

The background of the cover is a close-up photograph of a light-colored stone cross. The cross is partially visible, with the top and right sides being the most prominent. The stone has a rough, weathered texture. In the upper left corner, there are green leaves and branches, slightly out of focus. The overall lighting is soft and natural, suggesting an outdoor setting.

# SPY

ANNUAL CALENDAR 2023-2024

**Second Presbyterian Youth**

**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

# WELCOME TO SPY



I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

-Philippians 4:13

Get ready for a whole new year of fun, faith and fellowship at SPY: Second Presbyterian Youth. We are going to let this important scripture lead our hearts as we dive into new traditions and strengthen old ones. We are going to try new things and be courageous. I can promise you this will be an amazing year.



Take a look through this catalog and see the many ways you can get involved in the life of Second Presbyterian Youth. There are service projects, retreats, lock-ins, WACKY, regular Sunday School and Youth Group, and empowering fundraisers.



Ever since I was a kid, I've always had the attitude of, "I can do it all." That definitely hasn't changed since I've transitioned into Youth Ministry. I love to pack the calendar full of opportunities for every kid, no matter their interests, to find something tailored to their spiritual journey. Join me in the fun this year!!



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Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth Cahoon'.

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# ANNUAL

2023-2024

## August

- 8/13 Blessing of the Backpacks
- 8/20 Kick Off Sunday  
Ministry Fair  
Youth & Young Adult Cookout
- 8/27 Sunday School begins  
Confirmation begins  
Youth Group begins

## September

- 9/3 Confirmation Parents Meeting
- 9/8-10 Confirmation Fall Retreat
- 9/15-17 Youthquake
- 9/30 Service Saturday

## December

- 12/1-2 SPY Lock-In
- 12/17 Youth Bells and Choir Christmas Performance
- 12/18-1/2 LRSD Winter Break
- 12/20 WACKY Christmas Party
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/31 New Years Eve

## February

- 2/7 WACKY Caroling
- 2/11 Youth Bells and Choir Performance  
Souper Bowl of Caring Fundraiser
- 2/24 Service Saturday
- 2/25 Light the Night Fundraiser

## March

- 3/1-3 SPY Spring Retreat
- 3/17-24 LRSD Spring Break
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday
- 3/29 Good Friday
- 3/30 Service Saturday
- 3/31 Easter Sunday

# CALENDAR

*at a glance*

## October

- 10/1 All Choirs Perform at Worship
- 10/14 Cardboard Village Night
- 10/15 Church Picnic at Ferncliff
- 10/28 Service Saturday
- 10/29 Youth Choir and Bells Performance  
Halloween Carnival

## November

- 11/3-5 Middle School Fall Retreat
- 11/10-12 High School Fall Retreat
- 11/20-24 LRSD Fall Break
- 11/25 Service Saturday
- 11/26 Hanging of the Greens

## January

- 1/19-20 Respect & Sex: Real Talk Workshop
- 1/27 Service Saturday

## April

- 4/13 Youth Sunday Dress Rehearsal
- 4/14 Youth Sunday  
Youth Choir and Bells Performance
- 4/26-28 Confirmation Spring Retreat
- 4/27 Service Saturday

## May

- 5/5 Senior Recognition Sunday
- 5/7 Confirmation Exam
- 5/12 Confirmation Sunday
- 5/19 Youth Choir Performance  
Children's Musical
- 5/26 End of Year SPY Party  
End of Year WACKY Party

I can do all things  
through Christ  
who strengthens me

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



# AUGUST 2023

## **Blessing of the Backpacks Aug 13 | 10:00 a.m. Worship**

During worship, all students and teachers (public, private, college, preschool, or Sunday School teachers) are invited to bring their backpacks down to the chancel to be blessed by our pastors before the school year starts. We also hand out Second Presbyterian keychains to go on your backpack to remind you of your home here!

## **Kick Off Sunday Aug 20**

All worship services return back to their school year hours. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There will be a fun fair introducing you to all of the ministries at Second Presbyterian and their projects.

## **Ministry Fair Aug 20 | 9:50-10:45 a.m. Great Hall**

Come to the Great Hall to meet our ministry leaders. This is a great opportunity to learn about the programs and projects we have at Second, and to be inspired to volunteer with one!

## **\*YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COOKOUT\* Aug 20 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Parking Lot**

Who doesn't love burgers and hotdogs?! Come on over to the lower parking lot and join both the Youth and Young Adult Ministries for a family fun cookout. As the Director for both ministries, I thought it would be extra fun to join forces together to make one BIG party. More details to come.

## **Sunday School 9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building**

Welcome back to the Youth Building!! Sunday School is offered for Middle School and High School in their own divided classes.

### **First Class of the Year August 27**

## **Confirmation 9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building**

During this year long commitment, our Confirmands will walk on a journey together as a class and with their mentors to strengthen their faith and knowledge about God, Christ and the Holy Spirit. We invite all Eighth Graders or those who have not yet completed Confirmation to join this year long class. When a student chooses to be Confirmed at Second Presbyterian Church they are choosing to renew their baptismal vows and become a member of the congregation.

### **First Class of the Year August 27**



## **SPY Youth Group Middle School 5:30-6:30 Dinner 6:30-7:00 High School 7:00-8:00 Youth Building**

If you are looking for games that make you laugh or bible studies that make you wonder, come join us on Sunday Nights in the Youth Building for SPY Youth Group. Friends are always welcome

### **First Youth Group of the Year August 27**

# SEPTEMBER 2023

**NEW!**

## Parents of Confirmands Meeting Sept 3 | 9:50 a.m. | Youth Building

As we begin a new year together on a rather busy year, it is helpful for the parents and Elizabeth to meet at the start of the year to answer any questions. She will also go over the schedule and commitments for each Confirmand. **This is required for all Confirmation parents**, even if your older children already completed confirmation.

**NEW!**

## Confirmation Fall Retreat Sept 8-10

An important tool for a successful year in Confirmation is friendship. The Confirmation Fall Retreat helps the class bond over s'mores and bunk beds. The location will be decided upon later this summer. **This is required for all Confirmands.**

**NEW!**

## Service Saturday Sept 30 | 12:00-2:00 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Restore

Each month, the youth will be given an opportunity to complete a service project on the last Saturday of every month (except December and May). Our projects will vary between visiting a mission partner, packing lunches in the youth building, or making care packages for those in need. **Confirmands are required to attend all Service Saturdays.** All youth are welcome and encouraged to join. No registration is required.

## YouthQuake Sept 15-17 | Ferncliff

Join your friends from across the state of Arkansas at Ferncliff, while the Presbytery hosts the annual YouthQuake! This is a super fun weekend for all middle and high school youth. There are games, small groups, worship, nature activities, and so much more. Registration will be available in August.



**NEW!**

## Youth Group Time

*Middle School 5:30-6:30  
Dinner 6:30-7:00  
High School 7:00-8:00*

After a lot of consideration for the needs of our Youth Program, the Youth Ministry has decided to transition back to the previous SPY Youth Group schedule. This means that Middle Schoolers will have Youth Group first, then High Schoolers will join us for dinner, then the High Schoolers will have their time for Youth Group. If there are families who have siblings in both age groups and can only drop off and pick up once, there will be supervised hangout space for the age group that does not have programming at that time.



# Sunday School 9:50 a.m. Youth Building

In September, our Sunday School classes will encourage students to "dig for truth" rather than taking things at face value.

- 9/3 **What is the truth?**
- 9/10 **What (or who) is my authority?**
- 9/17 **What about doubt?**
- 9/24 **Why does all of this matter?**



## Confirmation

9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building

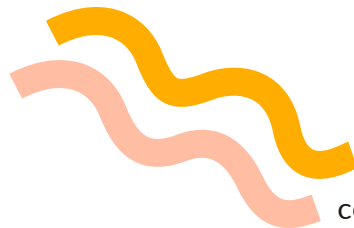
Confirmands are required to attend class every Sunday unless it is otherwise noted in the calendar.

### Confirmation Class

- 9/3 Bible 101
- 9/10 NO CLASS (@ retreat)
- 9/17 Old Testament 1
- 9/24 Old Testament 2

### Confirmation Fall Retreat

Sept 8-10  
Location TBD



## SPY Youth Group

- Middle School 5:30-6:30
- Dinner 6:30-7:00
- High School 7:00-8:00

} Youth Building

At Youth Group you can always expect fun games and delicious food but each week we will change up the Christian focus. For the month of September we are going to recognize how God is always working behind the scenes, depicted by Esther's story.

- 9/3 **God is always working**
- 9/10 **God always has a plan**
- 9/17 **God uses imperfect people**
- 9/24 **God keeps his promises**

## WACKY

Wednesdays 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Are you interested in music and the arts? Do you want to build new friendships and grow your faith? We invite you to try WACKY (Wednesdays At Church for Kids and Youth). You can chose the time you'd like to come based on the activities. Each week we will prepare for different performances for the church. This year we are adding a new component, too! Now during the Youth Group time slot, we will be working on different art projects and growing our spirituality.

### Youth WACKY Timing

- 5:00 Youth Choir
- 5:40 Dinner
- 6:00 Art/Program
- 6:45 Youth Bells

### Art and Program Topics

- 9/6 Welcome/Bonding
- 9/13 World Communion
- 9/20 World Communion
- 9/27 World Communion

# OCTOBER 2023

**NEW!**

## **Cardboard Village Night** **Oct 14 | 6:00 p.m. - 9:50 a.m.** **Parking Lot**

In support of our friends at Our House Shelter, a local shelter that helps to provide pathways out of homelessness for families and individuals, we are sponsoring a Cardboard Village Night. You will be invited to come support Our House by building your own cardboard house in the parking lot to sleep in over night. This event is for educational purposes, so that our Youth and families may experience and learn the difficulties those experiencing homelessness combat on a daily basis. There will be speakers and activities throughout the night for everyone. The following morning, we will invite the church to come and visit our Cardboard Village during Sunday School.

## **Annual Church Picnic** **Oct 15 | After 11:00AM Worship** **Ferncliff**

Join Fellowship Ministry at Ferncliff as we host our Annual Church Picnic!! This is a great way to bond with church members, make new friends and create lasting memories. Ferncliff is a beautiful backdrop for this awesome day!! More details to come.

