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

SEPTEMBER 10, 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

Trumpet Tune

H. Purcell

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*RESPONSIVE*)

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Psalm 15: 1-3a

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

**those who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends.**

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

May it be so.

* HYMN NO. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

* CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins together.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

Lord of blessings, we gather at your feet, eager to hear a good word.

But we are anxious we aren't worthy of that word.

Some of us are anxious we haven't done enough or done the right things.

**Some of us are anxious we've haven't been here often enough or participated
all the time.**

Lord of blessings, we gather at your feet to bear our souls to you,
but we are nervous.

What if we say the wrong thing or act inappropriately?

What if we aren't dressed correctly or sitting where we are supposed to sit?

**Lord of blessings, we bring our very lives to you now –
eager to hear a good word.**

We bring our shortcomings and sins;

we bring our expectations and disappointments.

And we lay them at your feet,

praying you'll hear them with mercy in your heart.

Lord of blessings, remind us that you are the God who proclaims grace first.

May we rest in that truth as we silently confess our sins to the Triune God...

(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 saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
 that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
 Christ's entrance into our lives marks the initiation of the grace
 and love of God that redeems each of us.
 Believe the good news that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (RESPONSIVE)

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive 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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY		Beth Sigler
TIME FOR THE CHILDREN		Lindy Vogado
FIRST READING	<i>MICAH 6:1-8</i>	OT, P. 866
ANTHEM	<i>Hallelujah, Amen</i> SPC Adult Choir	G. F. Handel
GOSPEL READING	<i>MATTHEW 5:1-12</i>	NT, P. 4
SERMON	<i>Now is the Time...To Sit Down</i>	Ben Kane
* HYMN NO. 172	<i>Blest Are They</i>	BLEST ARE THEY

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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	<i>Largo</i>	G. F. Handel
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* **DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDRETH

**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. 686** *God of Our Life* SANDON

* **BENEDICTION**

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

* **POSTLUDE** *Final from Symphonie No. 1* L. Vierne

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Doctor Benjamin E.E. Kane

The Reverend Alisa Secrest

The Reverend Lindy Vogado

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Mike Paulus (11:00) Sandra Rogers

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Mary Helen Henry (11:00) Joseph Yancey

Welcome Center: Ann Owen, Cindy Feltus

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

(11:00) Allison and Zachary Ward, Annie and Christian Grimes,

Becky Talmadge, Rachel Talmadge

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.**



BEN KANE WELCOME RECEPTION: TODAY 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.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Gather for support, resources and sharing of experiences when you have a loved one experiencing dementia. This support group will meet **Thursday, October 5** 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN is scheduled to meet this **Tuesday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m.** We invite all the women of Second Presbyterian Church to join us for our new Bible Study entitled *Sacred Encounters* from Luke and Acts, written by Olive Mahabir. The Reverend Marie Mainard O'Connell will be leading our first lesson and introduction: *Elizabeth's Sacred Encounter*. We have a table set up this morning in the narthex with the Bible Study, which may be purchased for \$10.00 (*also in large print*) along with the new PW Yearbooks. There will also be a lunch served following our meeting. The cost is \$10.00. Please let the church office know if you will be attending lunch by this afternoon. Contact Rev. Marie at mariemo@seconpreslr.org.

A NEW PW CIRCLE HAS FORMED! Are morning meetings a challenge? Consider joining the women of Anna Circle, meeting third Sundays at 4:30 p.m. Contact Lindsey Taylor at 501-412-7508 (missy.t@comcast.net) for more information about our first session September 17.

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.

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).

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 (judgevic@gmail.com) or Vernon Markham (vmarkh3@gmail.com) for further details.

INTERGENERATIONAL DRINKS AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUP: All are welcome to attend the intergenerational fun that is the "Drinks and Discipleship" group. We gather in homes on the first Wednesday of every month to laugh, cry, sip, snack, and spend time in Christ's fellowship together. All ages are welcome, and we love to make new friends. To be added to the email list, contact Amara at amarayancey@gmail.com.

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.

FAMILIES! Family Lunch starts back this year with a twist in time. We are meeting from 12:30-2:00 p.m. so that we can get youth where they need to be and family home on a Sunday night before school. This week we will be following Pastor Ben Kane's reception. We will have ham rolls provided, but bring a snack to share. We are looking forward to sharing a meal with our church family! Host: Hankins, #9 Cape Cod Court Time: Following the reception until 2:00 p.m. Please 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 kickoff 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.



FAMILIES OF THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS: We invite you to join us for your child's milestone event at Second Presbyterian! We love to see our children grow in their faith starting at a young age! Children 3-4 years old are presented with their very own bible that you all can start to incorporate into their home routine. Join us for donuts and a bible story with Pastor Lindy Vogado and take your bibles home! See you soon on **September 24** from 10:00-10:50 a.m. If you have any questions, text or call Leslie at 870.391.6790.

W.A.C.K.Y. IS BACK! Wednesdays at church for kids and youth resumes this Wednesday, September 13. WACKY includes dinner, bells, choir, programs/art and a lot of fun. All kindergarten through high school seniors are invited to join us. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org or Elizabeth Cahoon, elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org.

