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

JANUARY 22, 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 *Improvisation on ST. THEODULPH* D. Lasky

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Jesus said to Peter and Andrew, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

And "immediately they left their nets and followed Him."

Let us hear the voice of Christ who calls us to follow and to invite, to participate and proclaim the reign of God on earth.

We are those who are called to share the message of Jesus Christ's love and grace in word and deed.

Jesus calls us to be the light of the world.

As we follow Jesus Christ, may the light of His light shine through us.

We are here to celebrate God's gift in Christ, to worship the giver of that gift, and to prepare to follow wherever Christ leads us.

Let us bring our praise and worship the living and loving God!

* **HYMN NO. 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess, O God, that sometimes we choose to sit in the margins of life, just outside Your fullness and peace. We sit in the shadows, not far from the sunlight, fearing that to move would be worse rather than better. Too often, we stay there, in the shadows, in the darkness, rather than living in the light of Your presence.

We live in the darkness of worry, O God. We worry about so many things, and we sometimes believe our worrying will make things better. We live in the shadows of apathy. When worry doesn't work, we decide not to care anymore. We live in the darkness of gloom and despair. When it seems that nothing is going right, we are tempted to give up. Forgive us, O God. Bring us out from our dark and shadowy places and into the light of Your forgiveness, Your grace and Your love.

(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.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Please take the red friendship pad, sign your name and pass it down the pew and back, noting the names of those worshiping with you. We encourage visitors to share their information that we might be aware of your presence with us.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18* NT, p.166

ANTHEM *Laudate Dominum K.339* W.A.Mozart
 SPC Adult Choir
 Satia Spencer, mezzo soprano

Praise the Lord, all ye nations,
For his loving kindness and mercy
has been bestowed upon us,
and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

GOSPEL LESSON *MATTHEW 4:12-23* NT, p. 12-13

SERMON *FOLLOWING THE LIGHT* Stewart Smith

* **HYMN NO. 749** *Come! Live in the Light!* WE ARE CALLED

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The proclamation of God's Word invites responses of faith.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Lord's My Shepherd* arr. J. Krug

* **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. 721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Postlude on ST. DENIO* R. Williamson

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Stewart Smith

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

The Reverend Marie Mainard O'Connell

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Grant Wildwright, Interim Director of Family Ministry

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Elizabeth Cahoon (11:00) Judy Johnson

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Kim Dunnagan

Ushers: (8:30) Chris McDaniel, Ralph Wilcox, Ann and Kirby Norwood

(11:00) Ouida and George Keck, Debbie Bass, Tom Hicks,

Pam Luther, Katherine Downie

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.



\$268,452. 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 \$1,924,047 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.

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.

A NOTE FROM THE WELKERS

Family and Friends of Second Presbyterian,

Sharon and I want to say thank you for your words and expressions of love as we said goodbye to you. The notes we received from children, youth and adults are notes we will save and treasure. The kind words spoken will be remembered. The gifts so many of you shared in different ways are signs of love for us. The reception was gracious. We have enjoyed the bread and we love the prayer shawls (which remind us of the warmth of this congregation). We look forward to receiving the breakfast box of Petit Jean meats. We know that will be a special treat from Arkansas. We remain grateful for the many enduring friendships we have made among you. If you come to NC, we hope to see you!

In faith, hope and love,
Jody and Sharon Welker

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.

THE REV. DR. RANDY HYDE will join us as Transitional Pastor beginning January 30, 2023. Many of you know Randy from the time he served in a transitional capacity as an associate pastor here. Randy has family who are members of our congregation, he is committed to Second Church, and he is looking forward to serving in this way.

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 TODAY from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