**NEW!**

## **Service Saturday** **Oct 28 | 12:00-3:00 p.m.** **Parking Lot**

Our monthly Service Saturday will be focused on setting up for the Halloween Carnival. If you are looking for three service hours, please mark this date on your calendar.

## **Halloween Carnival** **Oct 29 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** **Parking Lot**

Everyone's favorite fall tradition is back!! There are many volunteer opportunities to help Elizabeth and the advisors to set up awesome booths and games. Once the event begins you can also volunteer to run a booth or game!! Come for the candy and good times! Costumes are highly encouraged. Perhaps we will have a costume contest with a spooky prize!!

# Sunday School

## 9:50 a.m. Youth Building

In October, our Sunday School classes will learn how to manage their emotions in a healthy and godly way.

10/1

10/8 Titus and the Cretans

10/15 Live like Jesus, so outsiders want to know Jesus

10/22 Live out your faith through generosity

10/29 Live out your faith through partnership

### Starbucks Trip

*Starbucks Trips are a fun way to end the month of lessons by carpooling to the nearest Starbucks during the Sunday School hour!*

# SPY Youth Group

Middle School 5:30-6:30

Dinner 6:30-7:00

High School 7:00-8:00

} Youth Building

During our small group time in October, we are going to study faith, self-control, and forgiveness.

10/1 What you know & how you live

10/8 Faith teaches

10/15 Live by example

10/22 Sharing God's grace

10/29 Halloween Carnival

# Confirmation

9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building

Confirmands are required to attend class every Sunday unless it is otherwise noted in the calendar.

### Confirmation Class

10/1 Greek Orthodox Church Visit

10/8 New Testament 1

10/13 B'nai Temple Visit

10/15 Field Trip Review

10/22 New Testament 2

10/29 New Testament 3

### Field Trips

Throughout the year our Confirmands will be traveling to different places of worship to experience the many ways people worship in their daily lives.

In October, we are visiting Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and B'nai Israel Temple.

# WACKY

Wednesdays 5:00-7:30 p.m.

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### Art and Program Topics

10/1 World Communion Sunday (All Choirs)

10/4 All Saints Prep

10/11 All Saints Prep

10/18 All Saints Prep

10/25 All Saints Prep

10/29 Special Music (Youth Bells and Choir)

### Youth WACKY Timing

5:00 Youth Choir

5:40 Dinner

6:00 Art/Program

6:45 Youth Bells

# NOVEMBER 2023

**NEW!**

## **Middle School Fall Retreat** **Nov 3-5 | 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 a.m.** **Lake Hamilton**

A full weekend with your friends from church and NO PARENTS...sign me up! Elizabeth looks forward to bringing in a new fun tradition for fellowship and group bonding for our middle school students this fall. We will be staying at a spacious home on the beautiful Lake Hamilton. This weekend will be all about you! Time to relax and catch up with friends, enjoy games and opportunities to make great memories. Registration will begin in September. Friends are encouraged.

**NEW!**

## **Service Saturday** **Nov 25 | 12:00-2:00 p.m.** **Little Rock Animal Village**

Our monthly Service Saturday will be at the Little Rock Animal Village. Our tasks will be holding small kittens, walking dogs or helping socialize the animals in the shelter prior to adoption. If you are looking for three service hours, please mark this date on your calendar.

## **Hanging of the Greens** **Nov 26 | 9:30-11:00 a.m.** **Great Hall**

Come and help our congregation prepare our sanctuary and church hall's for Jesus' birth! We will gather in the Great Hall for a delicious breakfast and then break off into smaller projects around the church. This is a great family event!

**NEW!**

## **High School Fall Retreat** **Nov 10-12 | 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 a.m.** **Lake Hamilton**

For high school students only, we are going on our own weekend lake trip! Who's interested in jumping in the water mid-November? We are going to explore the beautiful scenery and take a deep look into ourselves, as we stay in a gorgeous lake house. This will be a unique and memorable experience for all of us. We'll bring back old school games like flash tag and make smores over a camp fire. Mark your calendar now. Registration will open in September. Friends are encouraged.

# Sunday School 9:50 a.m. Youth Building

In November, our Sunday School classes will be reminded to appreciate the love and mercy of God at Thanksgiving and throughout the year.

- 11/5 What is Gratitude...Really?
- 11/12 The "Good Side" of the Coin
- 11/19 The "Bad Side" of the Coin
- 11/26 Hanging of the Greens

## Confirmation

9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building

Confirmands are required to attend class every Sunday unless it is otherwise noted in the calendar.

### Confirmation Class

- 11/5 Imago Dei
- 11/5 Home Communion 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- 11/12 Discipleship
- 11/18 Mosque Visit
- 11/19 Membership
- 11/26 Hanging of the Greens

### Home Communion

One way we will give back to our community this year is by providing communion to our church members who are unable to leave their houses due to sickness or other circumstances. This is always an amazing opportunity for both the mentors and Confirmands. This will be offered three times during the year. Confirmands are required to attend once.

## SPY Youth Group

- Middle School 5:30-6:30
- Dinner 6:30-7:00
- High School 7:00-8:00

} Youth Building

During our small group time in November, we are going to talk about a series on unending hope.

- 11/5 Restored relationship with God
- 11/12 By faith, not by works
- 11/19 God's Spirit dwells within us
- 11/26 No SPY Youth Group

## WACKY

Wednesdays 5:00-7:30p.m.

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### Art and Program Topics

- 11/1 All Saints Prep
- 11/8 Gratitude
- 11/15 Christmas Prep
- 11/22 No WACKY
- 11/29 Christmas Prep

### Youth WACKY Timing

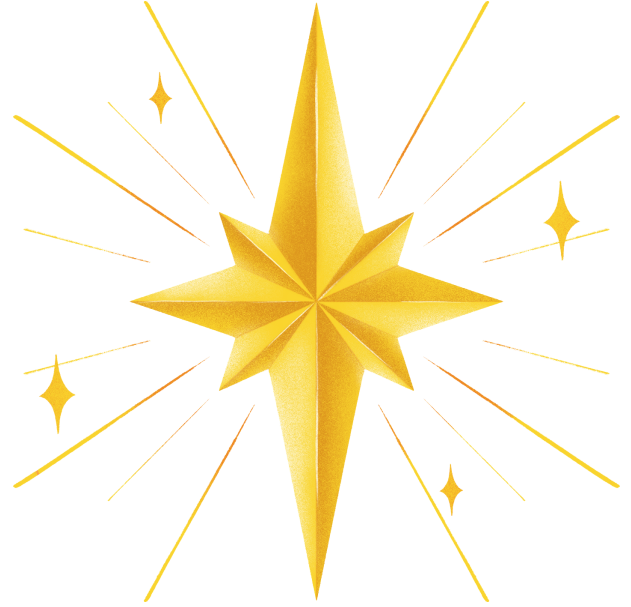
- 5:00 Youth Choir
- 5:40 Dinner
- 6:00 Art/Program
- 6:45 Youth Bells

# DECEMBER *2023*

## **SPY Lock-In**

**Dec 1-2 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.  
Youth Building**

Everyone's favorite chaotic and crazy weekend of the year, the SPY Lock-In. We are bringing it back this year! All ages are invited (Middle and High School Students) as well as your friends. We will start our evening off with a fun late night laser tag adventure. Then who will be able to stay up all night long and meet the morning sunrise? There will be games and many other exciting activities for everyone. Registration will begin in November.



# Sunday School 9:50 a.m. Youth Building

In December, our Sunday School classes learn about the impact Jesus' birth had on the world

- 12/3 God is always with us
- 12/10 God always keeps his promises
- 12/17 God upsets tradition
- 12/24 No Sunday School
- 12/31 No Sunday School

## Confirmation

9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building

Confirmands are required to attend class every Sunday unless it is otherwise noted in the calendar.

### Confirmation Class

- 12/3 Baptism
- 12/10 Communion
- 12/17 Advent
- 12/24 No Class
- 12/31 No Class



## SPY Youth Group

Middle School 5:30-6:30  
Dinner 6:30-7:00  
High School 7:00-8:00

} Youth Building

During our small group in December, we will study the reason for the season... Jesus' birth!

- 12/3 Jesus is born!
- 12/10 Jesus is powerful!
- 12/17 There is joy!
- 12/24 No Youth Group
- 12/31 No Youth Group

## WACKY

Wednesdays 5:00-7:30 p.m.

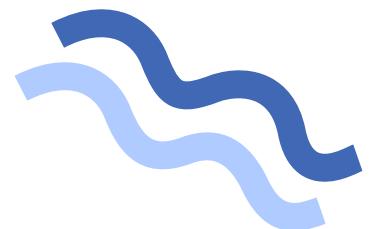
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### Art and Program Topics

- 12/6 Christmas Prep
- 12/13 Christmas Prep
- 12/17 Christmas Performance (Youth Choir and Bells)
- 12/20 WACKY Christmas Party
- 12/27 No WACKY

### Youth WACKY Timing

- 5:00 Youth Choir
- 5:40 Dinner
- 6:00 Art/Program
- 6:45 Youth Bells



# JANUARY 2024

## Respect & Sex: Real Talk Workshop Jan 19-20 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Youth Building



In response to the lack of health education in LRSD, Second Presbyterian has taken on the responsibility for decades to provide an educational and discussion based conversation about our bodies, healthy relationships and protective measures. In the past, this workshop has been only offered for 5th-6th grade students. This year, with new goals, the Youth Ministry is offering this workshop for students 6th-12th grade. You may think...gross...there is no way. But read on to see how we are reshaping this important experience to reach the needs of all youth.

For our youngest students in 6th grade, their experience will be similar to that of our past years. We will offer an introductory course on the reproductive system and gender identity.

7th and 8th grade students will spend the weekend discussing body image and self worth.

Our 9th and 10th graders will be given an opportunity to vulnerably talk about healthy relationships and gender identity.

Our oldest students in 11th and 12th grade will create a safe space to discuss the importance of consent and safe relations with others. This is a very important opportunity the Youth Ministry wants to provide for our oldest students who are beginning to transition into young adulthood.

