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

JUNE 25, 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

Fugue in G major, BWV 577

J.S. Bach

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

Open our eyes, O Lord, to see the wonder and beauty all around us

when we pay attention and allow distractions to fall away.

Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may find your abundant gifts right in front of us,

meeting our needs and filling the God-shaped empty spaces inside of us.

Open our eyes, O Lord, in this time of worship,

that we might be changed by our encounter with you.

Let us join our hearts and voices, to worship the Lord!

*** HYMN NO. 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

Paul asks this question in his letter to the Romans:

“Shall we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?”

Should we take advantage of God's forgiveness,

and continue to make wrong choices?

Paul says, “No way!” And yet, we are human. We do fall short.

And we do rely on the grace of God to forgive and to understand.

Together, let us confess our sin before God.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

O God, you created us. You know us and understand us. You realize that,

at times, we come up short. We desire to be generous, but withhold from

others and from you. We desire to be Christ-like in our actions, but we can

forget and follow the values and examples that this world offers us.

We desire to be kind and loving, but can allow fatigue and stress to deter us

from these intentions. Forgive us, O Lord, and allow your grace to wash over

us. Help us to forgive others and to forgive ourselves, and to begin anew,

each day. 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**

God is good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on the Lord.
Friends, hear and trust in the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN		Lindy Vogado
MINUTE FOR MINISTRY		Pastoral Care
ANTHEM	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> SPC Adult Choir	R. Clausen
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>GENESIS 21:8-21</i>	OT P. 17
SERMON	<i>The Seen at Second</i>	Alisa Secrest

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRESENTATION

Deacons

Emma Ryall
L. B. Vaught
Zach Ward

THE ORDINATION VOWS

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS (RESPONSIVE)

Do we, the members of the church, accept these as deacons, chosen by
God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they
guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church.

We do.

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

* HYMN NO. 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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

Prelude on SLANE

L. Visser

* **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. 321**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

J. Rutter

* **POSTLUDE**

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AURELIA

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgist: Graham Catlett

Elder of the Day: Kate Franks

Ushers: Marsha Taylor, Gwin Cunningham, Melissa Hendricks,

Leah and Philip Shell, Allison and Zach Ward, Margo Shoffner

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.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held TODAY after worship in order to receive a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee. PNC Members: Beth Sigler-Moderator, Greg Adams, Christina Littlejohn, Jim Marsh, Kathryn McMillian, Jennifer Rigsby, and Jón Stevenson.

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, 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 all the adult and youth volunteers for a great week of Vacation Bible School which was held June 12-16. We can't wait to see all those who participated again soon. Happy Summer!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Faith and Grief support group meets every third Tuesday in Second Hall at noon. The next meeting is **Tuesday, July 18**. 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.

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). The *Spiritual Nourishment Class* is also continuing to meet in their regular Zoom room throughout the summer to study their new book *Dusk Night Dawn* by Anne Lamott. Contact Nancy Hicks at NVHicks@gmail.com for Zoom information. Thank you for a great year, and we'll see you in the fall!

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

*For more information please contact Elizabeth Cahoon
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 6th graders, you are welcome to join our Middle School Summer Nights and for all rising 9th 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 6th-graduated 8th 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 26, Kilwins. July 3, NO MEETING.

High School Students (rising 9th-graduated 12th 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 28, The Pizza Café West. July 5, NO MEETING.

BALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WORK DAY: Join our Second Pres family as we help our school partner Bale Elementary School get ready for the upcoming school year! We will be hosting a work day at Bale Elementary on the morning of Saturday, July 22, with indoor and outdoor projects available. While some of the projects will require moderate physical activity, there may also be projects that are not physically strenuous. To participate or to learn more about the project details once plans finalize, contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org) in the church office.

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 the next stop on **Friday, June 30**-- an escape to paradise at Justin's hacienda (8301 Evergreen Drive 72227) for a pool party with cocktails and mocktails starting at 7:00 p.m. We are an adult group for those in between "young adult" and retiree and are LGBTQ+ 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 10:00 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 AND 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 meeting will be **Wednesday, July 5** at the home of Amara and Joseph Yancey from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Regular and vegan BLTs will be provided; please bring a summertime salad or beverage to share. Childcare offered at the church. Contact Betsy Apple Eldridge at bapple48@gmail.com for more information and to RSVP. We look forward to connecting with you in our beloved community this summer!



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.

JULY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

Jo Paulus
Chris Boggs
Ann Owen
Amy Lloyd

10:00 A.M.

Judy Johnson



**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 25

Worship 10:00
*Congregational Meeting 11:00

MONDAY, JUNE 26

Monday Pastoral Care 1:30
Stephen Ministry Supervision 6:00
Boy Scouts 7:00
Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Staff Meeting 9:00

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

*Young Adult Trivia 7:00

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

SATURDAY, JULY 1

SUNDAY, JULY 2
Worship 8:30, 10:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

Pastoral Care Memorial Reception Teams

I'm interested in serving with a Memorial Reception Team.

Please contact me.

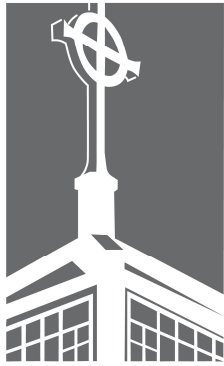
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Email _____

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or call the church office at 501-227-0000.***

For more information, contact Sharon Howard or Alisa Secrest.

VISION STATEMENT



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THE WORLD
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OF ALL

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

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