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

FEBRUARY 12, 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

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 our guests to share your information that we might be aware of your presence with us.

PRELUDE *Echoes of the Past* by K. Wissinger

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Followers of Jesus,
by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring
Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

* **HYMN NO. 81** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins before God,
our help in times of trouble.

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Almighty God,
we have asked for your righteous judgment
against others,
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.** *ISAIAH 58:2*

**We have worshiped you with our lips,
but have dishonored you with our actions.
We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,
yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity
toward others.**

**Our religion has become the source of quarreling
rather than a testimony to your grace.** *ISAIAH 58:4*
**Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity
of heart,
that we may shine forth the light of your salvation,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

In mercy God forgives us our sin
and grants us genuine repentance
through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
(Stanza 3)

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

* 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

Souper Bowl of Caring

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

The Lord's Prayer
(8:30) Soprano Melanie Hanna
(11:00) *Love is Love is Love*

A. Malotte

A. Betinis

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 5:21-37

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SERMON

RECONCILIATION

Randy Hyde

* HYMN NO. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

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

Litany

C. Callahan

* 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. 641

When in Our Music God is Glorified

ENGELBERG

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

AUSTRIAN HYMN

arr. J. Ferguson

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

The Reverend Marie Mainard O'Connell

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adults

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Mike Paulus (11:00) Melissa Hendricks

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Alicia Byrd

Ushers: (8:30) Dan Voth, Ezra Voth, and Justin Villines

(11:00) Marsha Taylor, Leah and Philip Shell, Tom Hicks, Kate Franks,

Linda VanHook, Shanna Smiley, Cynthia Hester

Please notify the church office of hospitalizations, joys and concerns. For a full listing of prayer concerns, please call the Care and Concern line at (501) 227-6117.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME AND INCLUSIVENESS

As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ's vision of God's realm—one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.

Second Presbyterian Church welcomes all people.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we invite those who respond in trust and obedience to God's grace in Jesus Christ to become part of the membership and ministry of the church.

We would be pleased to have you join us in our journey of faith, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, ethnic background, mental or physical abilities.

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. You may support 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.



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 February 21 noon gathering, we will hear from our speaker Joe Holmes and then (if we wish) share from our own journeys of faith and grief. This is a monthly community gathering 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 lunches available.

NEWCOMER SEMINAR TODAY: 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.)

SHROVE SUNDAY CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 19: Just before entering Lent, we'll celebrate Shrove Sunday with come-and-go fellowship and refreshments in the Northwest Entry. Stop by between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. for fun, friends and treats.

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 or (804) 614-6970.

SECOND HALL SHORT SERIES (Second Hall and Zoom) Join our latest short series on ASK: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age, by Scott and Arthur Jones - February 5, 12, and 19. Prepare for a profound Lent with the BIG questions and our gifted guest lecturers. Rabbi Eugene Levy leads Feb. 12th for Chapters 1 and 5, "Can only one religion be true?" and "Can I trust the Old Testament?" Dr. Alan Dickman of UAMS will lead us on Feb. 19th for Chapter 3 "How can I believe in science and creation?" Book copies aren't needed - just an open mind and faith-seeking heart.

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.

Lenten Daily Text Devotional starting Wednesday February 22 until Easter Sunday. Explore the Gospel of Luke as inspired by Adam Hamilton's book Luke: Jesus and the Outcasts, Outsiders and Outlaws. Each morning receive a brief scripture and reflection on the life of Christ that led him to the cross and resurrection. Use the QR Code or text "devotional" to Pastor Marie at 214-686-6347.



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! Discussions center on the sermon text used by the Transitional Pastor, Randy Hyde.

First and Third Monday Morning Bible Study meets next on February 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.

Young Adult Bible Study meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Building. We're for folks 18-20s interested in deeper biblical understanding, currently reading [Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World](#) (book provided!). We're using this inspiring study to see how we can find holy space in our hectic lives, a time for rest and healing together. Contact Elizabeth Cahoon at elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org for more info.

Second Readers Book Club Join us February 15 at 3:00 p.m. in person in Library 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.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH (SPY) UPDATE

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK! We look forward to welcoming all 6th-12th graders to Sunday Night Youth Group with SPY! We meet in the Youth Building on Sundays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy dinner, games, fellowship, and discipleship!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TODAY: While fans begin to prep their favorite tailgating snacks and pull out their teams jerseys, our youth will be collecting cash or check donations for Souper Bowl of Caring. This nationwide fundraiser helps to support the hunger crisis happening within our own backyards. Consider bringing a donation to place in the soup pot after all three worship services TODAY!

SUPER BOWL VIEWING PARTY: SPY Youth Group is hosting a viewing of the Super Bowl Game up until half-time!! Wear your Eagles or Chiefs gear and come cheer on your favorite team! Or if you are like me, come for the commercials!! We will gather in the Youth Building from 5:00-8:00 p.m., we are assuming the halftime show ends by 8:00 p.m. Please bring a tailgate snack/food to share for dinner.

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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 22, 2023. This meeting falls on Ash Wednesday. That evening we will attend the Ash Wednesday service in our sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Following the service we will regroup for refreshments at a location to be announced by our temporary Cruise Director, Garry Mertins. 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).

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.

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 \$1,200-1,500, 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.

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.

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

Family Retreat: All families with children or youth are welcome at the Spring Family Retreat, taking place from 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 24 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 25. Join us for fellowship, games, service, activities, and relaxation out at the always beautiful Ferncliff. \$125 per family, with scholarships available. Use the attached QR code to register.



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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will gather with their circles only this week, Tuesday, February 14th. We are studying Lesson Six for February entitled "Sabbath and Hospitality". The Martha Circle will meet in the Youth Building at 10:30 a.m. for the lesson and a Salad potluck. The Phoebe Circle plans to meet in the Library at Second Presbyterian at 10:30 a.m. The Prisca Circle plans to meet in the home of MaryAnn Foerste at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact your circle leaders. Other reminders for February are the following:
February 21, 9:30 a.m. - Together in-Service at Ferncliff
February 28, 1:00 p.m. – Coordinating Team meeting, Second Hall and/or zoom

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 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.

Kay Combs 501-517-5007
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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, FEBRUARY 12

Souper Bowl of Caring

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

*Newcomer Seminar 9:45

Sunday School 9:50

*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

*Game Day 2:00

Basketball Practice 3:00

*Family Dinner 4:00

*MS and HS SPY 5:00

Praeclara Ringers 2:00

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Day Ringers 12:00

Pastoral Care 1:30

Stephen Ministry 6:30

Boy Scouts 7:00

Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

*PW Circles 10:30

Card Making 1:30

Environmental Stewardship 5:30

Basketball Practice 6:30

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Staff Meeting 9:00

LifeQuest Vaccine Clinic 9:00

*Second Readers 3:00

*WACKY 5:00

*Small Group Lenten Kick-Off 5:30

Adult Choir 6:00

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Basketball Practice 6:30

Enneagram Class 7:00

*Young Adult Trivia 7:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Basketball Practice 6:30

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

*Shrove Sunday Celebration 9:00

Sunday School 9:50

*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

Basketball Practice 4:00

*MS and HS SPY 6:00

Praeclara Ringers 6:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator: Alisa Secrest
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Eli Gomez

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