**NEW!**

## Service Saturday Jan 27 | 12:00-2:00 p.m. Light the Night Set Design

This month our students will be taking on a new project for our monthly Service Saturday. In February, SPY will offer a new fundraiser event called Light the Night. This event will take a lot of set up and preparations to create our vision. In order to create a new fundraiser, open to the whole community, we will need adequate time to build our set and create our atmosphere. Therefore, January's Service Saturday will be geared toward creating the set for the big event.



# Sunday School 9:50 a.m. Youth Building

In January, our Sunday School classes will learn what it means to have a fresh start with God at any time.

- 1/7 Why do we need a clean slate?
- 1/14 What do we do with a clean slate?
- 1/21 Loving God with a clean slate
- 1/28 Trusting God with a clean slate



## Confirmation

9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building

Confirmands are required to attend class every Sunday unless it is otherwise noted in the calendar.

### Confirmation Class

- 1/7 The Lord's Prayer
- 1/14 Buddhist Visit
- 1/21 Prayer Stations
- 1/28 The Apostle's Creed

### Visiting the Ecumenical Buddhist Center

As part of our efforts to learn about the various world religions surrounding us in Little Rock, we are excited to partner with a new religious community, the Ecumenical Buddhist Center of Little Rock. We will be given a tour and walked through a meditation process with a local monk. This is a special opportunity for our Confirmands this year!

## SPY Youth Group

Middle School 5:30-6:30

Dinner 6:30-7:00

High School 7:00-8:00

Youth Building

During our small group time in January, we are focusing on finding freedom.

- 1/7 Paul's calling and the Gospel
- 1/14 Our identity in Christ
- 1/21 We were chosen to be free
- 1/28 Do good to all people

## WACKY

Wednesdays 5:00-7:30 p.m.

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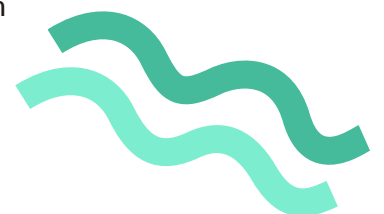
### Art and Program Topics

#### 1/3 NO WACKY

- 1/10 Valentine's Prep
- 1/17 Valentine's Prep
- 1/24 Valentine's Prep
- 1/31 Valentine's Prep

### Youth WACKY Timing

- 5:00 Youth Choir
- 5:40 Dinner
- 6:00 Art/Program
- 6:45 Youth Bells



# FEBRUARY 2024

## **Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 11 | After Worship Services Narthex**

On a day that the United States spends millions of dollars on 30 second ads, let us come together to raise money and collect canned donations for those who are hungry. The Youth will be gathered in the narthex, holding soup pots, waiting for the church to drop donations into their pots after the services. We are bringing back an old tradition of Second Presbyterian by labeling the pots with the two team names competing in the Super Bowl. This is a friendly competition for our church members to vote who they predict will win the 2024 Super Bowl.

**NEW!**

## **Light the Night Fundraiser Feb 25 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. Great Hall**

"1 in 5 youth in the U.S. are experiencing or will experience a mental health condition. Nearly 50% of youth with a mental health consider don't receive treatment. Stigma is a major reason people don't seek help."

[nami.org](http://nami.org)

Help us end the stigma of mental illnesses by coming to our new fundraiser event, Light the Night. This event will include personal testimonials by anonymous youth and young adults, speakers from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), and helpful information to spot the warning signs. We will provide break out sessions after the presentations lead by local therapists to dive deeper into conversation. Donations are encouraged at the door and will be given to NAMI.

We are witnessing a crisis unlike any other generation. Come support our youth on this special evening as we combat the stigma against mental illnesses.

## **Service Saturday Feb 24 | 12:00-2:00 p.m. Prep for Light the Night**

Our monthly Service Saturday will support the needs of our new fundraiser Light the Night. If you are interested in set building or event planning, please plan to join us.

**NEW!**

# Sunday School 9:50 a.m. Youth Building

In February, our Sunday School classes will explore what true love likes like by studying four great love stories in the Bible.

- 2/4 Abraham and Sarah
- 2/11 Boaz and Ruth
- 2/18 Mary and Joseph
- 2/25 Jacob and Rachel

# SPY Youth Group

Middle School 5:30-6:30

Dinner 6:30-7:00

High School 7:00-8:00

} Youth Building

During our small group time in February, we will talk about love and forgiveness.

- 2/4 True humility points to Jesus
- 2/11 God is always in and with you
- 2/18 God is always faithful
- 2/25 God's love conquers all

# Confirmation

9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building

Confirmands are required to attend class every Sunday unless it is otherwise noted in the calendar.

## Confirmation Class

- 2/4 Corporate Sin
- 2/11 Sin and Salvation
- 2/18 Yoga Class
- 2/25 Polity

## Yoga Class with Sydney Mountcastle

Continuing our journey of exploration of world religions and spiritual practices, our Confirmands will be taught by a Yogi the practices of Ashtanga Vinyasa. A special person to Elizabeth Cahoon, our Yogi, Sydney Mountcastle has been a certified Yogi for three years and happens to be Elizabeth's younger sister. She is traveling from Charlotte, NC.

# WACKY

Wednesdays 5:00-7:30 p.m.

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## Art and Program Topics

- 2/7 Valentine Caroling
- 2/11 Valentine's Performance (Youth Bells and Choir)
- 2/14 Special WACKY (Ash Wednesday)
- 2/21 Love
- 2/28 Love

## Youth WACKY Timing

- 5:00 Youth Choir
- 5:40 Dinner
- 6:00 Art/Program
- 6:45 Youth Bells

# MARCH 2024

**NEW!**

## **SPY Spring Retreat** **Mar 2 | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** **Adventureworks, Hot Springs**

Join us for an all day retreat at Adventureworks in Hot Springs, Arkansas. We will start off our morning with basic team building exercises on the low ropes course and then make our way up to the high ropes and canopy zipline. This retreat is for both Middle and High School students. Registration will begin in January. Friends are encouraged.

**NEW!**

## **Service Saturday** **Mar 30 | 12:00-2:00 p.m.** **AR Food Bank**

This month during our Service Saturday, we will travel to the AR Food Bank and help sort donations. There will be a quick tour of the facility and information about the Food Bank.

## **Holy Week at Second Presbyterian**

### **Palm Sunday | Mar 24**

Come wave your palms around in the narthex as you venture to your pew for a special Palm Sunday worship.

### **Maundy Thursday | Mar 28**

Join our pastors as we remember the evening Christ shared bread and the cup with the disciples for the first time. We will also take part in a communal foot washing practice.

### **Good Friday | Mar 29**

Experience the last hours of Jesus' life with the music of a Tenebrae service. Let the voices of our choir echo through the spacious room of our Sanctuary.

### **Easter Sunday | Mar 31**

Rejoice for He is Risen!! He is Risen Indeed! Celebrate with your church family as we remember Christ's resurrection. There will be no Sunday School or Youth Group on this day.



# Sunday School 9:50 a.m. Youth Building

In March, our Sunday School classes will explore the character of Jesus and how his death and resurrection impacted humanity.

- 3/3 I AM the light of the world
- 3/10 I AM the good shepherd
- 3/17 I AM the true vine
- 3/24 I AM the resurrection and the life
- 3/31 Easter Sunday

## Confirmation

9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building

Confirmands are required to attend class every Sunday unless it is otherwise noted in the calendar.

### Confirmation Class

- 3/3 NO Class
- 3/3 Home Communion (1:00-2:00 p.m.)
- 3/4-8 Attend a Ministry Meeting
- 3/10 Agape
- 3/17 NO Class
- 3/24 Youth Sunday Prep
- 3/31 NO Class

### Home Communion

One way we will give back to our community this year is by providing communion to our church members who are unable to leave their houses due to sickness or other circumstances. This is always an amazing opportunity for both the mentors and Confirmands. This will be offered twice during the year. Confirmands are required to attend once.

## SPY Youth Group

Middle School 5:30-6:30  
Dinner 6:30-7:00  
High School 7:00-8:00 } Youth Building

During our small group time in March, we will study the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

- 3/3 Jesus is the way to eternal life
- 3/10 Jesus is arrested and crucified
- 3/17 NO Youth Group
- 3/24 Jesus is resurrection
- 3/31 NO Youth Group

## WACKY

Wednesdays 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Are you interested in music and the arts? Do you want to build new friendships and grow your faith? We invite you to try WACKY (Wednesdays At Church for Kids and Youth).

### Art and Program Topics

- 3/6 Youth Sunday Prep
- 3/13 Youth Sunday Prep
- 3/20 NO WACKY
- 3/27 Youth Sunday Prep

### Youth WACKY Timing

- 5:00 Youth Choir
- 5:40 Dinner
- 6:00 Art/Program
- 6:45 Youth Bells

# APRIL 2024

## **Youth Sunday Dress Rehearsal** **Apr 13 | 12:00-2:00 p.m.** **Sanctuary**

All Youth who plan to participate in leadership or supporting role for this year's Youth Sunday will be required to attend our final dress rehearsal. Meet Elizabeth and our advisors in the Sanctuary. Lunch will be provided.

## **Youth Sunday** **Apr 14 | 11:00 a.m. Worship**

This past year we shared an amazing Youth Sunday with the congregation about fishing! It was awesome! If you are interested in have a leadership role or even a supporting role in Youth Sunday this year, please let Elizabeth know by February. We will spend most of our time preparing for Youth Sunday during Sunday School and WACKY.

Youth Sunday is a special day in the life of the church. On this day all of our pastors have left the building and the youth are in charge!! Once a year, we get to lead in all aspects of worship for the congregation.

**NEW!**

## **Confirmation Spring Retreat** **Apr 26-28 | 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 a.m.** **Location TBD**

Read on to the next page for more information.

**NEW!**

## **Service Saturday** **Apr 27 | 12:00-2:00 p.m.** **Little Rock Animal Shelter**

Our monthly Service Saturday will be at the Little Rock Animal Village. Our tasks will be holding small kittens, walking dogs or helping socialize the animals in the shelter prior to adoption. If you are looking for 3 service hours, please mark this date on your calendar.

# Sunday School 9:50 a.m. Youth Building

In April, our Sunday School classes will help students become grounded in their faith as they follow Jesus.

- 4/7 **Firmly planted**
- 4/14 **Grow deep**
- 4/21 **Grow up**
- 4/28 **Live strong**

## Confirmation

9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building

Confirmands are required to attend class every Sunday unless it is otherwise noted in the calendar.

### Confirmation Class

- 4/7 Youth Sunday Prep
- 4/7 Home Communion
- 4/14 **NO Class (Youth Sunday)**
- 4/21 Faith Statement Workshop
- 4/26-28 **Confirmation Spring Retreat**
- 4/28 **NO Class**

### Confirmation Spring Retreat

**Apr 26-28**

During this mandatory Spring Retreat (please mark your calendars now), our Confirmands will be exploring their faith statements and preparing themselves for the evening they share them with the Session. This retreat is an important experience for our Confirmands to pull the whole year together.

## SPY Youth Group

Middle School 5:30-6:30  
Dinner 6:30-7:00  
High School 7:00-8:00 } Youth Building

During our small group time in April, we will find strength in our weaknesses.

- 4/7 **Grace and Peace**
- 4/14 **God's power in difficult times**
- 4/21 **Generosity**
- 4/28 **Encouragement**

## WACKY

Wednesdays 5:00-7:30 p.m.

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### Art and Program Topics

- 4/3 Youth Sunday Prep
- 4/10 Youth Sunday Prep
- 4/14 **Youth Sunday (Youth Bells & Choir)**
- 4/17 Communion
- 4/24 Communion

### Youth WACKY Timing

- 5:00 Youth Choir
- 5:40 Dinner
- 6:00 Art/Program
- 6:45 Youth Bells

# MAY 2024

**NEW!**

## **Senior Recognition Sunday May 5 | 11:00 am Worship**

While recognizing our graduating Seniors isn't necessarily a new tradition at Second Presbyterian, one way it will be different is by celebrating their accomplishments on their own Sunday. In the past this special occasion has been tied to Youth Sunday or Confirmation Sunday. However, this year we want to recognize these amazing seniors on their own day. Once your senior knows their post graduation plans, please inform Elizabeth so she can create a special presentation.

## **Confirmation Exam & Dress Rehearsal May 7 | 6:00-8:30 p.m. Great Hall and Sanctuary**

The exam this year will be a blend of past recent years and those further back in our history. The Confirmands will be invited to a special dinner event with their families, mentors and members of Session. They will be able to share a meal together before the Confirmands read their Faith Statements at their table. We have chosen to move forward with this intimate experience of sharing their Faith Statements because joining the church should reflect the experience of being a church member; community sharing faith together. We don't want to model an intimidating experience for these Confirmands as an example of how you join the PC (USA). We hope you all enjoy this updated version of the Confirmation Exam.

## **Confirmation Sunday May 14 | 11:00 am Worship**

Join us in celebrating the year long accomplishment and membership of our Confirmands from the Class of 2024. During the 11:00am worship service the Confirmands will profess their faith in front of the congregation and renew their baptismal vows.

## **SPY End of the Year Party May 19 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. Parking Lot**

It's time to celebrate! A whole new year together. Come for the friendship, Awards Ceremony, inflatable water slide, or even the food! We want to end our year with a huge splash!

## **WACKY End of the Year Party May 22 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. Parking Lot**

As our school year comes to a close, so does our time in WACKY. We hope you join us in this big celebration event on the final day of WACKY for the school year. We will have a special dinner and fun bounce houses for everyone!



# Sunday School 9:50 a.m. Youth Building

In May, our Sunday School classes will be encouraged to trust God and rely on him when they face struggles.

- 5/5 Don't let worry be a distraction
- 5/12 God is faithful in the midst of our struggles
- 5/19 God turns our struggles into victory
- 5/26 The potter and the clay



## Confirmation

9:50-10:50 a.m. | Youth Building

Confirmands are required to attend class every Sunday unless it is otherwise noted in the calendar.

### Confirmation Class

- 5/5 Faith Statement Review
- 5/7 Confirmation Exam & Rehearsal
- 5/12 Confirmation Sunday

### Session Exam 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Don't let the name of this evening intimidate you. The Confirmands will be invited before Session to read their prepared Faith Statements as part of the process to become members of Second Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be provided for the Confirmands, their families, the Mentors, and the Elders. Following the event there will be time for the Confirmands to practice a rehearsal of the actual events the following Sunday.

## SPY Youth Group

Middle School 5:30-6:30  
Dinner 6:30-7:00  
High School 7:00-8:00 } Youth Building

During our small group time in May, we will follow God story, continued in the Book of Acts.

- 5/5 Being a witness
- 5/12 Amazing things are happening
- 5/19 End of the Year Party
- 5/26 NO Youth Group

## WACKY

Wednesdays 5:00-7:30 p.m.

