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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 15, 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

Gods Is in His Holy Temple

F. H. Barthelemon

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

I lift my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Let us worship God.

Let us worship God, indeed.

*** HYMN NO. 664**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Are you thirsty for grace?

Are you hungry for mercy?

God is calling; come to the waters.

Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Lord, there is so much to draw our attention.

Wherever we go, our eyes are inundated with sights.

Many of the sights lure us away from you.

Some of the sights promise great things.

Some offer enticing rewards.

Some grant great wishes.

But all of them lead us further from you.

Grab our attention, Lord, and bring us back to you.

Remind us that it is only your love that can satisfy our needs.

It is your hope that can support us each day.

It is only your grace that is unconditional.

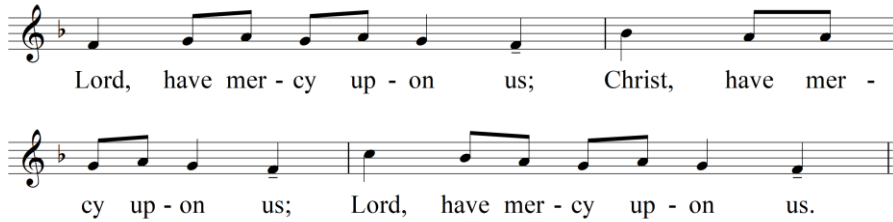
Lord, we've walked away from you and

so we come with humble and hopeful hearts, seeking your mercy.

Lord, hear our confessions.

(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 (*RESPONSIVE*)

The abundance of God's mercy knows no ends.

From everlasting to everlasting, the Lord's grace comes upon us.

May we believe the Good News of the gospels.

That we are forgiven.

* **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. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

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

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| TIME FOR THE CHILDREN | | Marie Mainard O'Connell |
| MINUTE FOR MINISTRY | | Stewardship |
| FIRST READING | <i>PSALM 122</i> | OT, PP. 571-572 |
| ANTHEM | <i>Cantate Domino</i> SPC Small Ensemble | H. L. Hassler |
| GOSPEL READING | <i>MATTHEW 6:19-25</i> | NT, P. 6 |
| SERMON | <i>The Eye Test</i> | Rev. Ben Kane |

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

* **HYMN NO. 459** *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

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 *Adagio, BWV564* J.S. Bach

* **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. 321** *The Church's One Foundation* AURELLA

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Three Fold Amen* Danish Amen

* **POSTLUDE** *Toccata* H. Mulet

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Diane McVinney (11:00) Laura Cook

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Ruth Shepherd (11:00) Kate Franks

Greeter: (8:30) Peggy Sullivan

Ushers: (8:30) Matt Christenson, Monica Christenson, Diane and Bob Skinner

(11:00) Emma Ryall, Alex Honeycutt, Julie Honeycutt, Lindsey Taylor,

Steve Fike and Schelle Fike

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.**



ALL CHURCH PICNIC TODAY! The Annual All-Church Picnic is today 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. The cost is \$10 per person, up to \$40 per household.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024



The Stewardship Team of Laura and Ken Cook, Rob Owens, Becky and Jackson Farrow, Elaine Eubank, Alfred Williams, and Ann Burnside invite you to embark on a journey with us as we explore what it means to join Christ on the mountain. We invite you to join us in this exciting



campaign and to learn more about the theme and how we put your gifts to use at Second Presbyterian, and to meet Rev. Ben and Lydia Wingo Kane at one of the *Home Gatherings* that you can sign up for using the QR code or by calling the church office.

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 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). We hope to see you there!

HAVE YOU EVER GOTTEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP WHILE ON VACATION OR PERHAPS YOU WERE SICK SO STAYED HOME? How would you like to support that ministry of our church? "But I'm not a computer geek!" That's ok, our live streaming process is actually pretty easy, all you have to do is click the start button, follow along with the order of worship on a lineup, and then click stop at the end. And more experienced folks are always a few pews away if something does go array. If you'd like to learn more please reach out to our coordinator Sam Byrd - sbyrd@thebyrdnest.net or 501-837-5624 or stop by the table in the back corner of the sanctuary some morning, we'd love to have you watch us.

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, November 2** 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, October 17**. 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.

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.

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Why don't you *Eat This Book*? Join the First and Third Monday Bible Study Class for our next sessions with Eugene Peterson's classic study of how to read, ingest and digest Scripture. Join classmates on **October 16** for chapters 2 and 3; practice sample forms of *Lectio Divina* reading and develop new habits for your spiritual growth! Books still available in the office for \$15. Contact Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell at mariemo@secondpreslr.org or 214-686-6347.

SECOND PRES AT PRIDE FEST: Our congregation will be sharing the good news about our inclusive and welcoming congregation by once again participating in the Central Arkansas Pridefest parade on Saturday, **October 21**. The parade is at noon, and we will gather as a Second Pres delegation about an hour before the parade starts. Pridefest is always an inspiring and joy-filled event and an important way to share God's love with our community. If you would like to participate with our Second Pres group, contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

CHILDRENS' MINISTRY WILL BE COLLECTING SOCKS FOR SOCKTOBER during Sunday School and W.A.C.K.Y. All socks will be blessed during the 11 o'clock service on October 29th. Socks will be taken for donation to CANVAS Community downtown by our 4th & 5th grade SPY Kids on Wednesday, November 1st. Please reach out to Leslie McCormack for more information: lesliemccormack@secondpreslr.org.

CHEESES WITH JESUS: We are a dynamic community, bridging the gap between 'young adulthood' and retirement with grace and zeal. Our doors swing wide to welcome newcomers seeking spiritual enlightenment and treasured long-time members alike. We start our meetings with a time of fellowship and libations/food followed by study. Within the intimate sanctuary of a private residence, we transcend the ordinary, embarking on a journey of profound connection & spiritual growth. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday and are currently studying *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton. Contact Catherine Allsbury or Justin Villines if you want to join us: villinesjustin@gmail.com! We will meet at Justin Villines' home on October 25th at 7:00 p.m.: 8301 Evergreen Drive Little Rock AR 72227. ALL are welcome!

COME JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS! All children, kindergarteners through fifth graders, are invited to join us beginning **Wednesday, October 18**, as we prepare for our children's led service. This year our children will lead the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 17. Our musical, "A Shepherd's Story," retells the Christmas narrative through the excitement of some of its very first witnesses. Our little shepherds will sing, ring, and tell the story, once again. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

THE YOUTH MINISTRY HOPES YOU ENJOYED OUR CARDBOARD VILLAGE on display this morning as you arrived to church. We are grateful for the many donations of cardboard to make our night as comfortable as possible while also experiencing a night of homelessness.

There will be no Youth Group tonight (10/15)

THE 40TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL OCTOBER 29TH | 5-7 P.M. The Youth Ministry, Fellowship, and Belonging invite all children, parents, and friends to experience the magic of our Halloween Carnival. Games, activities, food, fairy hair, face painting, and Trunk or Treat will all be in the parking lot. **Candy Donations:** We encourage and appreciate all candy donations to help supply the Halloween Carnival 10/29. Donations can be dropped off in the church office. Please be generous and thoughtful as you donate such delicious treats! We ask that you keep all donations **NUT FREE**.



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS are invited to register for our fun weekend away in Hot Springs for our **Fall Retreat!** We will be staying in a beautiful lake house offering plenty of time to fish, relax, and enjoy God's creation. HS Weekend: Nov. 3-5. MS Weekend: Nov. 17-19



YOUNG ADULTS - JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY GATHERINGS!

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

Second & 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

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YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT - NOVEMBER 10-12 IN HOT SPRINGS, AR



If you need of 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 Code and submit the \$100 fee. If you need financial assistance, please contact Elizabeth Cahoon.

PRAECLARA RINGERS FALL FAVORITES HANDBELL CONCERT: Sunday, **November 5**, 3:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Please join us for an afternoon of some of the best handbell music ever written. There will be a simple reception following the concert. Childcare will be available. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, maryibis@secondpreslr.org.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES FOR THE FALL: SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:50 A.M.

Second Hall Short Series this month is ***The Soundtrack of Faith: Music Impacting Ministry***. Music speaks to the soul unlike any other artistic expression, combining the heights of spiritual truth and the depth of human emotion, inspiring and articulating what we ourselves cannot say. Join us in exploring the soundtrack of our leaders 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 hear what's on their playlist and find out why?

Oct. 15: Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell, interim pastor for Adult Education and New Worshipping Community organizer with Queer Collective

Oct. 22: Rev. Alisa Secrest, Associate Pastor for Congregational Nurture

Oct. 29: Rev. Dr. Ben Kane, Pastor

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 class is updating! Starting October 8 this small group will be reading Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers by Anne Lamott. Join them early at 9:30a.m. in the Heritage Room or online Sundays. Newcomers always welcome as we slowly digest these wise, funny words from one of our favorite modern writers.



**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.

OCTOBER WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.

Matt Christenson

11:00 A.M.

(10/15) Emma Ryall
(10/22) Amber Griffin
(10/29) Jo Paulus

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00
Sunday School 9:50
*All Church Picnic 12:50
Praeclara Ringers 2:30
*Middle School SPY 5:30
SPY Dinner 6:30
*High School SPY 7:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

First and Third Monday Morning Bible Study 9:30
Pastoral Care 1:30
Finance Committee 5:00
Volleyball 7:00
Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Home Gathering 6:00
*Enneagram 6:30
*Young Adult Bible Study 7:00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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