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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
EARTH DAY**

APRIL 16, 2023

8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

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

*** Please rise in body or spirit.**

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 leave a record of your attendance. At 11:00, take the red friendship pad, sign your name, and pass it down the pew and back, noting the names of those worshipping with you. At 8:30, complete the yellow card and place it in the offering plate. We encourage our guests to share your information that we might be aware of your presence with us.

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

J. Krug

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Psalm 19:1-4

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard.

**Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

*** HYMN NO. 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes.
We fall short of the purposes of God,
so let us confess our sins before the Lord.

Psalm. 19:7-8

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Our beautiful blue and green home
is an awesome gift from you, O Lord.**

**Yet we trade clean air for the power of convenience,
clean water for easy waste disposal,
and wilderness for elbowroom.**

We marvel more at our inventions than over your creation.

**We seem never to have enough,
as we constantly seek to accumulate more.**

**We throw up our hands in despair,
knowing not what we can do to help make our home,
our earth, a more glorious and peaceful place to live.**

**Forgive us, we pray, our shortcomings and show us
a better way of being stewards of your earth. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer -
 cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The psalmist says, *Psalm 24:1-2*
 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
 the world, and those who live in it;
 for God has founded it on the seas,
 and established it on the rivers.
 It is this God who forgives us our sins.
 Thanks be to God!

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

As God has forgiven us so we are called to forgive one another
 and to be at peace with one another.
 The grace and peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Environmental Stewardship

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *O Rest In the Lord* F. Mendelssohn
Janette Robinson, mezzo soprano

SCRIPTURE READING *MATTHEW 24:36-44* NT, PP. 27-28

SERMON *THE DAYS OF NOAH OR HOW ARE WE DOING?* Randy Hyde

* **HYMN NO. 39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

**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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. A. L. Page

* **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. 15** *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** *Festive Postlude* R. Williamson

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Ralph Wilcox (11:00) Micky Rigby

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Susan Marsh (11:00) Alicia Byrd

Ushers: (8:30) Anne Brantley, Jean Kohler, Janie Lowe,

Aileen Moore, Ruth Shepherd, Leon Lants

(11:00) Ann and Kirby Norwood, Carol Young, Gus Bower, Alice Andrews

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.

TORNADO RELIEF FUND: Many members of our congregation and wider community sustained significant loss during the tornado, and our church has set up a fund specifically to support local recovery efforts. If you would like to contribute, you may do so by mailing a check to the church office with "Tornado Relief" in the memo line or by giving online through our church website.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE COORDINATING TEAM: We anticipate that our church will likely serve as a host site for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance work crews who will be volunteering in our community in the upcoming months. Hosting groups of volunteers requires a lot of planning and preparation so we are beginning the process of organizing now. If you would like to join our church's PDA coordinating team, please contact Lindy Vogado in the church office (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Faith and Grief support group meets every third Tuesday in Second Hall at noon. Our next meeting will be April 18 at noon. 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.

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.

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**.



THANK YOU to the whole congregation and especially the helping hands who came to our neighborhood to help our family and friends recover from the tornado with tree removal, trash pickup and chores. I'm also grateful for meals and supplies, and everyone's grace and patience with me personally as we're finding a new normal. There are many families in our congregation who were seriously affected, and I encourage folks to continue to check in on any neighbors who were harmed that they are receiving help with tasks big and small. I guarantee such little tasks are sanity-savers, and if you see something that needs doing...you might be a hero if you volunteer to help do it. Thank you to ALL the people who helped us in this way! I am loving my sanity after such a disruptive event. Peacefully, Marie Mainard O'Connell.

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK AT BALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: LRSD's Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May, and we want to let all the wonderful teachers and staff at our school partner Bale Elementary know how much we appreciate all they do for the children in our community, especially in these very challenging times. We anticipate doing several nice things for the staff over the course of the week, and we are in need of volunteers to write letters, put together gift bags, and make food and other treat deliveries. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lindy Vogado in the church office (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Pastor search is ongoing! We are continuously evaluating applications/applicants, and we have begun some initial interviews. We believe we have some very good candidates, and hopefully one of them is the one God is calling to be our Head of Staff. Remember, we are working on God's timeline and trying to hear His voice in the process. Please continue to pray for us as we continue this search. PNC Members: Beth Sigler-Moderator, Greg Adams, Christina Littlejohn, Jim Marsh, Kathryn McMillian, Jennifer Rigsby, and Jón Stevenson.

IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH? REMEMBER THE BIRTHDAY FUND! If you have April birthday, you may give a gift as well as receive a gift. You are invited to give a dollar celebrating each year of your age to our church's endowment fund. You may also give in honor or in memory of the birthday of a loved one. Our endowment fund supports all of the ministries of our church, such as outreach missions, youth scholarships, pastoral care, music, Christian education and more. Celebrate your birthday at the Birthday Fund table today in the Narthex. Birthday Fund envelopes are located at the table, at the Welcome Center and in the church office.

NEWCOMER DISCOVERY SEMINAR-LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER! Sunday, April 23, 9:35 a.m.-10:50 a.m. in the Church Library. Several times each year, we offer an introductory course as a ministry to those who are new to our church - including visitors and 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*, as well as *others* new to our church family.

