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

JULY 30, 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

*Carillon*

H. Murrill

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

*Psalm 105:1-6*

**Let us sing to him, sing praises to him,  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Let us seek the Lord and his strength;  
let us seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

O, offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones:

**Let us rejoice!**

\* HYMN NO. 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Children of God,  
God never forgets God's promises;  
God's covenant endures in each new generation.  
We are free to speak the truth about our lives  
because God's faithfulness embraces us as we  
examine our hearts.

*Psalm 105:8*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God of mystery, God of life,  
we imagine that we are capable judges  
of power and wisdom and goodness.**

*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

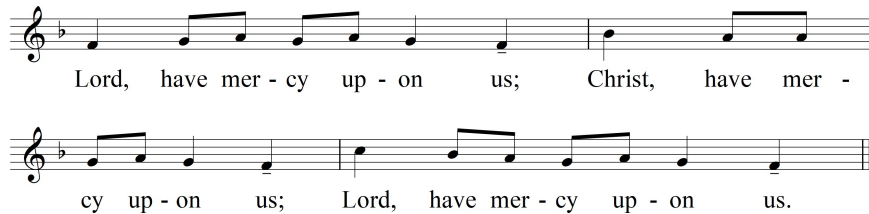
**We trust our own standards;  
we separate and categorize;  
we mark the performance of others.**

**We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.  
We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.**

**Gracious God, hidden and manifest,  
transform our withered imaginations  
until we yield the judgments we trust  
to a love we cannot control.**

**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

What then are we to say about these things? *Romans 8:31-39*  
If God is for us, who is against us?  
Children of God, nothing we have done,  
nothing we will ever do,  
is enough to separate us from the love of God  
made known to us in Christ Jesus.

\* 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.**  
As you pass the peace to your neighbor,  
please add these words of assurance:  
“In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!”

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

*Gathered in God’s name, we now open ourselves to God’s life-giving Word.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN		Elizabeth Cahoon
ANTHEM	<i>On Eagle’s Wings</i> Janette Robinson, soprano	M. Joncas
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52</i>	NT, PP. 14-15
SERMON	<i>Again and Again and Again</i>	Randy Hyde

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

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

\* HYMN NO. 714 *God of the Fertile Fields* ITALIAN HYMN

**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 *Carillon* L. Sowerby

\* 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. 839**                      *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*                      ASSURANCE

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**                                      *Carillon sortie*                                      H. Mulet

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde  
Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries  
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts  
Adam Savacool, Organist  
Clint Brockway, Interpreter  
Liturgist: Diane McVinney  
Elder of the Day: Somerset Sea  
Ushers: Somerset and Savannah Sea, Judy and Kelley Johnson,  
Alfred Williams, Emily Hall, Peggy Marshall, Katherine Downie  
Welcome Center: Elaine Eubank

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.**



**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](http://faithandgrief.org) or through the church office, so we can have plenty of lunches available.

**DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:** Gather for support, resources and sharing of experiences when you have a loved one experiencing dementia. This support group is taking an August break and will reconvene September 7 at 1:00 p.m. in person and on Zoom. For information, contact the office or Sandra Rogers.

**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.

**INTERGENERATIONAL DRINKS AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUP:** Looking for community and connection? We hope you'll make plans to join our intergenerational crew of all ages of fun-loving and friendly adults on the first Wednesday of the month for a time of laid-back fellowship and merriment. Our next meeting will be at the home of Jeannie and Collins Andrews on **Wednesday, August 2**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and we will work together on an art project led by Katherine Downie. Please bring sweet treats and beverages to share, and visitors are welcome! Childcare can be available at the church, if needed. Contact Karin Howze to confirm your need for childcare (karinhowze@secondpreslr.org) and Amara Yancey (amarayancey@gmail.com) to RSVP. We look forward to connecting with you in our beloved community this summer!

#### 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 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. We meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on both 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. July 31, NO MEETING. August 7, NO MEETING.

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. August 2, NO MEETING. August 9, NO MEETING.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS!** Children and Families Ministry is busy preparing for the fall and excited about our plans for Sunday School. We have chosen curriculum, are planning for volunteer training, and getting ready for our kick off event on August 20. Now we just need YOU! There are many volunteers needed of all ages to have a thriving and successful Children's Sunday School Program at Second Presbyterian Church. Use the QR code to check out the different volunteer and teacher positions. If you have questions, please contact Terri Cross at terricross@secondpreslr.org.



**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@seconpreslr.org](mailto:terricross@seconpreslr.org). Use the QR to RSVP for this fun event.



**CELEBRATING 31 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.

**AUGUST WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS**

**8:30 A.M.**

Chris Boggs  
Amy Lloyd  
Dan Voth

**10:00 A.M.**

Judy Johnson  
Jo Paulus

**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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LITTLE ROCK, AR 72227**

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## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

Worship 8:30, 10:00

### MONDAY, JULY 31

Middle School Mission Week 9:00

Boy Scouts 7:00

Volleyball 7:00

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

Middle School Mission Week 9:00

Pastoral Care Ministry 5:00

Adult Education Ministry 5:30

Property Ministry 5:30

\*Children and Families Ministry Pool

Party 5:30

Outreach Ministry 7:00

Worship Ministry 7:00

Youth Ministry 7:00

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Middle School Mission Week 9:00

Staff Meeting 9:00

\*Intergenerational Drinks and

Discipleship Group 5:30

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

Middle School Mission Week 9:00

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Middle School Mission Week 9:00

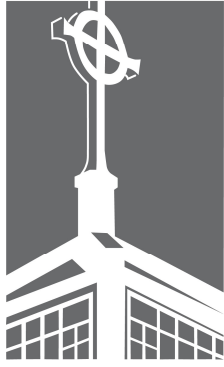
### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Worship 8:30, 10:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin

## VISION STATEMENT



INVITED  
BY CHRIST  
IMPACTING  
THE WORLD  
INCLUSIVE  
OF ALL

### CHURCH OFFICERS

#### SESSION

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

#### CLASS OF 2024

Marge Anna Luttrell  
Barry McVinney  
Somerset Sea  
Joseph Yancey  
Carol Young

#### CLASS OF 2025

Alicia Byrd  
Cotten Cunningham  
Kate Franks  
George Keck  
Vernon Markham

#### CLASS OF 2026

Mary Helen Henry  
Leslie McCormack  
Ruth Shepherd  
Alan Solomon  
Justin Villines

#### YOUTH ELDER

Lena Nelson

#### DIACONATE

Moderator: Chris Boggs  
Vice Moderator: Marsha Taylor  
Secretary: Jamie Gomez

#### CLASS OF 2024

Chris Boggs  
Amber Griffin  
Christin Hankins  
Diane Holt  
Kathryn Hyde  
Katie King  
Ann Norwood  
Shannon Rookey  
Marsha Taylor

#### CLASS OF 2025

Lauren Gann  
Jamie Gomez  
Freddie Jolley  
Diane Karlson  
Johanna Lewis  
Jo Paulus  
Ashton Pickell  
Scott Polk  
Margo Shoffner  
Becky Talmadge  
Dan Voth  
Galen Wenger  
Bradley Wright

#### CLASS OF 2026

Matt Christenson  
Cindy Downs  
David Eifling  
Judy Johnson  
Amy Lloyd  
Ann Owen  
Emma Ryall  
Matthew Smith  
L.B. Vaught  
Zachary Ward

#### YOUTH DEACON

Joseph Lloyd