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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 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

*My Jesus
Day Ringers*

F. Merrett

* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from far away.
**You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
This is the good news — that God knows us and loves us.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

* HYMN NO. 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

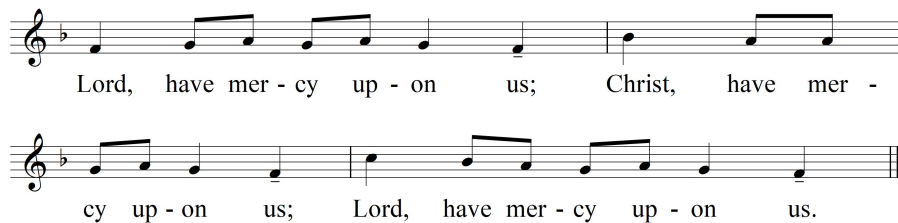
CALL TO CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Lord, there is nowhere for us to go.
There is no place to hide from your gaze.
May we see that you welcome us to share our stories,
no matter what they include.
Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Christ, you invite us to not worry,
but it is all we can do.
You invite us to focus on God by giving the Lord all our attention;
but the world distracts us and we can't help but get worried.
What if we aren't enough?
What if we aren't doing enough?
What if we are wearing the wrong clothes or eating the wrong foods?
What if, what if, what if.
Lord, we've come to you to quiet our inner voices so we can hear you.
**And we know that starts by being honest about
what is on our hearts and in our minds.**
So we've come to this time in our service when we confess our sins...
(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*)

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

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

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Elizabeth Cahoon

FIRST READING *PSALM 131* OT, P. 574

ANTHEM *His Eyes Are On the Sparrow* Traditional
Janette Robinson, soprano

GOSPEL READING *MATTHEW 6:25-34* NT, P. 6

SERMON *"Don't Worry, Be Happy: How Christ Helps This"* Rev. Ben Kane

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

* HYMN NO. 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* MARYTON

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 *Prayer Chaconne* M. Mazzatenta
Day Ringers

* 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. 612** *We Praise You, O God* KREMSER

* **BENEDICTION**

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

* **POSTLUDE** *"Fugue" in F minor* M. Peterson

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Mary Ibis, Associate Director of Music and the Arts

Lisa Bryant, Guest Bell Director

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Leon Lants (11:00) Debbie Bass

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Mary Helen Henry (11:00) George Keck

Greeter: (8:30) Jo Paulus

Ushers: (8:30) Monica and Matt Christenson, Carol Young, Gus Bower

(11:00) Amber, Cody and Deckard Griffin, Carol Lincoln,

David Dalton and Landon Kirkland

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.



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024



JOINING CHRIST
ON THE MOUNTAIN

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.



SPECIAL JAZZ WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 29! "Jazz is about being in the moment." - Herbie Hancock. Join musicians Tom Cox and Barry McVinney in Second Hall for our usual 9:00 a.m. service -- not in the prayer garden, but indoors and fully present-- for a delightful worship of jazz and the Word. Turn a contemplative ear to the upbeat sounds of piano, flute, and saxophone as they tickle the senses and soothe the soul with music that is as much meditation as it is rhythm and movement. Rev. Dr. Ben Kane delivers the message, and the whole service is sure to be the cat's meow.

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, October 28**. There will be weeding, trimming, planting and mulching all around the church. Volunteers are welcome! Contact Bradley Wright at bradwright@comcast.net for more information.

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 livestreaming 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. 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: Join with this multi-age adult group on first Wednesdays in homes to laugh, cry, sip, snack and fellowship from 5:30-7:30 p.m.! Childcare available at the church. In November, we will play "Art Bingo" together: participants send in their favorite piece of visual art and we guess which belongs to who! Prizes included (results may vary). Contact Amara Yancey at amarayancey@gmail.com for location and to submit your favorite art.

SOCKTOBER! Children's Ministry will be collecting socks during Sunday School and W.A.C.K.Y. in the month of October. We are pleased to join in this event with Second Presbyterian Preschool. All socks will be blessed during the 11:00 service on **October 29**. Socks will be taken for donation to CANVAS Community downtown by our 4th and 5th grade SPY Kids on Wednesday, November 1. Please reach out to Leslie McCormack for more information: lesliemccormack@secondpreslr.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S COORDINATING TEAM: A reminder to our PW Coordinating Team that we have a meeting **Tuesday, October 24, 1:00 p.m.** in the church library. Looking forward to seeing you then. For more information, contact Pam Babb, Moderator, at pbabb66@aol.com.

WEDDING BELLS! Melanie Hanna and Ethan Ezell have been singing in the SPC Adult Choir for years and teach music together at Second Presbyterian Preschool. They would like to extend an invitation to their wedding on **November 11 at 3:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. All are welcome! Contact Melanie and Ethan at melhanna85@gmail.com or blulitskye@gmail.com for additional details.

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Let's continue to *Eat This Book*, our study by Eugene Peterson, on the art and practice of spiritual reading – how to ingest and digest scripture to transform our lives. Join at 9:30 a.m. in Second Hall on **November 6** for chapters 4 and 5; bring a Bible if not the book for practice in *lectio divina*.

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 and 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 25 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 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 40TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL OCTOBER 29 | 5:00-7:00 P.M. The Youth, Fellowship, and Belonging Ministries 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 on 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: November 3-5. MS Weekend: November 17-19



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YOUNG ADULTS - JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY GATHERINGS!

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 | HOT SPRINGS, AR

If you are in 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?

TODAY: 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! This small group is reading *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott. Join them *early* at 9:30 a.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.

SECOND HALL SHORT SERIES FOR NOVEMBER

Healing After Challenge: The Christian and Trauma

Exhausted? Burnt out? Short temper? Maybe fearful or anxious? You aren't alone. We live in turbulent times: changes wrought by COVID, anxiety produced by the news, and difficulty in our personal lives – births, deaths, career changes, illness, natural disaster, violence - all conspire to create a very real harm to our bodies, minds, and spirits. Join us for a series informed by the book *The Body Keeps the Score* to understand how humans adapt to challenge and trauma, and current techniques to treat harm and recover. How then shall we live to improve our quality of life, and that of our community in a world of change? Books available in the church office for \$10.



**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.

(10/29) Jo Paulus

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Pastoral Care 1:30

Stephen Ministry 6:00

Volleyball 7:00

Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

Stewardship Leadership Team 8:30

PW Coordinating Team 1:00

Home Gathering 6:00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Staff Meeting 9:00

*W.A.C.K.Y. 5:00

Adult Choir 6:30

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Home Gathering 6:00

Enneagram 6:30

*Young Adult Bible Study 7:00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Property Work Day 7:30

SPY Service Day 12:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Worship 8:30, 9:00, 11:00

Sunday School 9:50

Praeclara Ringers 2:00

Fellowship 3:00

*Halloween Carnival 5:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin