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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**FEBRUARY 19, 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**

*UNSER HERRSCHER*

arr. D. Burton

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

It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

**We know what to expect and what is expected of us.**

But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

**We are not sure we are ready for that.**

Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

**Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision He places before us.**

**Let us worship God!**

**\* HYMN NO. 662**

*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

RATISBON

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in God's steadfast love,  
let us confess our sin.

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. We turn away from your love and look to our own means for assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up, and not be afraid.**

*(Silent Confession)*

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; see, everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God's love.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\* 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

Invitation to Lent

### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

#### ANTHEM

*Be Thou My Vision*  
SPC Men's Chorus

arr. R. Hunter

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*EXODUS 24:15-18*  
*MATTHEW 17:1-9*

OT, p.70  
NT, pp.18-19

#### SERMON

*SIX DAYS LATER*

Randy Hyde

#### \* HYMN NO. 193

*Jesus Take Us to the Mountain*

UNSER HERRSCHER

## 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 Road Home*  
SPC Adult Choir  
Ethan Ezell, baritone  
Luke Angelo, tenor  
Satia Spencer, mezzo soprano

S. Paulus

#### \* 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. 363

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### \* CHORAL BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Postlude on DUKE STREET*

R. Williamson

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adults

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) Jón Stevenson (11:00) Ansley Fleming

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Susan Marsh (11:00) Kate Franks

Ushers: (8:30) Dan, Chrissy, Clara and Ezra Voth

(11:00) Jessica Vaught, Leah and Philip Shell, Tom Hicks, Kate Franks,

Linda VanHook, Shanna Smiley, Cynthia Hester

*\*\*Our 11:00 a.m. worship is video recorded and shared live online;  
please be aware that your image may be recorded and stored.*

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](http://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](http://secondpreslr.org). To receive a copy of a sermon either by e-mail or regular mail, contact Karin Howze, [karinhowze@secondpreslr.org](mailto:karinhowze@secondpreslr.org) or (501) 227-0000. Printed copies are available in the Narthex and the church office.

**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.

**SHROVE SUNDAY CELEBRATION TODAY:** 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:** Our Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. On Ash Wednesday, we are invited into Lenten discipline and reflection. The Lenten invitation is an invitation to the interior life, a call to discover and live into our true identity, our identity in God. Who we are in God is who we are. And who we are in God is beloved.

### 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!

**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](mailto:maryibis@secondpreslr.org) or (501) 412-1416 or Elizabeth Cahoon at [elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org](mailto:elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org) or (804) 614-6970.

**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](http://faithandgrief.org) or through the church office, so we can have plenty of lunches available.

**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.

**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. Dr. Alan Diekman of UAMS will lead us on Feb. 19 for Chapter 3 "How can I believe in science and creation?" Book copies aren't needed - just an open mind and faith-seeking heart. Join us next week for our new Lenten series on "Luke: Jesus and the Outcasts" by Adam Hamilton, with our first week led by Rev. Marie. Books are now available in the church office for \$10.

#### **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](mailto: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 Monday, 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).

*Presbyterian Women Tuesdays:* Join us Third Tuesdays for PW Service day, February 22, 9:00 a.m. to noon at Ferncliff's Disaster Assistance Center for quality checking and creating disaster kits.

*Bless This Lent* intergenerational adult group is meeting Wednesdays starting March 1 in members' homes from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Devotionals are available in the Narthex, and books online or by request to Pastor Marie; this delightful small group shares a light meal and conversation inspired by the new book [The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days](#) by Kate Bowler. RSVP to Betsy Eldridge at (same info as before).

*Second Readers* has returned with a passion for books that surprise, inspire, and help us grow! Join us on Third Wednesdays; March 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library for our next book [Born a Crime](#) by Trevor Noah, this month led by Carol Young, who found this book funny, insightful, and tragic regarding the impact of racism in South Africa and beyond.

*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](mailto:elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org) for more info.

*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](mailto:mariemo@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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org)).

### SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**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).

#### **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 dinners will be held 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** (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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, 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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

\*First and Third Monday Morning  
Bible Study 9:30  
Day Ringers 12:00  
Pastoral Care 1:30  
Finance Committee 5:00  
Stephen Ministry 6:30  
Boy Scouts 7:00  
Volleyball 7:00

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00  
\*Faith and Grief 12:00  
Basketball Practice 6:30  
Session Meeting 7:00

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

Staff Meeting 9:00  
\*WACKY 5:00  
\*Small Group Lenten Study 5:30  
Adult Choir 6:00  
\*Ash Wednesday Service 6:30

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

Basketball Practice 6:30  
\*Young Adult Bible Study 7:00

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Confirmation Retreat  
\*Family Retreat  
Basketball Practice 6:30

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Confirmation Retreat  
\*Family Retreat

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Confirmation Retreat  
Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00  
Sunday School 9:50  
\*Young Adults Lunch 12:15  
Basketball Practice 4:00  
\*Family Dinner 4:00  
\*MS and HS SPY 6:00  
Praeclara Ringers 6:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin

**SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME  
FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS**

Please help the Nominating Committee with your ideas of members of Second Presbyterian to serve as elders and deacons for the Class of 2026. The Nominating Committee is a representative one, made up of members who have been selected to serve on this Nominating Committee from the following Church groups: the Session (two), the Diaconate (two), Presbyterian Women, Adult Sunday School, Youth Ministry, the Choir, and two members-at-large. This Committee will nominate a slate of officers to be voted upon at a Congregational Meeting in March.

Every officer will bring different talents and knowledge to the position, but it is hoped that everyone nominated will have an understanding of and commitment to Presbyterian government, a spirit of cooperation, a maturity of judgment, and a willingness to commit the time and effort necessary to fulfill the varied responsibilities of the elders and deacons of the Class of 2026. Above all, all will bring evidences of grace and compassion that are rooted in the Christian ethic in everyday life, and a deep love and commitment to God and this particular church.

After giving prayerful consideration, please fill out this form and turn it into the Church office or place it in the offering plate. All suggestions will be given careful consideration.

**YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Joseph Yancey, Kate Franks, Marsha Taylor, Freddie Jolley, Charles Allen, Anne Brantley, Don Hollingsworth, Maggie Kirchner, Lindy Vogado

**RECOMMEDATION FOR  
ELDERS AND DEACONS  
CLASS OF 2026**

I suggest the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
to serve as an elder.

I suggest the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
to serve as a deacon.

(The committee needs further information to help decide, among the names suggested, which to nominate this year. To help them, please check those areas in which you feel this person is strongly qualified, and make any comment on these or other areas that would be helpful to the Committee.)

**Church Involvement:**

- Regular attendance at public worship
- Active participation in other church activities
- Offices held (Please list under comments.)
- Services rendered (Please list under comments.)
- Willingness to commit to Presbyterian heritage and form of gov't

**Christian Living in Daily Life:**

- within the family
- in the work place
- in the community

**Personal Characteristics and Skills:**

- Strong faith
- Grace and compassion
- Willingness to devote the time and effort
- Cooperativeness
- Patience
- Willingness to learn
- Openness to new ideas
- Maturity of judgment
- Ability to follow through on tasks

Why, in your opinion, would this person be a good officer? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In what activities, in or outside the church, have you worked with this person and what was your experience?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_