PRAECLARA RINGERS PRESENT: A DISNEY CELEBRATION! Be our guest as we ring through Disney favorites. Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 30, at 4:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Children and adults alike will love this magical musical afternoon. Costumes are encouraged! There will be fun photo opportunities with our Disney friends after the show. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

SECOND HALL SHORT SERIES

**9:50 A.M.
SECOND HALL**

Today, April 16, Dr. Robert Williamson, professor of Religious Studies at Hendrix College, begins a four-part lecture series "The Bible and Economic Justice." Dive into the ongoing themes and narratives throughout the Old and New Testament that comprise the Biblical concern on economics and justice for the poor and outcast as well as the powerful and well-off. Discuss how your understanding of these biblical principles impacts your life today. The series continues on April 23, May 7 and 14.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Connections Class (Room 62) This laid back, conversational class discusses life, family, parenting, current events and everything in between. We are exploring the book The Four Agreements by Miguel Ruiz with our guest leader Laura Campbell through the month of April. Based on Toltec wisdom, The Four Agreements offer a code of conduct to transform our lives with a new experience of freedom, true happiness and love; no pre-reading required!

Seeking More Light (Room 67 and Zoom) is a diverse and affirming group aiming to stretch our theology and practices of welcome, now studying White Too Long by Robert Jones, a provocative examination of the unholy relationship between American Christianity and white supremacy.

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! Printed or digital curriculum available at no cost.

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.

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 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 April 17 in Second Hall at 9:30 a.m. to study Tell It Slant by Eugene Peterson with guest lecturer Rev. Dr. Robert Lowry. Books are available online.

Presbyterian Women's Monthly Gathering for fellowship and Bible study is the second Tuesday of each month, and our next is May 9th! Join us in the narthex at 10:00 a.m. for light refreshments, and then at 10:30 a.m. in Second Hall.

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 mariemo@secondpreslr.org.

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CHEESES WITH JESUS Our next meeting is on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at 5224 Hawthorne Rd. For our study we will discuss Chapter 4 (“Nowhere Among the Gentiles”) from The Difficult Words of Jesus, by Amy-Jill Levine. Who are the ‘lost sheep of Israel’? Why did Jesus advise the disciples to “go nowhere among the Gentiles”? For our spring mission project, we will be packing snacks into baskets for *Teacher Appreciation Week* at Bale Elementary School. We are an LBGQTQ+ friendly adult group for those in between “young adult” and retiree. We are always glad to meet new friends!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP UPDATE

If you identify as a young adult or an adult without children, we want to update you on some new changes to our weekly schedule. We welcome all friends to join us on Sundays after 11:00 a.m. worship for lunch at various locations; the location is determined in the narthex by those present. We also meet for bible study or fellowship ever Thursday, depending on the week. First and third Thursdays, we meet in the Youth Building for a new bible study called *Second Helpings* where we will teach each other new meals to cook and each receive a “second helping” of Jesus. On the second and fourth Thursdays, we meet at Taco Godoy (14710 Cantrell Rd A1, Little Rock, AR 72223) for dinner and trivia.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

*For more information please contact Elizabeth Cahoon
elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org*

Sunday, April 16: the Confirmands will meet in the Youth Building from 5-6 p.m. to prepare their Faith Statements. SPY Youth Group will follow from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 23: We welcome seven Confirmands into membership at Second Presbyterian Church at our 11:00 a.m. service. Please help us welcome Braylin Arnold, Lily Butler, Eren Ibis, Miriam Knight, Rosemary Mallory, Mary Evelyn May, and Will Schuhmacher. We invite all family, mentors, and Church Officers to our Confirmation Breakfast in the Great Hall at 9:30 a.m. Please bring \$10 for each family member. Confirmands will receive their breakfast complimentary on behalf of the Youth Ministry.

Wednesday, April 26: All Youth are requested to be present for our final Dress Rehearsal of Youth Sunday during WACKY from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 30: We encourage all friends and family to support our youth as they lead us in worship of Youth Sunday. Our youth will be leading all three services. At the 11:00 a.m. service we will recognize the graduating Class of 2023 and send them off with a blessing. If you are interested in your graduating senior to be a part of these special commissioning, please swiftly contact Elizabeth Cahoon. In the evening to celebrate our eventful morning, SPY Youth Group will be watching *Aquaman* for a group movie night in the Youth Building.

Middle School Mission Camp registration is open! A local mission camp for middle schoolers from July 31-August 4. For more information please scan this QR Code.



High School Mission Camp registration is open! A local mission camp for high schoolers from August 7-11. For more information please scan this QR Code

SUMMER MUSIC AND ART CAMP FOR K-5TH GRADERS has four spots remaining. The camp is June 5-9, with an extended day option. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, 501-423-1416, cell.



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 on 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).



**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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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.

APRIL WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

Ann Norwood
Bob Skinner

11:00 A.M.

Bradley Wright
Ashton Pickell



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, APRIL 16

Earth Day Sunday

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

Sunday School 9:50

*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

*MS and HS SPY 6:00

Praeclara Ringers 6:00

MONDAY, APRIL 17

*First and Third Monday Morning

Bible Study 9:30

Day Ringers 12:00

Finance Committee 5:00

Stephen Ministry Training 6:30

Boy Scouts 7:00

Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

*Faith and Grief 12:00

Session Meeting 7:00

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Staff Meeting 9:00

Second Readers 3:00

WACKY 5:00

Adult Choir 6:00

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Young Adult Trivia 7:00

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Stephen Ministry Retreat 5:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Stephen Ministry Retreat 8:30

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Confirmation Sunday

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

Confirmation Breakfast 9:30

*Newcomer Seminar 9:30

Sunday School 9:50

Officer Training 12:00

*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

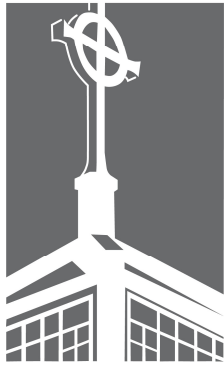
*Family Dinner 4:00

*MS and HS SPY 6:00

Praeclara Ringers 6:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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OF ALL

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator: Randy Hyde
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Eli Gomez

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