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

AUGUST 6, 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

*Fugue in G minor, BWV 578*

J. S. Bach

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

In worship, we call upon the Lord  
and ask that God incline an ear to hear our  
thoughts and words.

*Psalm 17:6*

We affirm that God meets us at our greatest need  
and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

**In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.**

\* HYMN NO. 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

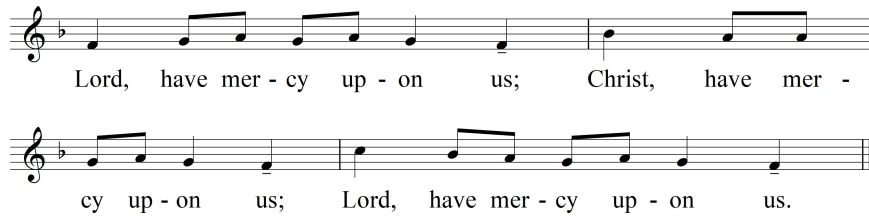
We acknowledge our shortcomings,  
and ask to be forgiven.  
Let us confess our sins to the One who blesses us  
and meets our need.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God of compassion, we are sick.  
We have wrestled all night with worry  
instead of resting in you.  
We have asserted our own goodness  
instead of awakening to yours.  
We have turned away those hungry for your help  
instead of trusting you and feeding them  
from your limitless supply of blessings.  
Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you.  
We call upon you in confident faith that  
you will answer us, O God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven,  
filled, and transformed by the renewing of our  
minds and hearts.

*Romans 12:2*

**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.**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

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

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY**

Elizabeth Cahoon

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

Alisa Secrest

**ANTHEM**

*Panis Angelicus*  
Melanie Hanna, soprano

C. Franck

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*MATTHEW 14:13-21*

NT, P. 16

**SERMON**

*Blessed Interruptions*

Randy Hyde

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (RESPONSIVE)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You are our God,

and we are creatures of your hand.

You made us from the dust of the earth,  
breathed into us the breath of life,

and set us in your world to love and serve you.

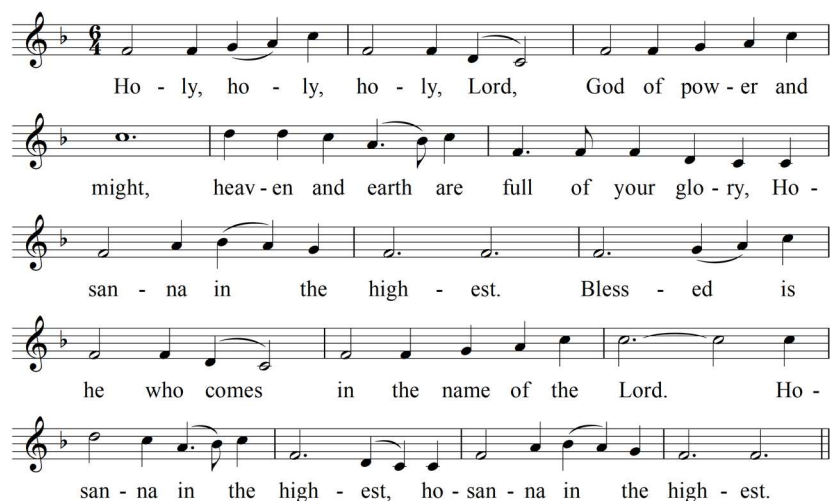
When we rejected your love and ignored your wisdom,  
you did not reject us.

You loved us still

and called us to turn again to you

in obedience and in love.

Therefore, we praise you,  
joining our voices with the heavenly choirs  
and with all the faithful of every time and place.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
And blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
Out of your great love for the world,  
you sent Jesus among us  
to set us free from the tyranny of evil.  
He lived as one of us,  
sharing our joys and sorrows.  
By his dying and rising,  
he releases us from bondage to sin  
and frees us from the dominion of death.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and cup,  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
By your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ  
and with all who are baptized in his name,  
that we may be one in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
Send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

#### 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.**



### 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**.



**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:NVHicks@gmail.com) for Zoom information. Thank you for a great year, and we'll see you in the fall.

**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](mailto:terricross@secondpreslr.org).



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**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](mailto:bradwright@comcast.net) for more information.

#### **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:** The *2023 Margarita Tour of Little Rock* continues Wednesday, **August 9**, 6:30 p.m. at Local Lime (The Promenade at Chenal Parkway). Contact Elizabeth Cahoon ([elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org](mailto:elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org)) if you want to join and haven't toured with us so far. 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](mailto:karinhowze@secondpreslr.org)) and Amara Yancey ([amarayancey@gmail.com](mailto:amarayancey@gmail.com)) to RSVP. We look forward to connecting with you in our beloved community this summer!

#### **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 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. We meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on both 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. August 7, NO MEETING. August 14, Zaza, Little Rock.

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. August 9, NO MEETING. August 16, Damgoode Pies.



#### **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.

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.

**AUGUST WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS**

**8:30 A.M.**

Chris Boggs  
Amy Lloyd  
Dan Voth

**10:00 A.M.**

Judy Johnson  
Jo Paulus

**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6**

Worship 8:30, 10:00

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

High School Mission Week 9:00  
Pastoral Care 1:30  
Boy Scouts 7:00  
Volleyball 7:00

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00  
High School Mission Week 9:00  
Environmental Stewardship 5:30  
Fellowship Ministry 6:00

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**

High School Mission Week 9:00  
Staff Meeting 9:00  
\*Cheeses With Jesus 6:30

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**

High School Mission Week 9:00

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11**

High School Mission Week 9:00  
Our House Cook Team 3:00

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

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

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin