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

SEPTEMBER 17, 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

*Prelude in A minor, BWV 543*

J. S. Bach

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Let us worship God.

**Let us praise the Lord!**

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in God's commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**

**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses and their righteousness endures forever.

**For the righteous will never be moved;**

they will be remembered forever.

**They are not afraid of evil tidings;**

Their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

\* HYMN NO. 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

\* 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)

God of mercy and grace, we've gathered here to glorify you.

**Now is the time for us to open our hearts and bear our souls to you.**

You will soon call us to be the salt and light of the world.

**And that is confusing because we aren't sure what that means.**

And we want to do everything well, so we are eager to know what to do.

**But we are also worried because we tend to do the wrong thing.**

We talk when we should listen, run when we should walk,  
lead when we should follow.

**Lord, teach us what it means to be the salt and light of the world.**

Increase within us your grace that reminds us we are enough.

**Embed your hope within us that teaches us to see beyond  
what our eyes cannot see.**

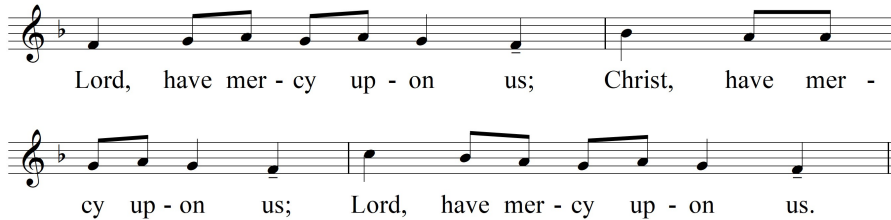
Shower us with your love that is unconditional

**so we know that you desire for us to share our shortcomings  
and confess our sins.**

Lord hear our confessions with a merciful ear...

*(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

There are no boundaries to the Triune God's love for each of us.  
The Lord sees who we are and blesses us with undeserved grace.  
May we believe this is true as we hear these words:  
You 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.*

<b>MINUTE FOR MINISTRY</b>		Jo Paulus, LifeQuest
<b>TIME FOR THE CHILDREN</b>		Rev. Lindy Vogado
<b>FIRST READING</b>	<i>ISAIAH 58:1-9A</i>	OT, P. 688
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>O Taste and See</i> SPC Adult Choir Elizabeth Riddick, soprano	R.V. Williams
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>	<i>MATTHEW 5:13-15</i>	NT, P. 4
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Now is the Time...To Be Salty and Bright</i>	Rev. Ben Kane
* <b>HYMN NO. 410</b>	<i>O Word of God Incarnate</i>	MUNICH

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

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

**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** *Elegy* J. Cotton

\* **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. 435**      *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*      IN BABILONE

\* **BENEDICTION**

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

\* **POSTLUDE**      *Final from Sonate No. 1*      A. Guilment

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Rev. Alisa Secrest

Rev. Lindy Vogado

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Sharon Hankins (11:00) Nancy Fleming

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Marge Anna Luttrell

Welcome Center: Judi and Steve Short, Carrie and Mike Johnson

Ushers: (8:30) Mary Carole and Scott Polk, MaryScott and Logan Timmis

(11:00) Marsha Taylor, Jim Guy Tucker, Sharlie and Micky Rigby,

Pam and George Babb, Emily Hall, Judy Johnson

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](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.**



**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.

**TOUR OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** Are you a visitor or new member who would like to know your way around our church campus? Are you a long-time member interested in how our building is currently being used throughout the week? If so, we'd love for you to join us for a tour of the church! Associate Pastor Lindy Vogado will be giving a tour of the church next **Sunday, October 15, at 9:50 a.m.** (during the Sunday School hour). We will meet at the Welcome Center to begin the tour and will finish in plenty of time to attend 11:00 worship. For more information or to arrange a tour at another time, contact Lindy Vogado ([lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org)). We hope to see you there!

**FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS:** Join us **Monday, September 18** at 9:30 a.m. in Second Hall for our first session on Eugene Peters study [Eat This Book](#), an interactive exploration on the practice of spiritual reading, led by Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell and Rev. Robert Lowry. Zoom available by request, extra books available in the church office for \$15.

**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](http://faithandgrief.org) or through the church office, so we can have plenty of lunches available.

**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, September 23**. 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.

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC!** It's that time again! Mark your calendar for the Annual All-Church Picnic on **Sunday, October 15** at Ferncliff beginning at 12:15 p.m. 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. Dessert at the Yurts will be at 2:00 p.m., when we dedicate the new Ferncliff Yurt Village in June Williams' memory. Please sign up with the QR code, on the website, in the office or on Sunday mornings, so we can prepare plenty of food. The cost is \$10 per person, up to \$40 per household.



**SECOND PRES AT YOUTHQUAKE:** This weekend 22 youth and 6 adults from our congregation are participating in YouthQuake, the annual youth retreat of the Presbytery of Arkansas. While we will miss their presence in worship this morning, we celebrate our youth spending a weekend with their peers learning and growing in their faith.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** We have some important PW dates still ahead in September: **Anna Circle** will meet today, September 17, 4:30 p.m. in the home of Beth Sigler. Feel free to come meet with the new group of young women. All are welcome. **Together in Service** will be on Tuesday, September 19, 9:30 a.m. at Ferncliff. Those needing a ride can meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. **Huldah Circle** will meet Wednesday, September 27, 11:00 a.m. at Presbyterian Village. All are invited to come and share in fellowship, lunch and Bible Study.

**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.

**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](mailto:judgevic@gmail.com)) or Vernon Markham ([vmarkh3@gmail.com](mailto:vmarkh3@gmail.com)) for further details.

**INTERGENERATIONAL DRINKS AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUP:** Make plans to join the fun intergenerational group that is *Drinks and Discipleship*. We gather for laughs, snacks, sips, faith and friendship. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m.** at the home of Joseph and Amara Yancey, 13806 Abinger Court. Contact Amara at [amarayancey@gmail.com](mailto:amarayancey@gmail.com) to be added to our email list. Come join in on the fun!

**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.

**CALLING ALL DOGS, CATS, TURTLES, AND HAMSTERS!** On **Sunday, Oct. 1** at 3:00 p.m., our church will be joining with Grace Presbyterian Church for our annual Blessing of the Animals service. We invite you to bring your family pet (all species welcome!) to this casual service as we celebrate God's good creation and the role that animals play in our lives. The service will take place outdoors in the courtyard of Grace Pres (9301 N. Rodney Parham Road), and if you are able, we invite you to bring a bag of dog or cat food for the Humane Society of Pulaski County. We do ask that all pets remain either leashed or in a cage/aquarium throughout the service. For more information, please contact Lindy Vogado ([lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org)).

**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.

**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](mailto:leslier.mcc@gmail.com).



**W.A.C.K.Y. IS BACK!** Wednesdays at church for kids and has begun! WACKY includes dinner, bells, choir, programs/art and a lot of fun. All kindergarten through high school seniors are invited to join us. Please contact Mary Ibis ([maryibis@secondpreslr.org](mailto:maryibis@secondpreslr.org)) or Elizabeth Cahoon ([elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org](mailto:elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org)) for more information.

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 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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**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.

**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 is 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. Questions, comments or new ideas for class topics? Contact Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell at [mariemo@secondpreslr.org](mailto:mariemo@secondpreslr.org) or 214-686-6347.

**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 these dates for gathering times. **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.)



**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.

**SEPTEMBER WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS**

**8:30 A.M.**

(9/24) Chris McDaniel

**11:00 A.M.**

(9/24) Amber Griffin

**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

\*YouthQuake at Ferncliff  
Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00  
Sunday School 9:50  
SPY Kids at the Skatium 12:00  
Praeclara Ringers 2:00

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Day Ringers 11:30  
Pastoral Care 1:30  
Finance Committee 5:00  
Volleyball 7:00  
Boy Scouts 7:00

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00  
\*Faith and Grief 12:00  
Session Meeting 7:00

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Staff Meeting 9:00  
\*W.A.C.K.Y. 5:00  
\*Drinks and Discipleship Group 5:30  
Adult Choir 6:30

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

\*Enneagram 6:30

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

\*Property Work Day 7:30

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00  
Sunday School 9:50  
Praeclara Ringers 2:00  
\*Middle School SPY 5:30  
SPY Dinner 6:30  
\*High School SPY 7:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin