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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MAY 21, 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 provide us 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

A Mighty Fortress
Day Ringers
Ashley Stone, trumpet

arr. S. K. Tucker

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, all peoples of the world.
Sing praises to God most high.

From the sanctuary of heaven,

God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.

Let us all be jubilant with joy!

*** HYMN NO. 282**

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

Children of God,
God not only desires our repentance,
but longs to offer us forgiveness.
Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God,
because God cares for you now and always.

1 Peter 5:7

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Loving God,

**we confess that we do not always bring honor and
glory to your name.**

We are rebellious and weak;

we flee before your goodness.

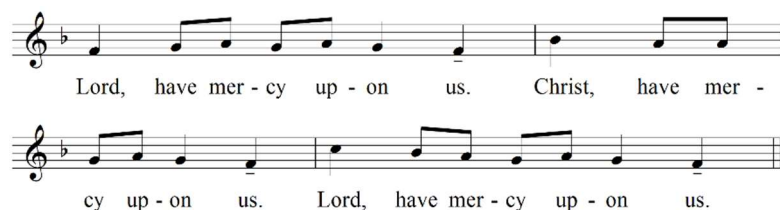
**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and
mercy of Christ,**

**that we may rise up again in peace to love and
serve your world.**

Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the Spirit of God is resting on you, *1 Peter. 4:14; 5:6-10*
to restore, support, and strengthen you.
Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives
and loves you.
Rise up and give thanks 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.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Grant Wildwright

ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
SPC Adult Choir

arr. R. Clausen

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 17:1-11

NT, P. 111

SERMON

What Jesus Said...About the Church

Randy Hyde

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (11:00)

* **HYMN NO. 318**

In Christ There is No East or West

ST. PETER

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.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Jesus Shall Reign
Day Ringers

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. 733** *We All Are One in Mission* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* R.V. Williams

* **POSTLUDE** *Toccata* C.M. Widor

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Grant Wildwright, Interim Director of Family Ministry

Mary Ibis, Associate Director of Music and the Arts

Jón Stevenson, Assistant Conductor

Adam Savacool, Organist

Liturgists: (8:30) Justin Villines (11:00) Laura Cook

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Kate Franks (11:00) Marge Anna Luttrell

Ushers: (8:30) Janie and Howard Hopkins, Ralph Wilcox, Chris McDaniel

(11:00) Marsha Taylor, Nancy and Ansley Fleming, Alex Honeycutt,

J. Dyke, Garry Mertins, Beth Sigler, Jennifer Rigsby

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.

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, with the QR code, through online giving at secondpreslr.org/giving or mailing a check to the church office, **600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72227.**



COMMUNITY OF PRAYER AND CARE: To hear our Cares and Concerns (recorded each weekday), please call (501) 227-6117. Join us in prayer and care. To report joys, concerns and care updates, please contact the office.

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS: Today is a joyous occasion, as we are commissioning four new Stephen Ministers: Becky Farrow, Malinda Kirchner, Jennifer Rigsby, and Tracy Sykes. Stephen Ministry equips lay people, through 50 hours of extensive training, with the skills to provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our church and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Please keep our Stephen Ministry and these individuals in your prayers as they carry the love of Christ to their care receivers. In the Narthex after worship, you can meet and visit with these new Stephen Ministers and those who are currently serving.

NEED TO KNOW FOR SUNDAY, MAY 28

May 28 is a big day in the life of the church. Our summer schedule begins with worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Prayer Garden (weather permitting) and at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This schedule will continue into August.

In addition, May 28 is Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the birthday of the church, the settling of the Holy Spirit upon the gathered community. In keeping with this special day, **please wear red, yellow, gold, or orange** as we remember the Spirit's illuminating presence as tongues of fire anointing the faithful.

OUR ENDOWMENT AT WORK: MAY-DEAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: The May and Deal families blessed our church by giving planned gifts to be used as scholarships for higher education. The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the May-Deal Scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year. The requirements are as follows:

- Applicants shall be residents of Arkansas.
- Applicants shall need financial assistance for higher education.
- Applicants shall not be on full scholarship.
- Undergraduate applicants must be full-time students.

The application process is competitive for a fixed pool of scholarship funds. Usually, in-coming freshmen applicants need to be in the upper 20% of their high school class. Those already in college must be in good standing and on schedule to graduate with their freshman class. The application deadline for the 2023-2024 school year is June 2, 2023. Applications that are incomplete or late will not be considered. Applications are available in the church office and at www.secondpreslr.org. Completed applications should be submitted to Aileen Moore.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL: We are delighted to share that our church's preschool continues to be NAEYC accredited! The preschool is extensively reviewed every five years, and they went through the rigorous process again this spring and passed. NAEYC accreditation signals a high level of care and program quality, and we are one of two programs in the city that is NAEYC accredited. Many thanks to our preschool director Paige Majors and the wonderful preschool staff for doing such a great job in nurturing our community's children!

WORSHIP DRIVE COMPANIONS: We need a few people who will offer Sunday morning rides to members who can no longer drive to worship and live nearby. If you can drive someone monthly or so, that would be terrific. We're especially interested in members who can bring our non-driving members here for communion Sundays. Please let Alisa Secrest or Sharon Howard know of your interest in helping in some way.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Faith and Grief support group meets every third Tuesday in Second Hall at noon. The next meeting is June 20. 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.