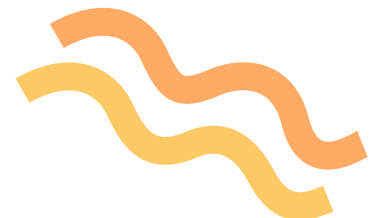
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### Art and Program Topics

- 5/1 Baptism
- 5/8 Baptism
- 5/12 Confirmation Sunday (Youth Choir)
- 5/15 Movie Day
- 5/19 Children's Musical
- 5/22 WACKY End of the Year Party

### Youth WACKY Timing

- 5:00 Youth Choir
- 5:40 Dinner
- 6:00 Art/Program
- 6:45 Youth Bells



# ADVISOR

## One Time Events

### September

#### 9/15-17 Youthquake

(3) Overnight Chaperones

### October

#### 10/14-15 Cardboard Village Night

(4) Planning Team

(6) Evening Only Advisors

(10-15) Overnight Chaperones

#### 10/29 Halloween Carnival

(4) Planning Team

(10) Event Advisors

### November

#### 11/3-5 Middle School Fall Retreat

(5) Overnight Chaperones

(2) Planning Team

#### 11/10-12 High School Fall Retreat

(5) Overnight Chaperones

(2) Planning Team

#### 11/26 Hanging of the Greens

(3) Advisors

### December

#### 12/1-2 SPY Lock-In

(5) Overnight Chaperones

(2) Planning Team

### January

#### 1/19-20 Sex & Relationship Workshop

(2) Planning Team

(4) Small Group Leaders

(2) Food Coordination

### February

#### 2/11 Souper Bowl of Caring

(3) Advisors for Each Worship Service

#### 2/25 Light the Night Fundraiser

(5) Planning Team

(8) Advisors

### March

#### 3/2 SPY Spring Retreat

(2) Planning Team

(8) Advisors

### April

#### 4/13 Youth Sunday Dress Rehearsal

(5) Advisors

#### 4/14 Youth Sunday

(5) Advisors

### May

#### 5/5 Senior Recognition Sunday

(2) Advisors

#### 5/19 SPY End of Year Party

(2) Planning Team

(5) Advisors

#### 5/22 WACKY End of Year Party

(10) Advisors

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Regularly Scheduled

### **Middle School Sunday School**

- (4) Teachers *rotating schedule*
- (3) Supporting Advisor *rotating schedule*

### **High School School Sunday School**

- (4) Teachers *rotating schedule*
- (3) Supporting Advisor *rotating schedule*

### **SPY Youth Group**

- (2) Monthly Planning Team
- (4) Middle School Advisors
- (4) High School Advisors

### **Confirmation**

- (12) Mentors
- (2) Teachers

### **WACKY**

- (4) Advisors

### **Service Saturdays**

- (4) Advisors
- (2) Planning Team

## Holidays

**Sept 4** Labor Day  
**Oct 9** Columbus/Indigenous People Day  
**Oct 31** Halloween  
**Nov 5** Day Light Savings  
**Nov 7** Election Day  
**Nov 11** Veteran's Day  
**Nov 23** Thanksgiving  
**Dec 24** Christmas Eve  
**Dec 25** Christmas Day  
**Dec 31** New Year's Eve  
**Jan 1** New Year's Day  
**Jan 15** MLK Jr Day  
**Feb 2** Groundhog's Day  
**Feb 14** Valentine's Day  
**Feb 19** President's Day  
**Feb 29** Leap Day  
**Mar 10** Day Light Savings  
**Mar 17** St. Patrick's Day  
**Apr 22** Earth Day  
**May 12** Mother's Day  
**May 27** Memorial Day  
**June 16** Father's Day  
**Jun 19** Juneteenth  
**Jul 4** Independence Day

## Razorback Home Games

**Sept 2** WCU @ Arkansas  
**Sept 9** Kent State @ Arkansas  
**Sept 16** BYU @ Arkansas  
**Oct 21** MS State @ Arkansas  
**Nov 11** Auburn @ Arkansas  
**Nov 18** FIU @ Arkansas  
**Nov 24** Missouri @ Arkansas

## LRSD Calendar

**Aug 14** First Day of School  
**Sept 4** No School (Labor Day)  
**Oct 20** No School (Parent Teacher Conference)  
**Oct 23** No School (Teacher Development)  
**Nov 3** No School (Teacher Development)  
**Nov 20-24** No School (Fall Break)  
**Dec 18-Jan 2** No School (Winter Break)  
**Jan 15** No School (MLK Jr Day)  
**Feb 16** No School (Parent Teacher Conference)  
**Feb 19** No School (Teacher Development)  
**Mar 18-22** No School (Spring Break)  
**May 27** No School (Memorial Day)  
**May 29** Last Day of School

## Liturgical Calendar

**Nov 1** All Saints Day  
**Nov 26** Christ the King  
**Dec 3** First Sunday of Advent  
**Dec 24** Christmas Eve  
**Dec 25** Christmas Day  
**Jan 6** Epiphany  
**Jan 7** Baptism of Jesus  
**Feb 14** Ash Wednesday  
**Feb 14-Mar 25** Lent  
**Mar 24** Palm Sunday  
**Mar 28** Maundy Thursday  
**Mar 29** Good Friday  
**Mar 31** Easter  
**May 19** Pentecost  
**May 26** Trinity Sunday



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