



Greet the New Day

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24

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A Note from Ben

To the family and friends of Second Presbyterian Church!

“Can I have the opportunity to potentially disrupt your life?”

That was the title of an email I received in my inbox. I clicked to open it because it was a bold statement to make, and boldness should be rewarded. Much to my dismay, I quickly realized the email sender was a local businessperson trying to get me to change insurance carriers. I didn't change carriers, but I've not forgotten that email title and the more I think about it, I believe it's because of one reason.

That's Jesus' opening line to each of us, every day.

He is constantly asking us, “Can I have the opportunity to potentially disrupt your life?” And what we find with Christ's question is that it is an entry point into our lives so he might have the opportunity to disrupt how we think, act, believe, work, function, worship, educate, and are in relationships with each other and God. Here's what's beautiful about Christ – because He is the God of grace, he asks this question without coercion because he isn't selling us anything we need to buy. He simply wants the opportunity to give you something that will disrupt your life. And that *thing* is the good news of the gospel.

Here's the thing about disruptions – sometimes they can be good!

In many ways my arrival will be a disruption to your lives – and I pray that is a good thing! My very presence will be a disruption to the staff, congregation, and larger Little Rock community as I'm someone new and will do things a little (or a lot!) differently than previous pastors and leaders. My constant prayer in this season of transition is that my arrival is a good disruption that'll make us all consider what God is doing and how God sees our future unfolding together.

When I first join you in worship on Sunday, September 10, I want to delve into a preaching series on the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. In that sermon, Christ seeks to disrupt our lives with grace, love, and hope. As we'll find in that magnificent sermon, Jesus showcases who God is and how God seeks to enter our lives with the good news of the gospel that disrupts how we think about God, ourselves, faith, and the world around us.

I'm grateful to God for this call to be your next pastor and when you read this, my family and I will be settling into life in Little Rock. What I want you to know is that there is much to celebrate in these coming weeks and months and I'm eager to join with you in doing the ministry to which God's called each of us to engage. My invitation to you is that as you explore this brochure of offerings for the fall, would you prayerfully consider where God might be seeking to disrupt your life?

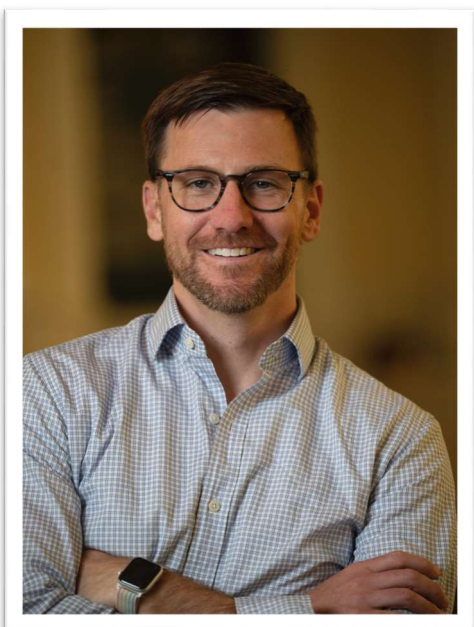
Maybe God is calling you to join a new small group or Sunday school class; maybe God is nudging you to consider working with the children's or youth ministries; or maybe God is sending notice to you to pay attention to the many mission and outreach opportunities that Second engages with; or maybe God's calling you to recommit to a daily prayer life and to join with us in worship each Sunday morning.

Whatever it is, know that God is showing up in your life each day seeking to disrupt you with a simply profound question, "Can I have the opportunity to potentially disrupt your life?"

What a question to be asked – especially by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! May you know that I'll be praying for you all in these coming weeks and am excited to be joining with you in the ministry of Second Presbyterian soon.

With joy and excitement for what God will do,

Rev. Ben



Sunday Morning at Second

On August 20, our fall worship schedule resumes with three worship services. Enjoy traditional worship among friends with organ and choir at 8:30 a.m. The casual prayer garden service will move to 9:00 a.m., meeting outside or in Second Hall, as weather dictates. At 11:00 a.m., our larger worship service features traditional music with organ and choir on most Sundays. Join us each week as we praise God through enriching worship and fellowship.



8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service
Sanctuary



9:00 a.m.

Prayer Garden Service

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, Second Gifts Planned Giving Program and the Birthday Fund. You may support the ministries of our church through online giving at secondpreslr.org, with the QR code or by mailing a check to the church office:

600 Pleasant Valley Drive,
Little Rock, Arkansas 72227.



SUNDAY SCHOOL START-UP

We are beginning a new Sunday school year during the Sunday school hour from 9:50-10:50 a.m.

On August 20, all children's Sunday school classes begin, while youth and adults participate in the Ministry Fair in the Great Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m. Some children will be graduating to a new class. Proceed to the appropriate classroom for a meet-and-greet introduction of teachers, classmates and topics. Signs will be posted, telling where children's classes will meet.

Youth and adult classes begin new series or topics on Sunday, August 27.

Friends are welcome; this is a great time to take the next step in following Christ.

Second Hall Sunday School

This season we focus on living a faithful life of love in grateful response to God, overcoming the challenges life brings, and being sustained by worship, music, study, giving, and bearing witness.

THE WALK

The Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life by Adam Hamilton

August 27 – September 24

How do we follow Christ? How then shall we live? In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk and taught throughout the New Testament. Each practice is intended for our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church, especially in this new day. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith. Prepare for our new season of growth and a renewal of your spirit with this engaging study and video series. Books available in the church office for \$15.

NEW HORIZONS

Healing After Challenge

November 5-26

The last few years have been “turbulent” for many, especially if you consider the changes wrought by COVID responses in the secular and sacred world, as well as challenges in our personal lives – births, deaths, career changes, illness and even natural disaster. Join us for a series dedicated to understanding how institutions and individuals adapt to change and address harm, how loving yourself can lead to loving your neighbor more effectively. Discuss what one can expect in a changing environment whether at home, work, or church, and why humans respond so differently to challenge, change, and trauma. “How then shall we live” to improve our quality of life and that of our community in a world of change?

SOUNDTRACK OF FAITH

Music Impacting Ministry

October 1-29

Music speaks to the soul unlike any other artistic expression; it can combine the heights of spiritual truth as well as the depth of human emotion – inspiring as well as articulating what we ourselves cannot say. Join us in exploring the soundtrack of our ministry staff as we hear excerpts of the music that sustains their spirit, both sacred and secular. What better way to get to know someone than to find out what's on their playlist and why?

AN UNEXPECTED ADVENT

Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story by Rachel Billups

December 3-24

During this Advent season, join in this newly released video-and-devotional study by Methodist pastor Rachel Billups, who guides readers through the traditional themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of characters outside the Holy Family who are often overlooked: Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of characters teaches us something surprising about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas, and how to live so that we may love.

Ongoing Adult Sunday School Classes

THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Coordinators: Graham Catlett and Chris Boggs

Location: Church Library and Zoom Hybrid

The Bible Study Class is our most traditional Bible study course in our most modern setting, starting each Sunday at 9:30am! Dig deep into the Word of God through the PC(USA)'s *The Present Word Adult Bible Lessons*, part of the international Uniform Series for increasing awareness of the content of Scripture and the self-disclosing love of God. The Fall series focuses 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. Lead teacher is Graham Catlett with occasional substitutes; free curriculum mailed to your home or shared via email. Contact coordinator Chris Boggs for more information and to join at chrissboggscltr@yahoo.com.

SEEKING MORE LIGHT

Coordinator: Greg Adams

Locations: Room 64 and Zoom Hybrid

The Seeking More Light class is an open, LGBTQ+ affirming, supportive and inquisitive group in search of meaningful ways to further our understanding of the welcome of Christ and how to live a life of inclusion across the lines that divide us – especially racial, ethnic, class, educational and political lines. We study books that help us integrate the realities of modern life with the insights and practice of Christianity. This fall we will begin with the book *No Cure for Being Human (and Other Truths I Need to Hear)* by Kate Bowler and then *Lost & Found* by Kathryn Schulz. Copies for purchase will be available in the church office. New members are always welcome-- book in hand or not, it's kindness and curiosity that count! Contact Greg Adams, sgadams822@gmail.com for more information.

CONNECTIONS CAFÉ

Coordinator: Kathryn Hyde

Location: Room 62/63

Connections Café is for any adult in the younger phases of life, whether you have kids or not, to discuss the challenges of life, career, family and current events. Together we discuss, laugh, drink a *lot* of coffee, and grow as we try to grow beyond our childhood faith and into our fullest selves. For more information, contact Kathryn Hyde at kathrynahyde@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

Coordinators: Nancy Hicks and Janet Carson

Locations: Heritage Room and Zoom Hybrid

The Spiritual Nourishment class takes seriously the idea that deep friendships and slow study bear sweet fruit, as this small but joyful tribe has been together for 20 years! Their evolved process welcomes new friends to explore faith as experienced in daily life; each class begins with joys and concerns and a brief meditation, followed by a free and granular discussion of the text. This fall we are continuing our study of Anne Lamott's book *Dusk, Night, Dawn: On Revival and Courage*. Members in the Heritage Room are encouraged to bring a Zoom-enabled device or share to participate. For Zoom information, contact Janet Carson at plannitjanet@gmail.com or Nancy Hicks at nvhicks@gmail.com.



Making Music Together

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC

Each Sunday, our children 2 years old through Pre-Kindergarten get a sing-a-long time with Miss Mary during their Sunday School hour. Songs that build our faith, like “God is So Good,” and “Jesus Loves Me,” as well as fun songs like “This Little Light of Mine” become familiar favorites. Music time happens every Sunday that Sunday School is in session.

W.A.C.K.Y. WEDNESDAYS

Children and youth (kindergarten through twelfth grade) are invited to our new *Wednesday Evenings At Church (for) Kids and Youth*, (W.A.C.K.Y.). The evening will include children/youth activities, dinner, choir, and bells. Please save Wednesday nights for church night, and make plans to join us here for fun, fellowship, and faith formation as well as making great music. Friends and visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org.



BIBLE VILLAGE MUSIC

Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade spend a few minutes in the “Gathering Room” where we sing, pray, and prepare to learn. Miss Mary leads hymns, children’s songs, and even some fun campfire songs as we begin our time together. Music time happens every Sunday that Sunday School is in session.

ADULT BELL ENSEMBLE

Day Ringers ensemble performs at moderate to advanced levels of difficulty and participates regularly in worship. Rehearsals are Mondays, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. If you are interested in Day Ringers, please contact Mary Ibis at maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

ADULT CHOIR

The Second Presbyterian Church Adult Choir is excitedly looking forward to contributing to worship for the Fall and Advent Seasons!

This season the Adult choir will present selections from Eleanor Daley’s beautiful composition, *Requiem*. This stunning piece features the choir, soloists and our chamber choir.

With December 24 on a Sunday, our Big Music Sunday, we will feature selections and solos from G. F. Handel’s *Messiah*. It will be offered to the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. service.

The Christmas Eve evening service will be full of our favorite carol arrangements, and of course, the timeless solo, *O Holy Night*, will be presented with joy and candlelight.

If you would like to participate in the Adult Choir for the Fall 2023 church season, please contact our choir manager, Clementine Whitman, clementine22@att.net.

Children and Youth Sunday Mornings



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children of all ages have a place on Sunday mornings! Sunday school takes place between 9:50 and 10:50 a.m. Kindergarten-Fifth Grade children learn in the Bible Village wing downstairs, while Pre-Kindergarten and younger are in the nursery hallway behind the sanctuary. Elementary age is divided between Kindergarten-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade.



MILESTONE MINISTRY

Our church family marks important milestones in development with special programs and presentations. Those planned for the fall include:

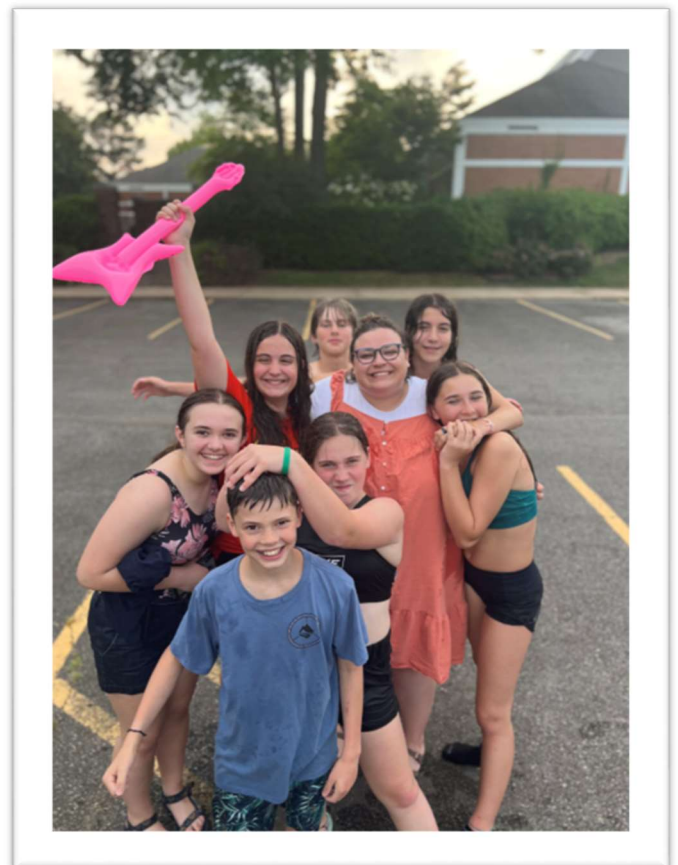
- 3 year olds: Children's Bibles
- 1st-3rd Grade: Worshiping Together
- 4th- 5th Grade: Caring for Others

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

We offer three Sunday School classes for our Youth every Sunday morning in the Youth Building from 9:50-10:50 a.m. Our Middle School Class is offered for students in Sixth through Seventh Grade. In Eighth Grade, students are invited to join our year-long Confirmation Class. Finally, all students in Ninth to Twelfth Grade meet together for their own Sunday School Class.

Confirmation will follow their own schedule throughout the year, while our Middle School and High School Classes will study similar topics taught from different age appropriate perspectives. The following themes have been chosen for our MS and HS Classes: digging for truth (September), managing our emotions (October), and appreciation (November).

Our first day back in the Youth Building will be August 27 at 9:50 a.m. For more information please contact Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org.



Beyond Sunday Mornings



SPY KIDS COMMUNITY TIME

Fourth and Fifth Graders

As Fourth and Fifth graders transition from lower to upper elementary grades, our goal is to minister to them during this transition with special emphasis on this age group before they enter SPY. Our SPY Kids will meet this fall for relationship-building and service activities inside and outside the walls of the church. To make sure your 4th/5th graders are part of this great group, contact Terri Cross at terricross@secondpreslr.org or Sharon Howard at sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org.

CONFIRMATION

Eighth and Ninth Graders

Our Confirmation program is an exploration of faith in which youth participate in discussions and experiences with peers, a Confirmation mentor, and parent. Topics include learning about the Bible, worship, theology, mission, and what it means to be a disciple of Christ and a Presbyterian. The program leads to an opportunity for youth to make their public profession of faith and become official members of the church. To receive more information, contact Sharon Howard, sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org. Use the QR code to register.



W.A.C.K.Y. WEDNESDAYS

Youth and Children

Children and youth (kindergarten through twelfth grade) are invited to our *Wednesday Evenings At Church (for) Kids and Youth*, (W.A.C.K.Y.). The evening will include children/youth activities, dinner, choir, and bells. Please save Wednesday nights from 5:00-7:30 p.m. for church night, and make plans to join us here for fun, fellowship, and faith formation as well as making great music. Friends and visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis at maryibis@secondpreslr.org or Elizabeth Cahoon at elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH (SPY)

Sixth-Twelfth Graders

At Youth Group you can always expect fun games and delicious food, as well as new Christian topics for devotionals. We invite all students in Sixth through Twelfth Grade to come and join the fun! Dinner is always provided for everyone. At Youth Group we model God's love by extending the invitation to everyone. We are a welcoming and safe space for all students. We will dedicate time each week to growing in our faith as we study a new area of the Bible. Here are some of the topics for this fall: God working behind the scenes (September), faith, self-control, and forgiveness (October), and unending hope (November). For more information please contact Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org.

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.

Middle School 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner (all ages) 6:30-7:00 p.m.

High School 7:00-8:00 p.m.



Opportunities for Families



FAMILY LUNCH

We will gather this fall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for lunch, playtime for the kids, and fellowship for adults. There will be a brief guided prayer before lunch. All are welcome to the connection based and relaxed atmosphere that nourishes our bellies and hearts as a family. If you have any questions please contact terrircross@secondpreslr.org.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Stay tuned for our many special events, including Fall Camp Out and Saturday Picnic on Petit Jean Mountain, Halloween Carnival, Friendsgiving, and Family Christmas Cookie Exchange, and Adult Christmas Party. The Halloween Carnival is scheduled for Sunday, October 29. Other dates to come soon!

College and Young Adult Ministry



Have you graduated high school or recently moved to Little Rock as a young professional and looking for a place to call home? Then you found us! We welcome all people who identify as one or more of the following: a “young” adult, 18-40ish years old, an adult without children, or an adult with fur babies. As a group we meet on Thursdays and rotate between Trivia or Bible study. Our Young Adults also meet for lunch on Sundays at various restaurants around Little Rock after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. To decide our lunch location, we meet in the narthex. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Cahoon, Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org.



Fellowship and Fun

ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

A Homecoming Event

Sunday, October 15, 12:15 p.m.
Ferncliff



Don't miss our annual all-church, all-ages picnic at Ferncliff on Sunday, October 15, beginning 12:15 p.m. Enjoy friends and family in Ferncliff's beautiful setting.

We'll make use of indoor and outdoor spaces for fellowship, dining and recreation. Enjoy cafeteria-style lunch, lawn games, a fishing tournament, rocking chairs, canoeing, volleyball, the Shady Chute, tours of the grounds and more.

Please sign up (website, with the QR Code, in the church office or Sunday mornings), so we can prepare plenty of food. The cost is \$10 per person up to \$40 per household.



Opportunities for Adults

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Second Tuesday, September-May
Staff Resource: Marie Mainard O'Connell



All women are invited to join this special group united in worship, study, fellowship and service. Our "official purpose" is:

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom

Bible study is the glue that holds Presbyterian Women together. We are excited about our upcoming 2023-2024 Bible Study: *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*.

Our regular gatherings that include worship, Bible study, and fellowship take place on the second Tuesday of each month and are led by ministers and educational staff. Join us for a tea in the afternoon of August 20 in Second Hall to pick up our directory and other materials. The first gathering will take place on Tuesday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. Study books will be available for purchase (\$10). For more information contact Marie Mainard O'Connell at mariemo@secondpreslr.org.

MEN'S GROUP MINISTRY

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Coordinators: Vic Fleming, Vernon Markham

All men—young, old, and in the middle, members and non—are invited to meet for fellowship, support, Bible study, coffee and doughnuts on Tuesday mornings in Second Hall and via Zoom. This group has been meeting for 25 years and, while a few regulars have been around since the outset, new members and visitors are earnestly and openly invited! Contact Vic Fleming, judgevic@gmail.com or Vernon Markham, vmarkh3@gmail.com for more information.

CHEESES WITH JESUS

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

7:00-9:00 p.m.

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.



FIRST and THIRD MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

First and Third Mondays, 9:30 a.m.

Co-Leaders: Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell and Rev. Robert Lowry

This eclectic group of women enjoys each other's company for fellowship, study, prayer and lively discussion to help explore the meaning and purpose of scripture into daily Christian living. Beginning September 4th this group will start their study of *Eat this Book* by Eugene Peterson; books are available in the church office for \$15. Contact Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell, mariemo@secondpreslr.org with future curriculum ideas and questions about joining.

INTERGENERATIONAL DRINKS and DISCIPLESHIP

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

at various member homes

Staff Resource: Marie Mainard O'Connell

This diverse intergenerational group of adults began last spring with a Lenten study, and decided not to stop! We loved being together so much that we decided to keep meeting on First Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the church library or private homes (based on host availability). Hosts provide a main dish and members bring potluck sides and drinks to share, and we pause the conversation long enough for a get-to-know you activity led by a member of the group. This fall we plan to explore making art and art-bingo, cosmic influences on our lives, and maybe a favorite book or two. Visitors are not only welcome, but celebrated! Childcare is available at the church if needed; for more information, please contact staff resource Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell, mariemo@secondpreslr.org.





Confirmation Calendar

2023-2024

AUGUST 2023

8/27 9:50 a.m. First Confirmation Class

SEPTEMBER 2023

9/3 9:50 a.m. Class: Bible 101
9:50 a.m. Parent Information Meeting
9/8-10 Overnight Confirmation Fall Retreat
9/10 ----- NO CLASS
9/17 9:50 a.m. Class: Old Testament 1
9/24 9:50 a.m. Class: Old Testament 2
9/30 12-2 p.m. Service Saturday : Habitat Restore

OCTOBER 2023

10/1 9:30 a.m. Greek Orthodox Church Visit
10/8 9:50 a.m. Class: New Testament 1
10/13 5:15 p.m. B'nai Israel Synagogue Visit
10/15 ----- NO CLASS
10/22 9:50 a.m. Class: New Testament 2
10/28 12-3 p.m. Service Saturday: Carnival Set Up
10/29 9:50 a.m. Class: New Testament 3

NOVEMBER 2023

11/5 9:50 a.m. Class: Imago Dei
1-2 p.m. Home Communion
11/12 9:50 a.m. Class: Discipleship
11/18 TBD Madina Institute Mosque Visit
11/19 9:50 a.m. Class: Membership
11/25 12-2 p.m. Service Saturday: LR Animal Village
11/26 9:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens (NO CLASS)

DECEMBER 2023

12/3 9:50 a.m. Class: Baptism
12/10 9:50 a.m. Class: Communion
12/17 9:50 a.m. Class: Advent
12/24 ----- NO CLASS
12/31 ----- NO CLASS

JANUARY 2024

1/7 9:50 a.m. Class: The Lord's Prayer
1/14 TBD Buddhist Ecumenical Center Visit
1/21 9:50 a.m. Class: Prayer Stations
1/27 12-2 p.m. Service Saturday: Light the Night Set
1/28 9:50 a.m. Class: The Apostle's Creed

FEBRUARY 2024

2/4 9:50 a.m. Class: Corporate Sin
2/11 9:50 a.m. Class: Sin and Salvation
2/18 9:50 a.m. Yoga Class
2/24 12-3 p.m. Service Saturday: Light the Night Set
2/25 9:50 a.m. Class: PC(USA) Polity

MARCH 2024

3/3 ----- NO CLASS
1-2 p.m. Home Communion
3/4-8 TBA Attend a Ministry Meeting
3/10 9:50 a.m. Class: Agape
3/17 ----- NO CLASS
3/24 9:50 a.m. Class: Youth Sunday Prep
3/30 12-2 p.m. Service Saturday: AR Food Bank
3/31 ----- NO CLASS

APRIL 2024

4/7 9:50 a.m. Class: Youth Sunday Prep
1-2 p.m. Home Communion
4/14 ----- NO CLASS
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday
4/21 9:50 a.m. Class: Faith Statement Workshop
4/26-28 Overnight Confirmation Spring Retreat
4/27 12-2 p.m. Service Saturday: LR Animal Village
4/28 ----- NO CLASS

MAY 2024

5/5 9:50 a.m. Class: Faith Statement Review
5/7 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Exam & Dinner Party
8:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal
5/12 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Sunday

Caring for One Another

MONDAY PASTORAL CARE

Mondays, 1:30 p.m.

This loving care triage team meets every Monday to organize care for members. We review a report of current known needs, best responses and pray for our congregation. We also celebrate births, weddings, ordinations and other special events.

FRIENDS AT HOME

PenPals, Phone Friends and Visitors

Leader: Marsha Taylor

Focusing on vulnerable adults of all ages, the church matches a volunteer or family with 1-5 member households. Volunteers call, write or visit at least monthly. Families have gotten creative by sending children's artwork, backyard photos and flowers. Join this valuable ministry.

GRIEF CARE

Leaders: Chris Herring, Jo Ann McQuade, Diane Holt

Because grief is so prevalent this season, we ensure you have several ways to find the support you need. There are many sources of grief, just as there are many expressions of grief. Grief is a journey, and you can find support along the way.

In addition to the care of a Stephen Minister or pastor, consider the support groups, workshops and online resources from our partner Faith and Grief. Register at faithandgrief.org.

Faith and Grief support group gatherings at Second Pres will be held September 19, October 17, and November 21.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and community experiencing life difficulties. 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, Cathy Crass, Steve Dunnagan, Laurie Stueart, Jana Villemez JoAnn McQuade or Rev. Alisa Secrest.

For information on care ministries, contact Alisa Secrest, alisasecrest@secondpreslr.org, or Sharon Howard, sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Leader: Leah Shell

This ministry continues to work on individual projects to provide handmade shawls and wraps for members, member's extended family and friends of members during trying times. We also provide prayer shawls for graduating seniors. The ministry has plenty of yarn and material in our closets.

MEMORIAL RECEPTION TEAM

In care for those who grieve, we often host a reception following a memorial service. Three teams take turns hosting receptions, and we need more people to join in this rotation. Whether you can bake or plate cookies, arrange flowers, refill water pitchers, or simply host conversation, your gifts will be valued in this important ministry. For more information, contact Sharon Howard or Alisa Secrest.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Leaders: Sandra Rogers and JoAnn McQuade

Our ongoing support group is a collaboration of Alzheimer's Arkansas and Second Presbyterian. The group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the church library, with spouses, adult children and others with a loved one having dementia in order to support one another and share resources.

TRANSPORTATION

Every now and then, a member cannot drive themselves to a necessary medical procedure or an appointment. Join the team of members using their own vehicles to occasionally help other members get where they need to be.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Learn the cares and concerns of the church by calling our Care and Concern Line at (501) 227-6117. You can also join Prayer Knots, where you receive occasional e-mailed prayer needs. To report joys and concerns, contact a pastor or the church office at (501) 227-0000.

Caring for Creation and Community

AFGHAN WELCOME PROJECT

For the last two years, our church members have had the great joy of helping two wonderful Afghan refugee families transition to life in the United States. Our volunteers have provided transportation, coordinated medical and dental appointments, arranged for housing and schooling, and provided ESL support and other tutoring. While many of our initial volunteers are continuing to serve, we still welcome new volunteers to help continue our care for these families. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Lindy Vogado, lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The Environmental Stewardship Ministry meets monthly in the church library on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. We use the OWL to facilitate a hybrid meeting. Our group is engaged in a number of creation care activities including Little Rock's Adopt-a-Street and Adopt-a-Park programs. Within the church, we work with the Property, Fellowship and Adult Education Ministries to help our church building and congregation combat Climate Change. We maintain a Pollinator Garden on the church grounds. We also partner with other groups host national events like the National Electric Vehicle Week and the National Solar Tour. Please contact Carol Young at cyoung8151@sbcglobal.net for more information.



BALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For nearly a decade, we have had a joy-filled partnership with our school partner, Bale Elementary School. While the pandemic impacted our involvement for a few years, we are now able to be on campus again--tutoring students, helping with special events, and supporting teachers and staff. If you would like to become involved with our school partnership, please contact Lindy Vogado, lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org.

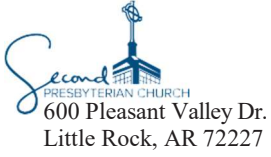


STEWPOUT

Volunteers are once again needed at Stewpot! Second Pres was instrumental in the founding of this downtown meal ministry in the 1970s, and we are still its largest congregational supporter. Volunteers are needed to help prepare sack lunches; most volunteers serve one day a month. Normal working times each day are from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Pre-pandemic, Second had several teams of volunteers, and we hope to resume that practice if there is enough interest. For more information about volunteering, please contact Lindy Vogado, lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org.



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**Sunday
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RETURN TO REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30, 9:00 AND 11:00 A.M.

MINISTRY FAIR

9:30-10:30 A.M.

Light refreshments will be served