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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 11, 2023**

**10:00 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. 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**

*Afterthoughts*

S. Eithun

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

All who are redeemed,  
shout with joy to our God!

*Psalm 3:1-12*

**Let us sing a new song, and call upon the One  
who saves.**

Praise God and give thanks, for God is good  
and calls us to live out our salvation.

**Let your faithful love surround us, O God,  
as we worship you.**

**\* HYMN NO. 12**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST.DENIO

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

It is not the healthy who need a physician,  
but those who are sick, says Jesus.

*Matthew 9:12*

Let us confess the afflictions that separate us  
from God's love, so we can receive the care  
of the One who gives ultimate healing.

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

**God of redemptive love,  
you called our spiritual ancestors,  
disciples like Matthew, and gave them  
the strength they needed to follow you.**

*Matthew 9:9-13*

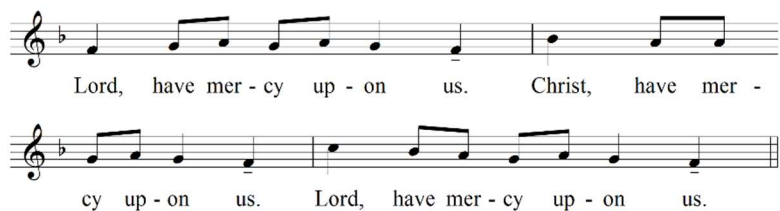
**You also called a people  
and cared for and nurtured them  
so they could live life in your abundance.  
And you call us,  
but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes  
and cover our ears,  
turning our backs to your will.**

**Forgive us, O God,  
and grant us the willingness and the faith  
we need to follow when you call.**

**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

Jesus was delivered to death for our sins  
and was raised to life for our salvation.  
God has poured out love upon us,  
and we have received forgiveness for our sins.  
We can live in hope and peace,  
for indeed, God is good.

*Romans 4:25*

\* 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.*

<b>TIME FOR THE CHILDREN</b>		Grant Wildwright
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>Let the Giving of Thanks</i>	Donna Peña
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<i>MATTHEW 9:1-13, 18-38</i>	NT, PP. 8-10
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Preventive Medicine</i>	Randy Hyde

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

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

\* **HYMN NO. 157**      *I Danced in the Morning*      LORD OF THE DANCE

**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**      *Theme from Finlandia*      arr. S. Rogers

\* **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. 620**      *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*      LAUDA ANIMA

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**      *Holy Manna*      arr. Paul A. Tate

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde  
Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
Mary Ibis, Associate Director of Music and the Arts  
Ben Light, SMAC Bell Teacher  
Grant Wildwright, Vacation Bible School Coordinator  
Tracy Depue, Piano  
Elder of the Day: Marge Anna Luttrell  
Ushers: Marsha and Lindsey Taylor, Diane Karlson,  
Julie, Mike and Alex Honeycutt, Kate Franks

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](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.

**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**.



**AWAY:** Alisa Secrest is away this week on continuing education. Thank you for keeping the office informed of cares and concerns.

**SUMMER COFFEE:** Enjoy a cup of joe and a small treat with friends before worship. A coffee cart will be available by the Prayer Garden 8:20 a.m. (weather permitting), and it will be moved into the Narthex prior to the 10:00 service. Take this opportunity to catch up with friends.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** are on recess until August 27! The *Adult Bible Study* will continue to meet via Zoom each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (Meeting ID 395 818 9248, password: second). Thank you for a great year, and we'll see you in the fall!

**LIFEQUEST SUMMER REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 12:** Registration for LifeQuest's Summer Term (July 19-August 3) opens on Monday, June 12. Register online at [lifequestofarkansas.org](http://lifequestofarkansas.org) or call the LQ office at 501-225-6073.

**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. Contact the church office for more information.

**IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH? REMEMBER THE BIRTHDAY FUND!** If you have a June 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.

**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](mailto:grantwildwright@secondpreslr.org).



#### **YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE**

*For more information please contact Elizabeth Cahoon  
[elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org](mailto:elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org).*

**Youth Ministry is on summer time!** Join us for our new youth group schedule during the months of June, July and August. We are dividing up our middle and high schoolers to give the students transitioning up time to bond with the new grade levels. This means that for all rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders, you are welcome to join our Middle School Summer Nights and for all rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders you are invited to your choice of Middle or High School Summer Nights. Below are details for our separate nights.

Middle School Students (rising 6<sup>th</sup>-graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade) are on a mission to find the best ice cream in Little Rock. Each week we will post the next upcoming locations to keep you informed. June 12, Shakes Frozen Custard. June 19 is Le Pops Gourmet Ice Lollies.

High School Students (rising 9<sup>th</sup>-graduated 12<sup>th</sup> grade) are on a mission to find the best pizza in Little Rock. Each week we will post the next upcoming locations to keep you informed. June 14, Blaze Pizza (Cantrell). June 21 is Marco's Pizza.

**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.

### SPC ADULT CHOIR TOUR TO SPAIN

The Second Presbyterian Adult Choir will tour Spain, June 8-19. The Choir will leave on June 8, arriving in Madrid on June 9. They will sing their first concert in the *Iglesia Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles* in Madrid on June 10, and travel to Burgos on June 12. They have a concert in *Santa Tecla Chapel of the Burgos Cathedral* on June 13, and travel to Zaragoza on June 14, with a concert on June 15 in the *Iglesia San Gil*.

On June 16, they will travel to Barcelona, looking forward to entrance to the *Sagrada Familia*, the Barcelona cathedral which has been under construction since 1882, the largest unfinished Catholic Church in the world. Antoni Gaudi became architect of the structure in 1883, until his death in 1926. It is now estimated to be completed in approximately 2026. On November 7, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI consecrated the church and proclaimed it a minor basilica.

On June 17, the choir will visit the *Palau de la Musica*, and on June 18, they will present a concert in the *Basilica de la Merced* in Barcelona, leaving Barcelona to return to Little Rock on June 19.

The SPC Choir has been known to rehearse for all of their concerts and service participation in airports, in parks, on buses, on airplanes, on ferries, on boats, on trains and just about anywhere you can imagine. They look forward to many delightful tour experiences. The Choir appreciates those of you who have helped choir members who were less able to pay for this tour. Thank you!

### SUMMER FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**TUESDAY MEN'S GROUP MINISTRY:** Each Tuesday at 7:00 a.m., men gather in Second Hall and on Zoom for encouragement, support, and bible study. Free donuts and coffee! Discussions center on the sermon text used by the Transitional Pastor, Randy Hyde.

**CHEESES WITH JESUS:** Join us for the 2023 *Margarita Tour of Little Rock* with stops in June at The Fold: Botanas & Bar (3501 Old Cantrell Road) on Wednesday, **June 14** and an escape to paradise at Justin's hacienda (8301 Evergreen Drive 72227) for a pool party with cocktails and mocktails on Friday, **June 30**. All events start at 6.30 p.m. We are an adult group for those in between "young adult" and retiree and are LBGTQ+ friendly. Want to jump in the tour? Contact Diane Karlson at (970) 412-3144 for more details. July and August stops coming soon.

**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.

**INTERGENERATIONAL DRINKS & DISCIPLESHIP GROUP** Looking for community and connection? We hope you'll make plans to join our intergenerational crew on the first Wednesday of the month for a time of laid-back fellowship and fun! Our next meetings will be **July 5** and **August 9**. Please bring a snack or beverage to share; childcare offered at the church. Contact Betsy Apple Eldridge at [bapple48@gmail.com](mailto:bapple48@gmail.com) for more information and to RSVP. We look forward to connecting with you in our beloved community this summer!

**UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Pastor search is going well! 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're working with God's timeline and trying to hear God's voice in the process. Please continue to pray for us! PNC Members: Beth Sigler-Moderator, Greg Adams, Christina Littlejohn, Jim Marsh, Kathryn McMillian, Jennifer Rigsby, and Jón Stevenson.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** Faith and Grief support group meets every third Tuesday in Second Hall at noon. The next meeting is Tuesday, 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](http://faithandgrief.org) or through the church office, so we can have plenty of lunches available.

**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.



**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.

**JUNE WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS**

**8:30 A.M.**

Diane Holt

**10:00 A.M.**

Marsha Taylor

Diane Karlson



**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, JUNE 11**

\*Choir Tour  
Worship 8:30, 10:00

##### **MONDAY, JUNE 12**

\*Choir Tour  
\*VBS 9:00  
Pastoral Care 1:30  
Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00  
Stephen Ministry 6:00  
Boy Scouts 7:00  
Volleyball 7:00

##### **TUESDAY, JUNE 13**

\*Choir Tour  
Men's Group Bible Study 7:00  
\*VBS 9:00  
Environmental Stewardship 5:30  
Fellowship 6:00

##### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**

\*Choir Tour  
\*VBS 9:00  
Staff Meeting 9:00  
\*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

##### **THURSDAY, JUNE 15**

\*Choir Tour  
\*VBS 9:00  
\*Young Adult Trivia 7:00

##### **FRIDAY, JUNE 16**

\*Choir Tour  
\*VBS 9:00  
\*Travelers' Game and Picnic 6:00

##### **SATURDAY, JUNE 17**

\*Choir Tour  
Montreat Worship and Music

##### **SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

\*Choir Tour  
Worship 8:30, 10:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin