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

JULY 9, 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 *Fantasia super 'Komm, Heiliger Geist', BWV 651a* J.S. Bach

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

We say we come to worship to be with God,  
but the real truth is this:  
God is already with us.  
God is always with us.  
God will ever be with us.  
So, in this time together,  
**Let us lift our voices in praise of this  
loving, ever-present God!**

\* HYMN NO. 550 *Give Praise to the Lord* LAUDETE DOMINIUM

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

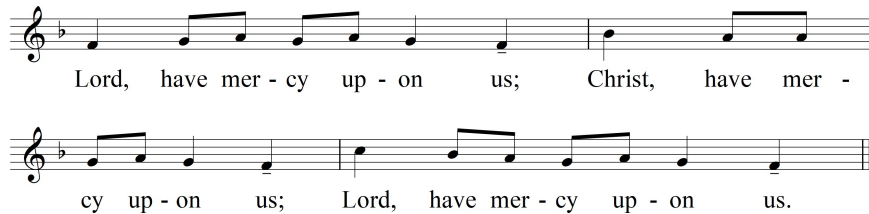
Christ, who calls us to come to him,  
came for us in the midst of our sins.  
Knowing that Jesus meets us where we are,  
let us offer our prayers of confession.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Merciful God,  
we acknowledge our guilt,  
and seek your face and your forgiveness.  
For we have not offered steadfast love  
to you or each other.  
We have not moved forward in faith,  
but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear.  
Forgive our blind striving,  
our stifled concerns,  
the judgments we cast on others.  
Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you,  
rejoicing in the sureness of your love.  
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

People of God,  
hear and believe the good news:  
Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life  
to all who sin and suffer.  
I declare to you now, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
that your sin is 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.*

<b>TIME FOR THE CHILDREN</b>		Lindy Vogado
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>Come Unto Him</i> SPC Adult Choir Melanie Hanna, soprano	G.F. Handel
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<i>MATTHEW 11:16-30</i>	NT P. 11-12
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Empty Pots</i>	Randy Hyde

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

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

\* **HYMN NO. 418** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*UNISON*)

Leader: Light of the world,  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

**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**

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i> SPC Adult Choir	V. Thompson
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\* 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. 31**      *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*      MONKLAND
- \* **CHORAL BENEDICTION**      *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*      J. Rutter
- \* **POSTLUDE**      *Allegro scherzando*      C.M. Widor

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde  
The Reverend Marie Mainard O'Connell  
The Reverend Lindy Vogado  
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts  
Adam Savacool, Organist  
Clint Brockway, Interpreter  
Liturgist: Micky Rigby  
Elder of the Day: Alicia Byrd

Ushers: Judy and Kelley Johnson, Peggy Sullivan, Leah and Philip Shell,  
Marty Rouby, Elaine Eubank, Alfred Williams

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.**



**CONGRATULATIONS LINDY VOGADO!** This week, Rev. Lindy Vogado marks her ten year anniversary on our church staff. Thank you, Lindy, for your commitment to Christ and our congregation. May you serve with us many more years!

**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.

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

**MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE 2023!** Today our high schoolers are off on their adventure to Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, NC. Two buses left at 5:00 a.m. from Trinity Presbyterian Church with sixteen youth and five chaperones from the Presbytery. Our Youth Ministry is very excited to send eight of our high schoolers, Alex Honeycutt, and Elizabeth Cahoon. Throughout the next week our Youth will be living out this year's theme, *In Joy*, by experiencing the deep, authentic joy God brings to our lives. We ask that you pray over our group as they travel today!

#### **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. July 10, NO MEETING. July 17, Loblolly Creamery.

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. July 12, NO MEETING. July 19, Larry'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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mariemo@secondpreslr.org) 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.**

Margo Shoffner  
Judy Johnson

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*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.*

*– Romans 8:28a*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

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 9**

\*Montreat Youth Conference  
Worship 8:30, 10:00

##### **MONDAY, JULY 10**

\*Montreat Youth Conference  
Pastoral Care 1:30  
Personnel Committee 4:30  
Finance Committee 5:00  
Stephen Ministry 6:00  
Stephen Ministry Supervision 6:00  
Boy Scouts 7:00  
Volleyball 7:00

##### **TUESDAY, JULY 11**

\*Montreat Youth Conference  
Men's Group Bible Study 7:00  
Pastoral Care Ministry 5:00  
Environmental Stewardship 5:30  
Fellowship Ministry 6:00

##### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**

\*Montreat Youth Conference  
Staff Meeting 9:00

##### **THURSDAY, JULY 13**

\*Montreat Youth Conference

##### **FRIDAY, JULY 14**

\*Montreat Youth Conference  
Our House Cook Team 3:00

##### **SATURDAY, JULY 15**

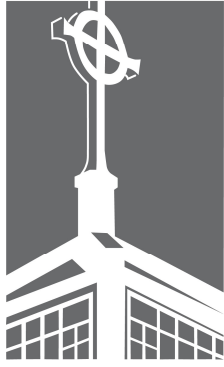
\*Montreat Youth Conference

##### **SUNDAY, JULY 16**

\*Montreat Youth Conference  
Worship 8:30, 10:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin

## VISION STATEMENT



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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

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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