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

JANUARY 29, 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 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* arr. A. Laura Page

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

The winds are God's messengers; Psalm 104

Fire and flame are God's attendants.

The clouds are God's chariots;

God rides on the wings of the wind.

At the sound of God's thunder, the waters take flight;

God looks on the earth and it trembles;

God touches the mountains and they smoke.

The glory of the Lord shall endure forever.

Let us sing praises to our God!

* **HYMN NO. 22** *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

God of grace, we confess the times we have not sought you out, distracted by our everyday concerns. We confess the days we have not listened to your voice, focusing on our own desires. We confess the moments we have refused to follow your call, clinging to the familiar. We confess the ways we have strayed from the path, finding it too hard to travel. We confess the things we have refused to change, stuck on our own ideas and plans.

Forgive us and heal us, gracious God. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE (RESPONSIVE)**

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you;

my peace I give you.

Not as the world gives do I give to you.

Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid."

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Jocelyn Wildwright, Ferncliff Camp

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 worshipping with you. We encourage visitors to share their information that we might be aware of your presence with us.

SCRIPTURE READING *PSALM 29:1-11* OT, PP.504-505

ANTHEM *If With All Your Heart You Truly Seek Me* F. Mendelssohn
 from oratorio Elijah
 SPC Adult Choir
 Luke Angelo, tenor

SCRIPTURE READING *I KINGS 19:9-15* OT, P.326

SERMON *A WHISPER IN THE SILENCE* Grant Wildwright

* **HYMN NO. 69** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* HERE I AM

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. R. Rowland-Raybold

* **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. 450** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. L. Leatherman

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Grant Wildwright, Interim Director of Family Ministry
Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
The Reverend Alisa Secrest
The Reverend Lindy Vogado
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts
Adam Savacool, Organist
Clint Brockway, Interpreter
Elders of the Day: (8:30) Susan Marsh (11:00) Garry Mertins
Ushers: (8:30) Ann Norwood, Dan, Chrissy, Clara and Ezra Voth
(11:00) Leon Lants, Laura and Ken Cook, Shanna Smiley,
Justin Villines, 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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Thanks to so many of you who have already contributed to our stewardship campaign! We have received \$1,964,988 so far, and these commitments will help us to continue the important mission and ministries of our church. To fully fund our budget, we still \$226,512. These funds are critical to allowing us to compensate our staff fairly and to continue our generous support of many transformative Outreach projects in our community. You may make (or

increase) your pledge for 2023 by visiting our church website, using the QR Code, contacting the church office, or placing an Estimate of Giving card in the offering plate. Blank estimate of Giving cards can be found on the tables in the back of sanctuary or in the church office. We are grateful to everyone for their generosity and participation!



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.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Faith and Grief support group meets every third Tuesday in Second Hall at noon. At our Feb 21 noon gathering, we will hear from a speaker then (if we wish) share from our own journeys of faith and grief. This is a monthly community of support and comfort. Join at any time. There is no cost, but we appreciate a good will offering of \$8 to cover the cost of lunch. Please register through faithandgrief.org or through the church office, so we can have plenty of lunch available.

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.

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 tomorrow, 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.

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK! We look forward to welcoming all 6th-12th graders to Sunday Night Youth Group with SPY! We will be meeting at a new time, starting on February 5. We will meet in the Youth Building from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy dinner, games, fellowship, and discipleship!

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.

CHEESES WITH JESUS will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be February 8, 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).

SECOND HALL SHORT SERIES: TRANSITIONS IN MINISTRY: INTERIM FROM THE INSIDE "When will we get a new pastor??" Have you heard this question? Today in Second Hall, at 9:50 a.m., 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 Class (Room 62) This laid back, conversational class discusses life, family, parenting, current events and everything in between as we discover our stories together. We are "reconstructing" faith informed by the book The Heart of Christianity by Marcus Borg. 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. on Zoom only, Meeting ID 395 818 9248, password: second) with Graham Catlett continues The Present Word curriculum for discussion of Biblical Texts. Perfect for those at home or out of town!

Spiritual Nourishment (Zoom and 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.

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).

Small Group Lenten Study meeting Wednesday evenings for 40 days to read, reflect and bless our imperfect lives, guided by Kate Bowler's new book, *The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days*. Join this intergenerational group of folks 5:30-7:00p.m. in member's homes or at the church starting February 15, at the home of Leslie and Preston McCormack. Please contact Rev. Marie for more information and to RSVP.

Second Readers Book Club Join us Feb. 15 at 3:00 p.m. in person in Second Hall to explore books that provoke deeper engagement with the world, starting with *Silent Spring Revolution* by David Brinkley. We meet each month on the third Wednesday. Please contact Nancy Coleman (nancycoleman01@comcast.net) for more information.

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.

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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! Today, January 29, 2023. at 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.)

GAME DAY is in the Northwest Entry gathering space on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. The next get together is Sunday, February 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m. 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.

SECOND READERS RETURNS! Join us February 15 at 3:00 p.m. in person in Second Hall to explore books that provoke deeper engagement with the world, starting with *Silent Spring Revolution* by David Brinkley. We meet each month on the third Wednesday. Please contact Nancy Coleman (nancycoleman01@comcast.net) for more information.

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).

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



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

Cathy Crass 501-951-5890

Steve Dunnagan 501-590-9768

Laurie Stueart 501-658-7966

Jana Villemez 501-517-1474

JoAnn McQuade, Grief Care

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.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

Dan Voth

11:00 A.M.

Linda VanHook
Marsha Taylor



**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 29

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

*Church Tour 9:45

Sunday School 9:50

Young Adults Lunch 12:15

*Third Grade Bible Workshop 12:15

Praeclara Ringers 6:00

Basketball Practice 6:30

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

Day Ringers 12:00

Pastoral Care 1:30

Stephen Ministry 6:30

Boy Scouts 7:00

Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

Basketball Practice 6:30

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Staff Meeting 9:00

*WACKY 5:00

Adult Choir 6:00

Belonging Ministry 7:00

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Dementia Caregivers Support Group
1:00

Basketball Practice 6:30

Enneagram Class 7:00

*Young Adult Trivia 7:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Basketball Practice 6:30

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

Sunday School 9:50

*SPY Kids Outing 12:15

Young Adults Lunch 12:15

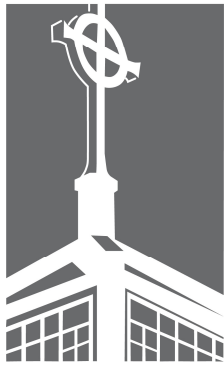
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*MS and HS SPY 6:00

Basketball Practice 6:30

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator: Jody Welker
Clerk: Philip Shell
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CLASS OF 2023

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Somerset Sea
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Vernon Markham

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Eli Gomez

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