AFGHAN WELCOME PROJECT: Our support continues for our two Afghan refugee families! Recent projects now underway include providing supplemental tutoring for the school-age children in our first family as well as acquiring a car for the oldest Afghan daughter (18) who is about to begin her first full time job. Our church members continue to provide assistance with immigration/DHS paperwork, school registration and academic programming needs (for many children!), medical/dental care, and many other facets of life. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who continue to help our families transition successfully into our community. We are grateful for you!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! FRIDAY, JUNE 16 All ages are invited to Second Pres Night at Dickey-Stephens Park with the Travelers vs. The Corpus Christi Hooks! The picnic dinner will open at 6:35 p.m. Burgers, brats, chips, beans, popcorn and drinks will be served. First pitch is at 7:05 p.m. Fireworks! Splash pad for the littles. \$15/person. Register with the QR Code, on the church website or through the church office.



**SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL
TODAY AT 9:50 A.M.
Second Hall's Final Class
*Reflect and Act***

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell, Interim Pastor for Adult Education, invites us to a retrospective of the classes and lessons from the past year that changed and challenged us, your responses to them, and how class members would like to move forward in education and mission in the summer and for next fall. Join us for coffee and donuts as we celebrate a great year!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Last In-Person Sunday Classes for the Spring

Connections Class (Room 62) This laid back, conversational class discusses life, family, parenting, current events and everything in between. We are returning to our study of Marcus Borg's The Heart of Christianity led by Kathryn Hyde. As always, no prereading 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. This class will continue to meet over Zoom at 8:45 a.m. during the summer months.

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.

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.

THANK YOU MR. GRANT!

With hearts filled with love and appreciation, the Children's, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries invite everyone to come celebrate Mr. Grant on his last day working with us as the Interim Director for Children's Ministry. TODAY, May 21, please come to **Maumelle Park** (9009 Pinnacle Valley Rd, Little Rock, AR 72223), **Pavilion GS03 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** for dinner and games. If you have spent time with Mr. Grant over the past three years, we hope that you come and share with us your love for him and his ministry he has graciously given to Second Pres. For more information, contact Elizabeth Cahoon at elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org.

INTERGENERATIONAL DRINKS AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUP CONTINUES! The group that gathered during Lent was so great, they're continuing through the summer! New faces of any (adult) age are invited to join this small fellowship group on the first Wednesday of each summer month for fun conversation and yes a few drinks as led by our hosts. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 7, at the Yanceys from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please bring a snack to share; childcare offered at the church. Hosts for July 5, and August 9 are still needed. Contact Betsy Eldridge at bapple48@gmail.com for more information and to RSVP.

CHEESES WITH JESUS: Next meeting will be on May 24, 7:00 p.m., at 5224 Hawthorne Road, 72207. We will discuss the final chapter of *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine. This will be our final study session before the summer break. We are an LGBTQ+ friendly adult group for those in between "young adult" and retiree. New faces always welcome!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: We welcome all young adult 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.

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 God's 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.

FAMILY DINNER JUNE 4: Families with children of all ages are invited to a special family dinner at 4:00 p.m. on June 4. In addition to our normal potluck-style fellowship, we'll be talking about our vision for children and family ministry at Second Presbyterian. Whatever your child's age or level of involvement, we'd love to have you there as we imagine future growth and possibilities for our programs. The dinner will be held at 9 Cape Cod Ct, Little Rock. With any questions, contact Grant Wildwright at grantwildwright@secondpreslr.org.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023: Our VBS will be held June 12-16, open to children from preschool through rising 6th graders. Older kids (and adults of all ages!) are warmly encouraged to sign up to volunteer in a variety of roles! VBS is offered free to all families from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. In addition, families can purchase a package that extends the hours to 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. To sign up, use the QR code. With any questions, or to sign up to volunteer, contact Grant Wildwright at grantwildwright@secondpreslr.org.



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

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

Youth Sunday School

5/21 Last Sunday School of the Year 9:50-10:50 a.m.

SPY Youth Group

5/21 No Youth Group (please attend Mr. Grant's Party! See announcement.)

5/28 No Youth Group

6/4 End of the Year Party 5:00-8:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)

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



**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, 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.

MAY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

Chris McDaniel

11:00 A.M.

Marsha Taylor
Alex Honeycutt
Justin Villines



**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, MAY 21

**Commissioning of Stephen Ministers*

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

Sunday School 9:50

*Mr. Grant's Celebration 4:00

MONDAY, MAY 22

PW Coordinating Team 1:00

Pastoral Care 1:30

Boy Scouts 7:00

Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Staff Meeting 9:00

Adult Choir 6:00

*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

THURSDAY, MAY 25

*Young Adult Bible Study 7:00

FRIDAY, MAY 26

SATURDAY, MAY 27

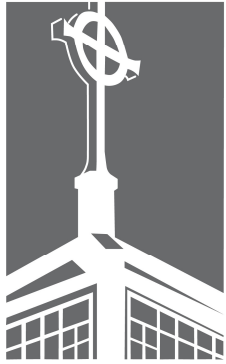
SUNDAY, MAY 28

**Pentecost Sunday*

Worship 8:30, 10:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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THE WORLD
INCLUSIVE
OF ALL

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator: Randy Hyde
Clerk: Philip Shell
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Garry Mertins
John Ransom

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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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