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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 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

Flute Tune

T. Arne

* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

The word of God is a lamp unto our feet
and a light to our path. *adapted from Psalm 119*

The word of God is our heritage forever
and the joy of our hearts.

**May God accept the offerings of our hearts
as we live out God's word forever,
to the end of our days.**

* HYMN NO. 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

* CALL TO CONFESSION

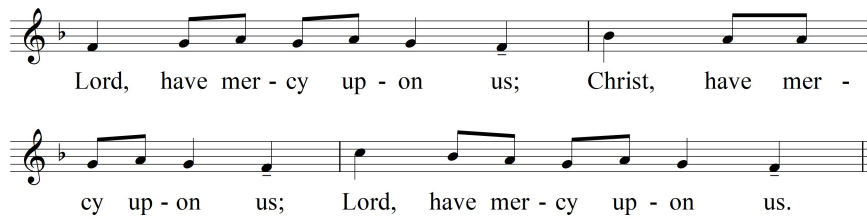
The scriptures are shot through with stories
of people just like us: *Genesis 25:19-34*
men who grieved, women who questioned,
siblings who did not get along,
parents who chose favorites.
God's word of grace is meant for people just like us.
There is no need for pretense in this place.
Let us go to God in prayer.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Patient and persistent God, *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*
**we come, polished and presentable,
to this comfortable room
as if we knew what to expect,
as if this were a safe and predictable place,
as if we could simply observe.**
**Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations.
In the mystery of your love, overshadow us.
Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts
until we bloom and spill with your passion
to serve in a world that is waiting for your grace.**
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

There is therefore now no condemnation *Romans 8:1*
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
The Spirit of God dwells in you.
If you hear nothing else today, hear these words:
there is no condemnation.
In the name of Jesus, you 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		Alisa Secrest
ANTHEM	<i>Hallelujah! Praise God in His Holy Temple</i> SPC Adult Choir	K. Hildebrand
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>GENESIS 25:19-34</i>	OT PP. 21-22
SERMON	<i>Birthright</i>	Randy Hyde

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

* HYMN NO. 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 *Antiphon* M. Dupré

* 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. 30** *O God, in a Mysterious Way* DUNDEE

* **BENEDICTION**

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

* **POSTLUDE** *Toccata on MARION* A. Travis

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgist: Lauren Gann

Elder of the Day: Vernon Markham

Ushers: Nancy and Ansley Fleming, Sharlie and Micky Rigby,

Kelley Johnson, Chris McDaniel, Debbie Bass, Chris Herring

Welcome Center: Laura Connor

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



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Faith and Grief support group meets the third Tuesday of the month in Second Hall at noon, although we are taking a break in July. The next meeting is **Tuesday, August 15**. 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.

SUMMER POOL PARTY! SPC's Children and Families Ministry will be having a Summer Pool Party on Tuesday, August 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Parkway Place Pool, 670 Kirby Road, LR. Popsicles, hot dogs, and bottled water will be served! For more information, contact Terri Cross at terricross@secondpreslr.org. Use the QR to RSVP for this fun event.



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 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. We meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on both 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. July 17, Loblolly Creamery. July 24, Freddy's Frozen Custard.

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. July 19, Larry's Pizza. July 26, Shotgun Dan's Pizza.

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.

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.

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!* We are an adult group for those in between "young adult" and retiree. Want to jump in the tour? Contact Diane Karlson at (970) 412-3144 for more details. July and August stops coming soon.

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 at the home of Jeannie and Collins Andrews on **Wednesday, August 2**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Shared lite bites and beverages are welcome! Childcare can be available at the church. Contact Rev. Marie at mariemo@secondpreslr.org for more information and to RSVP. We look forward to connecting with you in our beloved community this summer!

PROPERTY WORK DAYS: The Property Ministry is planning work days for the fourth Saturday of every month from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., weather permitting. The next one is scheduled for **Saturday, July 22**. There will be weeding, trimming, planting and mulching all around the church. Volunteers are welcome! Contact Bradley Wright at bradwright@comcast.net for more information.



**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.

Margo Shoffner
Judy Johnson

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**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, JULY 16

Montreat Youth Conference
Worship 8:30, 10:00

MONDAY, JULY 17

Pastoral Care 1:30
*MS Summer Nights 6:00
Boy Scouts 7:00
Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, JULY 18

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Staff Meeting 9:00
Second Readers 3:00
*HS Summer Nights 6:00

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Young Adult Trivia 7:00

FRIDAY, JULY 21

SATURDAY, JULY 22

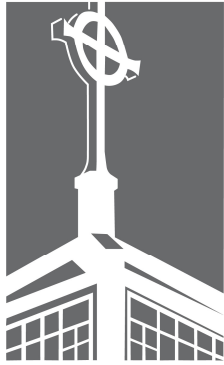
*Bale Elementary School Work Day
*Property Work Day 7:30

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Worship 8:30, 10:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Moderator: Randy Hyde
Clerk: Philip Shell
Assistant Clerk: George Keck
Treasurer: Kenneth Rich

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Somerset Sea
Joseph Yancey
Carol Young

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Cotten Cunningham
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Justin Villines

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Lena Nelson

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Secretary: Jamie Gomez

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Johanna Lewis
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Galen Wenger
Bradley Wright

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