SECOND HALL SHORT SERIES

TRANSITIONS IN MINISTRY: INTERIM FROM THE INSIDE

“When will we get a new pastor??” Have you heard this question? Today and next Sunday in Second Hall, newly retired professional interim Rev. Howard Reed of the PC(USA) will discuss the theological underpinning of transitional ministry and the congregational response and responsibility in our season of change. Get answers to questions, lean into new ideas for growth, and discuss our path forward together.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Connections Cafe (Room 62) This laid back, conversational class discusses life, family, parenting, current events and everything in between as we discover our stories together. We've begun “reconstructing” faith, using the book *Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed and the Disillusioned* by Brian McLaren. No pre-reading needed; quotes provided! Seeking More Light (Room 67 and Zoom) is an open and affirming class that strives to learn from all kinds of people, currently discussing Diana Butler Bass' book *Grounded: Finding God in the World-A Spiritual Revolution*, available in the office for \$10. Adult Bible Study (starts early at 9:30 a.m. for 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 *The Book of Forgiving* by Desmond Tutu 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. Tuesday Men's Group Ministry: each Tuesday at 7:00 a.m., men gather in person in Second Hall and Zoom for encouragement, support, and bible study. Free donuts and coffee! First and Third Monday Morning Bible Study meets February 6 and 20 at 9:30 a.m. in Second Hall to discuss Eugene Peterson's classic spiritual guide *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society* with special guest lecturer Rev. Dr. Robert Lowry (yes, Catherine Lowry's son, pastor of Westover Hills Presbyterian Church). Second Readers Book Club reconvenes for the spring on February 15 at 3:00 p.m. in person in Second Hall (Zoom by request) for *Silent Spring Revolution* by David Brinkley, a powerful follow up sequel to Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*. Presbytery Partner Midweek Manna Bible Study meets Wednesdays from 12:05-12:55 p.m. in the underground chapel of Westover Hills Presbyterian Church and by Zoom. Attendees are invited to bring lunch and join in the conversation, currently on the book of Romans, led by Rev. Dr. Robert Lowry. For more information, Zoom address, and questions please contact Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell at 214-686-6347 and mariemo@secondpreslr.org

CHEESES WITH JESUS will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be January 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).

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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!

GAME DAY will resume today, January 22, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Northwest Entry gathering space, and continue the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Folks are invited to join in board and card games of all types, to make friends and enjoy casual fellowship. For questions contact Jeanne Lloyd at 501-231-6719.

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. We have Trivia Night on the first and third Thursday of the month and Bible Study on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. These events begin at 7:00 p.m. To inquire about these events or get on our mailing list to find out about special events, contact elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org.

LIFEQUEST COVID/FLU VACCINE CLINIC: The Arkansas Health Department will be in the Great Hall on January 25, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to provide free COVID-19 boosters and flu shots to anyone who still needs one. This is open to all Second Presbyterian Church members, Preschool staff and parents, and LifeQuest members.

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.

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)

TRAVEL TO HONDURAS WITH THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS: The mission committee of the presbytery is currently planning a mission trip to Honduras from March 18-26, 2023. The purpose is to renew our presbytery's international partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Honduras and engage in hands-on service. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1200-1500, and partial scholarships are available for those with financial need. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org), and she will connect you with the trip leaders.

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).

STEWPOD 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).

STEWPOD 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).



**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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Cathy Crass 501-951-5890
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Jana Villemez 501-517-1474
JoAnn McQuade, Grief Care
Rev. Alisa Secrest 501-227-0000

**STEPHEN MINISTRY
GIVING COMFORT, LIFTING SPIRITS**

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, February 12, March 12, March 26 and April 23. 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).

SPRING SEMESTER 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS

January 29

3rd Grade Bibles Workshop
12:15 p.m., Bible Village

February 5

SPY Kids (4th-5th Grade) Outing
12:15 p.m., meeting in Church Narthex.

February 24-25

Family Retreat Weekend
6:00 p.m. Friday to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Ferncliff Camp

March 10-11

Our Whole Lives Workshop (5th-8th grade)
7:00-9:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday, Youth Building

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 22

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

Sunday School 9:50

Young Adults Lunch 12:15

Praeclara Ringers 6:00

*Game Day 2:00

*Family Dinner 4:00

*SPY Welcome Dinner 5:30

Basketball Practice 6:30

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Day Ringers 12:00

Pastoral Care 1:30

Stephen Ministry 6:00

Boy Scouts 7:00

Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

PW Coordinating Team 1:00

Basketball Practice 6:30

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

Staff Meeting 9:00

*LifeQuest Vaccine Clinic 9:00

Endowment Committee 11:30

*WACKY 5:00

Adult Choir 6:00

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

Basketball Practice 6:30

Enneagram Class 7:00

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Organ Recital Reception 7:00

*Organ Recital 7:30

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

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

Church Tour 9:45

Sunday School 9:50

Young Adults Lunch 12:15

Praeclara Ringers 6:00

*Family Dinner 4:00

Basketball Practice 6:30

* Denotes announcement in bulletin