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

AUGUST 27, 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

K. Leighton

* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

You, who are many, are transformed to
become one in Christ.

Romans 12:1, 5

**We, who are many, are called to worship God,
the Three in One.**

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN NO. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help,
we come before the Lord, confessing our sin
and seeking forgiveness.

Psalm 124:8

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

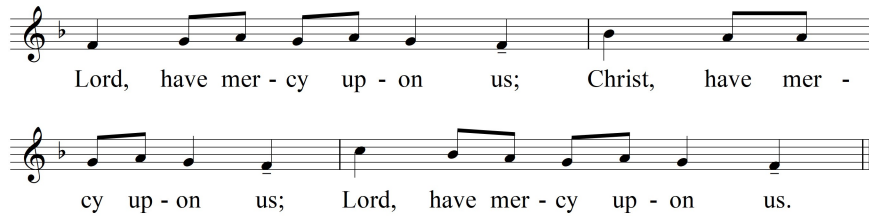
**Forgiving God,
we confess that we are indeed
conformed to this world.**

Romans 12:2

**We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.
We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.
We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.
We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.
Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
We ask this in Jesus' name. 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

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, *Psalm 124:1, 8*
we would now be lost in sin.
But it is the Lord who is on our side.
And so, we are forgiven.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

* 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.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Elizabeth Cahoon

ANTHEM

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
SPC Adult Choir

Traditional

SCRIPTURE READING

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-9
ROMANS 12:1-5

OT, P. 191
NT, PP. 161-2

SERMON

The Offering

Randy Hyde

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

* HYMN NO. 697

Take My Life

HENDON

SHARING GRATITUDE FOR RANDY HYDE (11:00)

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

Cantilène

J. Rheinberger

* 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. 306** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

* **BENEDICTION**

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

* **POSTLUDE** *Festival Toccata* P. Fletcher

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Doctor Randy Hyde

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Ruth Shepherd (11:00) Eli Gomez

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Justin Villines

Welcome Center: Judi and Steve Short, Kathy and John Ransom

Ushers: (8:30) Dan, Chrissy, Clara, Anna and Ezra Voth

(11:00) Sandra and Ed Rogers, Amy, John and Joseph Lloyd

Jim Guy Tucker, Peggy Marshall

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.**



THANK YOU, RANDY! Please join us TODAY 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.

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.

BEN KANE WELCOME RECEPTION: On Sunday, September 10 after the 11:00 service there will be a reception in The Great Hall 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.

CALLING ALL NAMETAGS! The Kane Family has lots of new names to learn! Let's make it easier and track down those nametags and wear them when possible. If it's misplaced, visit the Welcome Center to arrange a replacement or contact Tracy in the church office. Cost for a replacement is \$5.00. Thanks!

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** 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.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: We are looking forward to the coming year and the *Sacred Encounters with Friends* here at Second Presbyterian Church. 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*. Our regular gatherings are on the second Tuesday of each month. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, at 10:30 a.m. It is our hope that you can join us.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENING CIRCLE INTEREST MEETING TODAY: Join us today at 4:30 p.m. for a warm home reception to discuss a new evening/afternoon circle possibility for Bible Study and fellowship together! This gathering aims to craft a regular PW opportunity accessible those unavailable for meetings during the work week. Contact Lindsey Taylor at 501-412-7508 for more information and location of her home.

ENNEAGRAM 101: Join us for *Enneagram 101: Learn Your Number*. We will meet in Second Hall on Thursdays, September 7 through October 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The course follows the teaching of Enneagram master teacher, Suzanne Stabile. Catherine Lowry will facilitate the sessions. Please call the church office 501-227-0000 to register. The cost is \$20 and participant manuals will be available at the first session.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES FOR THE FALL

Join us at 9:50 a.m. on Sundays 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. Books available for \$10. Zoom room also available.

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?” Order books online or contact the front office. Zoom room also available.

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. Curriculum available digitally or printed free of charge. Zoom room also available.

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?” Zoom room also available.

First and Third Monday Bible Study Group meets at 9:30 a.m. in Second Hall starting Monday Sept. 18 for our new study *Eat This Book* by Eugene Peterson, co-led by Rev. Marie and guest lecturer Rev. Robert Lowry. Delve deep into the practice of spiritual reading and lectio-divina. Books available in office for \$15 or order online. Zoom by request.

Questions, comments or new ideas for class topics? Contact Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell at mariemo@secondpreslr.org or 214-686-6347. Zoom links are in the Thursday afternoon Second Connections email.

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 leslier.mcc@gmail.com.



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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! Men of all ages are invited to visit or join. Contact Vic Fleming at judgevic@gmail.com or Vernon Markham at vmarkh3@gmail.com for further details.

INTERGENERATIONAL DRINKS AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUP: Please join us on Wednesday, **September 6** at 5:30 p.m. for Drinks and Discipleship, an Intergenerational Group that gathers for fun, art, music, good food and good company. We will meet at the home of Joseph and Amara Yancey. Please email Amara Yancey at amarayancey@gmail.com to RSVP. Childcare can be available at the church, if needed. Contact Karin Howze to confirm your need for childcare (karinhowze@secondpreslr.org) We would love to have you join us!

CHEESES WITH JESUS: We are an adult group for those in between "young adult" and retiree. We welcome newcomers to the church, as well as those who have been long time members. We start our meetings with a time of fellowship and food followed by study. We normally gather off campus at a private home. Contact Diane Karlson at (970) 412-3144 for more details.



**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.

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Cathy Crass 501-951-5890

Steve Dunnagan 501-590-9768

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**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.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

(9/3) Scott Polk

(9/10) Dan Voth

(9/17) Scott Polk

11:00 A.M.

(9/3 and 9/10) Zach Ward

(9/17) Emma Ryall

(9/24) Amber Griffin

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

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

*Randy Hyde Reception 12:00

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Pastoral Care 1:30

Boy Scouts 7:00

Volleyball 7:00

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Staff Meeting 9:00

Adult Choir 6:30

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

* Denotes announcement in bulletin