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

AUGUST 20, 2023

8:30 AND 11:00 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. At 11:00, take the red friendship pad, sign your name, and pass it down the pew and back, noting the names of those worshipping with you. At 8:30, complete the yellow card and place it in the offering plate. We encourage our guests to share your information that we might be aware of your presence with us.

PRELUDE

Fanfare

J. Lemmens

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*RESPONSIVE*)

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,
and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
Your steadfast love endures forever.
Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.
Happy are those who sing your praise
and extol your righteousness all the day.

* HYMN NO. 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins without fear
to the One who yearns to embrace us,
forgive us, protect and bless us.

Genesis 45

**Confident in our deliverance,
let us confess our sins before God
and one another.**

Isaiah 56:1

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

**Holy God,
we confess we have not been obedient
to your will for us.
We have sought justice for ourselves
but neglected justice for others.
We have insisted on our rights
but have not lived rightly in order to bless others.
We have desired mercy for our sins,
but have not offered mercy to those
who have sinned against us.**

Romans 11:30

**By the power of your Holy Spirit,
free us from the shackles of our disobedience.
Help us to love as you have loved us,
that our lives may testify to your abounding grace
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

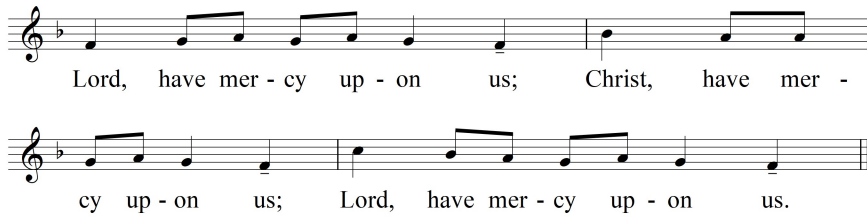
Romans 11:31

Romans 11:32

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**

Our God touches us with kindness *Genesis 45:5-15*
forgiving our sins,
preserving our lives,
and restoring our souls
through the abundant provision of
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Receive now that for which faith has hungered: *Matthew 15:28*
you are forgiven and healed in the name of
Jesus the Christ.

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

Jesus said,
“Love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you are to love one another.”
The Peace of Christ be with you all.
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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Marie Mainard O’Connell

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Elizabeth Cahoon

ANTHEM *Hallelujah! Praise God In His Holy Temple* K. Hildebrand
SPC Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE READING *MATTHEW 15:21-28* NT, P. 17

SERMON *A Different Side of Jesus* Randy Hyde

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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

*** HYMN NO. 318** *In Christ There is No East or West* ST. PETER

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 *Aria* F. Peeters

* **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

* **BENEDICTION**

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

* **POSTLUDE** *Toccata in D major* M. Lanquetuit

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Jean Kohler (11:00) Judy Johnson

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Ruth Shepherd (11:00) Leslie McCormack

Welcome Center: Laura Connor

Ushers: (8:30) Chris Boggs, Marsha and Lindsey Taylor, Chris Herring,

Marti Rouby (11:00) Marsha and Lindsey Taylor, Peggy Marshall,

Pam and George Babb, Pam Luther

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 **Thursday, 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. The next meeting is **Tuesday, September 19**. 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 TODAY: 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. TODAY!

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 TODAY at **3:00 p.m.** in 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.



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 FOR THE FALL: Join us at 9:50 a.m. on **Sunday August 27** in classrooms throughout the building! *Second Hall Short Series* opens with a book-with-video discussion The Walk by Adam Hamilton, focusing on five essential spiritual practices, led by staff and members. *Connections Class* in room 62 is continuing The Heart of Christianity by Marcus Borg – no pre-reading needed to discover a life of faith by reconceptualizing familiar beliefs. The *Seeking More Light* class in room 67 is starting the book No Cure for Being Human by Kate Bowler, who asks “how do you move forward with a life you didn’t choose?” The *Bible Study Class* in the Library remains focused on studying The Fall Uniform Series on “God’s Law is Love” and moves through key passages of Luke, John, Romans, Galatians, Acts and First Corinthians to explore how Love Completes, Faith Triumphs and Christ Frees. *Spiritual Nourishment* meets in the Heritage room to discuss Anne Lamott’s new book, Dusk Night Dawn where she confronts the hard question “How can we recapture the confidence we once had in the future as we stumble through dark times that seem increasingly bleak?”

PARENTING OF TEENS: This class aims for a resurgence, led by Jennifer Chilcoat, et al. Teens come in a variety of flavors, but they all present occasional challenges to their parents! Join us for a chance to be in community with other parents who are seeking to navigate the teen years in a way that provides a solid spiritual and emotional foundation for them to take into young adulthood. Sundays at 9:50 a.m., upstairs in the Youth Building. For more information contact staff liaison Elizabeth Cahoon at elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org.

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.

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 Leslie McCormack at leslie.mcc@gmail.com



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.

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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.

(8/20) Chris Boggs
(8/27) Dan Voth

11:00 A.M.

(8/20) Emma Ryall
(8/27) Joseph Lloyd

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Fall Kickoff

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00

Ministry Fair 9:30

*Presbyterian Women Tea 3:00

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Pastoral Care 1:30

Finance Committee 5:00

Boy Scouts 7:00

Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Staff Meeting 9:00

Stewardship Team Meeting 1:30

*Cheeses with Jesus 6:30

Adult Choir 6:30

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

*Property Work Day 7:30

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00

*Randy Hyde Reception 12:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin