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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YOUTH SUNDAY

APRIL 30, 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

Improvisation Opus 84 No. 5
Joey Leenhouts '25, piano

Gabriel Fauré

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Silas McCormack '29

To the fisherman Jesus said

“Follow me and I will make you fish for people.

To the tax collector Jesus said:

“Follow me.”

To the rich man Jesus said:

**“Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me.”**

At the last supper Jesus said:

“Follow me.”

To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

Follow me!

*** HYMN NO. 649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound **AMAZING GRACE**

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

Blythe Keating '29

God of miracles and of mercy,

all creation sings your praise.

Like the roaring ocean or rolling rivers,

your grace has no end.

Lead us to repentance

and the acceptance of your grace,

that we may witness to your love,

which embraces both those we call friend

and those we call stranger. Let us pray.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Audrey Campbell '29

Gracious Lord, we want to be fishers of people, but we don't always know how. Sometimes we are too afraid to go wherever the fish are. Sometimes we are too afraid to get our hands dirty. Forgive us when we leave our fishing poles in the garage. Help us not only “catch and release,” but also to be educators of your Word. Most importantly, God, teach us to fish for all people.

(Silent Confession)

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

NO. 654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Eli Gomez '24

God is merciful and slow to anger.
God seeks the lost and extends the invitation again and again.
God welcomes us when we turn to God.
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Joseph Lloyd '24

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.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SPY Youth Group

ANTHEM

Standing in the Need of Prayer
SPC Youth Ringers

V. Stephenson

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 4:18-22

NT, PP. 3-4
Graham Yancey '28

SERMONS

Henry Chilcoat '23
Robbie Vaught '23

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray
SPC Youth Ensemble

G. Allan

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Elizabeth Cahoon

*Kylie Barrow
Juliet Chapman
Henry Chilcoat
Zachary Diekman
Austin Lallier*

*Bennett Murphy
Mac Principe
Lauren Satterfield
Robbie Vaught*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jaidyn Barrow '27
Miriam Knight '27
Lena Nelson '25

**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

Lucy Wright '29

*The Time and Talents Covenants are being received during worship today in the
offering plate. As the youth bring the offering plates to your pew, we ask that you
place your Time and Talents Covenants and your offering in the plate.*

OFFERTORY

Standing in the Need of Prayer

V. Stephenson

* **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** Ezra Voth '25

SENDING

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

* **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP** KMO '25

* **HYMN NO. 175** *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

* **BENEDICTION** Elizabeth Cahoon
Caroline Hankins '28

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* J. Rutter
SPC Youth Ensemble

* **POSTLUDE** *Postlude on Darwall's 148th* arr. R. Williamson
Austin Lallier '23, organ

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Second Presbyterian Youth

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Kim Dunnagan (11:00) Somerset Sea

Ushers: Blythe Keating, Lena Nelson, Caroline Hankins,

Graham Yancey, Zach Diekman, Audrey Campbell,

John Cooper Crow, Kevin Mainard O'Connell, Charlie Hyde, Mia Gomez

Youth Sunday Skit Cast

Jesus: Eli Eifling '25, *Narrator:* Becket Wright '26, *Peter:* Braylin Arnold '25

Simon: Eren Ibis '27, *John:* Audrey Campbell '29, *Chef:* Graham Yancey '28

Laundry Team: Lena Nelson '25, Miriam Knight '27, Jaidyn Barrow '27

Basket Menders: Blythe Keating '29, Lucy Wright '29

The Helper: Kate Holder '29, *The Sick:* Caroline Hankins '28

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.

THE TIME AND TALENTS COVENANT FOR 2023-2024 lists a multitude of ways you can be directly involved in the mission of Second Presbyterian Church—from teaching the Bible to adults or children, to serving on the Adopt-a-Park at Two Rivers Park, from sharing the love of God by visiting hospitalized members, to being a volunteer at Bale Elementary School. Every member of Second Presbyterian Church has gifts and skills which can be helpful in the nurture and witness of this congregation. God has blessed us by giving us each other, with the diversity and capability among us. Please take seriously this call to serve God through the life of this congregation.



NEW OFFICER TRAINING: TODAY from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in Second Hall. All new officers, elders and deacons, will enjoy a lunch and education on Presbyterian polity, theology, history and how that impacts out week in ministry at Second Pres!

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.**

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.

TORNADO HELP FOR EVERYONE AFFECTED from FEMA. Have you heard the rumor that homeowners with insurance are not eligible for FEMA? That's not true! FEMA agents are canvassing the city, encouraging everyone affected to apply for assistance, whether homeowners or renters, insured or not. FEMA can function as a Plan B for costs not covered by insurance. All applicants receive notification that approval is pending additional information (read your letter to the end, past the word "declined") and are encouraged to complete the application and even appeal to keep their application open for several years to accommodate future needs. What does this mean? Please talk with your friends and family to share the news that help is available from the church, and from state and federal agencies!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Faith and Grief support group meets every third Tuesday in Second Hall at noon. The next meeting is May 16. 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.

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).



PRAECLARA RINGERS PRESENT: A DISNEY CELEBRATION! Be our guest as we ring through Disney favorites. TODAY 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.

PRESCHOOL POPSICLE PLAYDATE: On Sunday, May 7, from 9:50-10:50 a.m., young children (infants through kindergarteners) and their families will be gathering on the playground for fun and fellowship during the Sunday School hour. Join us for popsicles and to meet other preschool families! For more information, contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org) in the church office.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS AT UA LITTLE ROCK: The Little Rock Congregations Study will be hosting a Community Conversations Event on Sunday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Reynolds Building Atrium at UA Little Rock. Participants will have the opportunity to have one-on-one conversations with other community members about important issues impacting the community. Participants must be over 18. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org) for more information.

CHEESES WITH JESUS: The group will have two meetings in May. For our study we will finish up The Difficult Words of Jesus, by Amy-Jill Levine. On May 10 at 7:00 p.m., we will discuss Chapter 5 (“Outer Darkness”; Matthew 25:30) On May 24, at 7:00 p.m., we will discuss Chapter 6 (“Your Father the Devil”; John 8:44) Meeting location changes; please watch the bulletin for up-to-date information. We are an LBGQTQ+ friendly. adult group for those in between “young adult” and retiree. We are always glad to meet new friends!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: Church Women United is a nation-wide movement to bring diverse church women together in Christian unity. In our community, Church Women United events are a great opportunity for women in predominantly white and black congregations to worship together. This year, May Friendship Day will be on May 5, 2023, and we will be meeting at Bethel AME church at 815 W. 16th Street at 10:00 a.m. The theme will be *Living a Legacy of Love: Doing God’s Work*. The offering will go to Stewpot, and we will also be collecting men’s and women’s underwear for the Stewpot clothes closet. If you would like to carpool with women from Second Pres, please meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: 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 every 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.

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SECOND HALL SHORT SERIES

9:50 A.M. SECOND HALL

How To Be a Real Ally to the LGBTQ Community: Today, April 30, while our regular presenter is out of town, Adult Ed is offering a class folks have requested—how to be truly supportive and inclusive to the LGBTQ community. Sharon Downs, presenter of Safe Spaces at UA Little Rock, will share how to say the right thing, understand new terminology, and be a real ally rather than one just in name only.

One May 7 and 14, Dr. Robert Williamson, professor of Religious Studies at Hendrix College, continues a four-part lecture series called *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.

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 next on May 1 in Second Hall at 9:30 a.m.

The Intergenerational Bible Study will meet the first Wednesday of the month beginning May 3 through August 2. The May 3 gathering will be at the home of Leslie and Preston McCormack for drinks, snacks and discipleship. All are welcome. RSVP to Betsy Eldridge at 901-517-0296 and Bapple48@gmail.com

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

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

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. 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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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.

MAY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

Chris McDaniel

11:00 A.M.



**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 30

Youth Sunday

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

Sunday School 9:50

*Officer Training 12:30

*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

*Praeclara Spring Concert 4:00

MS and HS SPY 6:00

MONDAY, MAY 1

*First and Third Monday Morning

Bible Study 9:30

Day Ringers 12:00

Pastoral Care 1:30

Personnel Committee 4:30

Boy Scouts 7:00

Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

Pastoral Care Ministry 5:00

Adult Education Ministry 5:30

Outreach Ministry 7:00

Worship Ministry 7:00

Youth Ministry 7:00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Staff Meeting 9:00

WACKY 5:00

Adult Choir 6:00

Belonging Ministry 7:00

*Intergenerational Bible Study 7:00

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Dementia Caregivers Support Group

1:00

*Second Helpings Bible Study 7:00

FRIDAY, MAY 5

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Children's Musical Rehearsal 9:00

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Children's Musical (11:00)

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

*Preschool Popsicle Playdate 9:50

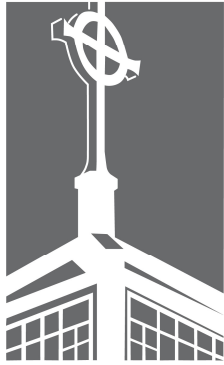
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*Young Adults Lunch 12:15

MS and HS SPY 6:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator: Randy Hyde
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CLASS OF 2023

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Garry Mertins
John Ransom

CLASS OF 2024

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Barry McVinney
Somerset Sea
Joseph Yancey
Carol Young

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Cotten Cunningham
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Vernon Markham

YOUTH ELDER

Eli Gomez

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