join us for **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** at 9:50 a.m. every Sunday. Preschoolers meet in the nursery area behind the Sanctuary, and Elementary-aged children meet in Bible Village, on the far side of the church from the main entry. Contact Grant Wildwright for more information at grantwildwright@secondpreslr.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SHEPHERDS NEEDED! If you are interested in teaching children or youth Sunday School, the spring semester is a great time to start. Whether you're an experienced teacher ready to plan lessons from our curriculum, or you would rather hang out with the kids in a supporting role on a Sunday or two, we'd love to have you in Bible Village and Preschool Sunday School. To learn more, contact Grant Wildwright at grantwildwright@secondpreslr.org or just sign up on the sheets at the back of the sanctuary by the worship engagement bags.

2023 SUNDAY FAMILY DINNERS: Families with children are invited to dinners at the home of the McCormack family. The next dinner will be held January 22. Additional dates coming soon! 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).



**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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**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.

JANUARY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

Ann Norwood

11:00 A.M.

Johanna Lewis
Jo Paulus



**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, JANUARY 15

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
*Welker Reception 12:00
Young Adult Lunch 12:15
Praeclara Ringers 6:00
Basketball Practice 6:30

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

MLK Jr. Day—Office Closed
*First and Third Monday Morning
Bible Study 9:30
Finance Committee 5:00
Boy Scouts 7:00
Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00
PW Together in Service 9:30
*Faith and Grief Meeting 12:00
Basketball Practice 6:30
Communion Training 7:00
Diaconate Meeting 7:00
Session Meeting 7:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Staff Meeting 9:00
*Second Readers 3:00
*WACKY 5:00
Adult Choir 6:00

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Basketball Practice 6:30
Enneagram Class 7:00

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
Young Adults Lunch 12:15
Praeclara Ringers 6:00
*Game Day 3:00
*Family Dinner 4:00
*SPY Welcome Dinner 5:30
Basketball Practice 6:30

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

Welcome Elizabeth Cahoon!

New Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries



Thank you for sharing your warmth and generous hospitality! This first week has been joyous and exhilarating, for surely the Spirit is working hard at Second Presbyterian Church! If we haven't met yet... Hi, I'm Elizabeth Cahoon and I've graciously accepted the call as your new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries!

I come to you from Annapolis, Maryland with my husband, Joel, and our three pets; Luna, a 7-year-old Shih Tzu; Basil, a three-year-old grey cat; and Cotton, a two-year-old white and cream-colored cat with the most adorable blue eyes. For the past five years, I have served the congregation of Woods Memorial

Presbyterian Church as their Youth Director, faithfully and enthusiastically. My time at Woods has prepared me for the diving board I am jumping off of into your vibrant and thriving congregation. Woods has a large youth program, comparable to that at Second Pres, which presented many opportunities for fun outings and overnight retreats. One of my specialties in Youth Ministry, besides having endless energy for all-nighters at a lock-in, is my passion for an engaging Confirmation Class. I am eager to jump on board with the teaching team at Second Pres to serve these young and impressionable minds.

Other passions of mine within the world of Youth Ministry include advocacy for teen mental health and suicide prevention. I have worked with psychologists, doctors and school counselors to raise awareness and magnify the voice of our teens. In my ministry, the church plays a unique role in the life of teens within our community, which most importantly is that of a safe harbor. I am also passionate about creating space for teens and young adults to be involved and engaged in local and international mission work. We are in the midst of a generation who learns best by using their hands, so what better way to teach the Gospel than by letting our young people be the hands and feet of Christ.

Outside of the church you can find me in my craft room tailoring handmade outfits for children. Growing up my aunt shared with me her talents as a self-taught seamstress; and as a coping tool after her unexpected passing I taught myself this dying art. From this I created a small business for young parents or grandparents to buy one-of-a-kind clothing all designed and made by me. The Arts have always been a place of tranquility and peace in my life, even from a young age. I love all textile arts, but also painting. As a family, Joel and I enjoy spending quality time together exploring new places, trying new restaurants and watching historical dramas on Netflix; our current show is *The Crown*.

We both have supportive families who are thrilled that we are making this next step for both of our careers. Joel works in the natural gas and propane industry and is currently looking for future employment. We are so grateful for the support we have received from members of Second Pres looking out for him. My family is based out of Richmond, Virginia, while Joel's is mostly in the metro DC area. We look forward to welcoming our families down to Little Rock to see this beautiful congregation we are about to call home. Thank you for extending the call to serve your congregation. My prayers will be to serve you faithfully and with dedication for life-long discipleship.