Children's Schedule:

5:00 dinner
5:30 bells/Orff
6:00 choir
6:50 programs/art
7:30 dismissal

Youth's Schedule:

5:00 youth choir
5:40 dinner
6:00 programs/art
6:45 bells
7:30 dismissal

YOUNG ADULTS! If you identify as a Young Adult, we welcome you to the Young Adult Ministry! We have many opportunities for you to gather in fellowship and spiritual growth at Second Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in growing your leadership skills, we encourage you to consider volunteering as a Youth Advisor. If you are interested in our monthly gatherings please see the information below.

First and Third Thursdays – Bible Study | 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Youth Building (September's Theme: Animals in the Bible)

Second and Fourth Thursdays – Trivia Night | 7:00-9:00 p.m. at American Pie Pizza (9709 Maumelle Blvd, North Little Rock, AR 72113)

Sunday Lunch (every week) | 12:00-2:00 p.m. Gather in the narthex to discuss location

Young Adult Fall Retreat | November 10-12 in Hot Springs, AR. If you need a weekend away and time to reset your clock, please join us for our Fall Retreat in Hot Springs, AR. WE have rented a beautiful lake house with accessible hiking and boating. Please register with this QR and submit the \$100 fee. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Elizabeth Cahoon.



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IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH? REMEMBER THE BIRTHDAY FUND! If you have a September 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.

YOUTH UPDATE! Our Youth Ministry is back in full swing as we welcome students back from summer vacation! If you are interested in Sunday School or Youth Group, we have a place for you. We are also adding a monthly service project for our students to engage with all of God's creation. Make sure to **Save the Dates for our Middle School (November 17-19) and High School (November 3-5) Fall Retreats coming this November!** Please look at the dates below for gathering times.

September 8-10

Confirmation Lock-In

September 10

Sunday School (Starbucks Trip 9:50 a.m.)

Confirmation (no class)

Youth Group (MS 5:30-7:00 p.m., HS 6:30-8:00 p.m.)

September 15-17

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to **YouthQuake**, September 15-17, 2023! This youth conference is a Presbytery of Arkansas tradition and a highlight of the year. Youth can expect time in small groups, worship, a keynote speaker, music, games, and a silent disco all at our beloved *Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center* in Little Rock, AR. There is a registration fee of \$75, however we have financial support available to anyone who needs assistance. Please register with the QR Code.



September 17

Sunday School (Breakfast Party in Youth Building @ 9:50 a.m.)

Confirmation (no class)

Youth Group (MS 5:30-7:00 p.m., HS 6:30-8:00 p.m.)

September 24

Sunday School (9:50 a.m.)

Confirmation (9:50 a.m.)

Youth Group (MS 5:30-7:00 p.m., HS 6:30-8:00 p.m.)

September 30

Service Saturday at Habitat Restore (12:00-2:00 p.m.)

BOY SCOUTS: Scouting is a fun program that promotes character development, citizenship training, leadership, as well as mental and physical fitness. **Cub Scouts** is a program for both boys and girls in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. We would like to invite you to an organizational meeting for Pack 55 on Monday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m. (Cubmaster-Nick Livers 501-442-0668, nicholaslivers@gmail.com). **Boy Scouting** is a program for boys who are at least 10 ½ years of age or have completed the fifth grade through 18 years of age. To join Boy Scouts came to a meeting or call one of the leaders. (Scoutmaster-Jacob James 501-817-5079 jacobjames34@gmail.com).



**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

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Laurie Stueart 501-658-7966

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JoAnn McQuade, Grief Care

Rev. Alisa Secrest 501-227-0000

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ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES FOR THE FALL

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:50 A.M.

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.

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.

(9/17) Scott Polk
(9/24) Chris McDaniel

11:00 A.M.

(9/17) Emma Ryall
(9/24) Amber Griffin

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
*Ben Kane Welcome Reception 12:00
*Children and Families Lunch 12:30
*Middle School SPY 5:30
SPY Dinner 6:30
*High School SPY 7:00
Children's Ministry 5:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Volleyball 7:00
Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00
*PW Gathering 10:30
Environmental Stewardship 5:30
Fellowship Ministry 6:00

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Staff Meeting 9:00
*W.A.C.K.Y. 5:00
Adult Choir 6:30

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Heritage Committee 12:00
*Enneagram 6:30

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

*YouthQuake at Ferncliff

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

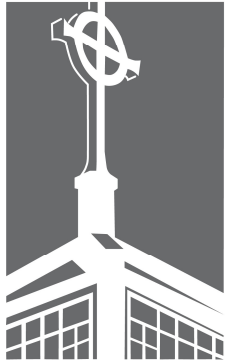
*YouthQuake at Ferncliff
Children and Families Brunch and
Browse

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

*YouthQuake at Ferncliff
Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
SPY Kids at the Skatium 12:00
*Middle School SPY 5:30
SPY Dinner 6:30
*High School SPY 7:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

VISION STATEMENT



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