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

AUGUST 13, 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

Prelude on ST. DENIO

P. Whitlock

* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

God speaks peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Psalm 85:8-13

**God lifts us up from death to life
and calls us to God's purposes through the
compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Genesis 37:28

Surely salvation is at hand for those who trust in God.

With thanksgiving, let us worship God!

* HYMN NO. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all,
who is generous to all who call upon God's name.
Confessing our sins,
we depend on God's generosity and grace.

Romans 10:12

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Gracious God,
you call us to step out in faith,
trusting in you for all things.
We respond to your command but then
sink in doubt and fear.**

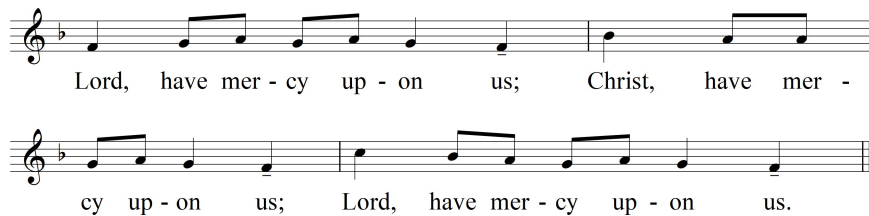
Matthew 13:40

**Forgive us, we pray, when we confess
with our lips but do not believe in our hearts.
Forgive us when we believe in our hearts
but do not confess with our lips.
Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances.
Lift us up amidst the storms of life,
so we might walk with you. Amen.**

Matthew 14:31

(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**

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, *Genesis 37:15-17, 28*
restores all, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Psalm 105:16-22; Matthew 14:31*
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved. *Romans 10:13*
Thanks be to God!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE (RESPONSIVE)**

Our worship calls upon us to be at peace with God
and one another.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
peace be to you.
And also with you.
Let us share this God-given peace with one another.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Marie Mainard O'Connell

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Lindy Vogado

ANTHEM *The Lord is My Shepherd* Thomas Matthews
Melanie Hanna, soprano
Ethan Ezell, tenor

SCRIPTURE READING *MATTHEW 12:22-33* NT, P. 16

SERMON *Far From the Peaceful Shore* Randy Hyde

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

This morning we celebrate all the opportunities we have to learn and grow throughout our lives. For those who will be beginning a new school year as a student, faculty, or staff person, we encourage you to come forward when invited to receive a special blessing this morning, reminding you that the prayers of all of us go with you.

THE 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 *Prélude* C. Franck

* **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. 69** *Lead On, O King Eternal!* LANCASHIRE

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** *Toccata* E. Gigout

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde
The Reverend Marie Mainard O'Connell

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgist: Micky Rigby

Elder of the Day: Mary Helen Henry

Welcome Center: Chrissy Voth

Ushers: Emily Hall, Barbara Vaught, Carol Young, Kelley Johnson,
Ouida and George Keck, J. Dyke and Garry Mertins

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.**



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.

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.

THANK YOU, RANDY! Please join us Sunday, August 27 after the 11:00 service for a Gratitude Reception in Second Hall. We're celebrating Randy Hyde's ministry with us on his last day in the pulpit. Your cards and thank yous are being received in the church office until August 27.

BEN KANE WELCOME RECEPTION: On Sunday, September 10 after the 11:00 service there will be a reception to welcome Ben to Second! We are collecting welcome cards and notes for Ben and his family in the church office. Thanks for your gracious gestures of welcome.

MINISTRY FAIR: Join us for our fall resurgence of classes, ministries, and opportunities! Travel our mix-and-mingle among more than 20 tables to discover the people and focus of our Sunday morning courses, midweek groups, outreach, volunteering, music and more: find a new study or meet your new favorite group, as we showcase EVERYTHING Second Presbyterian has to offer from children and youth through adult generations. We love this delightful way to showcase the depth and breadth of our wonderful community – drop in before or after worship, 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on Sunday, August 20!

UNIFORM DRIVE FOR BALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: To help get the new school year off to a great start, we are collecting uniforms and hygiene supplies for students at Bale Elementary School! Students range from kindergarten to fifth grade. Uniform pieces most needed are navy and khaki pants, shorts, and skirts in youth sizes from 5t-14 or youth sizes XS to XXL as well as short-sleeve and long-sleeve polo shirts in white, navy, and light blue. Hygiene supplies such as bar soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, and pads/tampons are also needed. You may drop your donations off at the designated Bale supplies table in the narthex on Sundays or in the church office by Lindy's door during the week. For more information, contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE: Please join The Interfaith Center of Arkansas and Arkansas House of Prayer for the annual interfaith prayer service, Love Thy Neighbor: Tending the Sacred Flame, a celebration of peace through music, prayer, and wisdom. The event will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 6:00 p.m. It will be an in-person event, with an option to livestream at www.youtube.com/user/theinterfaithcenter. Love Thy Neighbor began as an interfaith prayer service to help bring people, who are dedicated to peace in our community and around the world, together. The event is FREE and open to all age groups. Stay up to date by visiting their website at www.theinterfaithcenter.org.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES are on recess until August 27! The *Adult Bible Study* continues 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.

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, August 26**. 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.

IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH? REMEMBER THE BIRTHDAY FUND! If you have an August 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: We are looking forward to the coming year and the *Sacred Encounters with Friends* here at Second Presbyterian Church. We invite all the women of Second Presbyterian Church and visitors to our PW Tea on **Sunday, August 20, 3:00 p.m.** in the Second Hall. Pledges may be given at this event and the Bible Study and new yearbooks will be available. Pledges and payment for study books can be made with the QR code and on the church website. We anticipate the coming year to be filled with *Sacred Encounters*. It is our hope that you can join us.



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.



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: Alas! The last stop of the *2023 Margarita Tour of Little Rock* will be **Wednesday, August 23** at Zin Wine Bar (11121 N. Rodney Parham Rd.) at 6.30 p.m. Join us for margs or wine to celebrate another great summer. Contact Diane Karlson at dikarlson@gmail.com if you want to join and cheer on the last stop. We are an adult group for those in between "young adult" and retiree. Come join us!

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. 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 IS STILL ON SUMMER TIME! Join us for one more week of the summer schedule. 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. Middle School Students (rising 6th-graduated 8th grade) are on a mission to find the best ice cream in Little Rock. August 14, Zaza: Little Rock. High School Students (rising 9th-graduated 12th grade) are on a mission to find the best pizza in Little Rock. August 16, Damgoode Pies. We meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. both nights. Contact Elizabeth Cahoon at elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org for more information.

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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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Blessing of the Backpacks
Worship 8:30, 10:00

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Pastoral Care 1:30
Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:00
Boy Scouts 7:00
Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00
*Faith and Grief 12:00
Diaconate Meeting 7:00
Session Meeting 7:00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Staff Meeting 9:00
Adult Choir 6:30

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Fall Kickoff
Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Ministry Fair 9:30
*Presbyterian Women Tea 3:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin