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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26, 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                      DARWALL'S 148TH                      arr. P. Whitlock

\* 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 sun shall not strike you by day, **nor the moon at night.**  
The Lord will keep you from all evil; **God will keep your life.**  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
**from this time on and forevermore.** (*Psalm 121 selected verses*)

\* HYMN NO. 268                      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*                      DIADEMATA

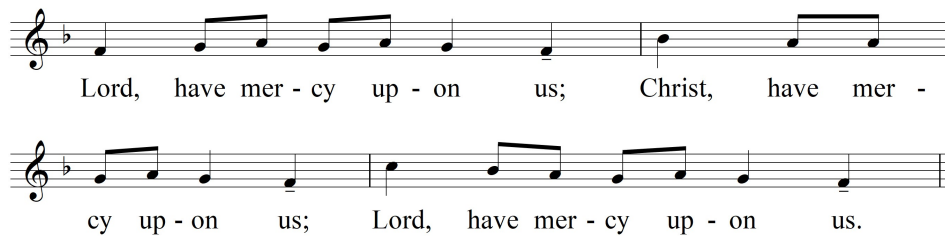
CALL TO CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

We are united in the belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior,  
**and in the transforming power of God's love and grace.**  
Because of this, we come to you, seeking your mercy  
**and ready to confess our sins.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Lord, you tell us we are justified by Christ love and sacrifice.  
**Yet we worry we need to do more.**  
So we seek to justify ourselves in all we do.  
**We present ourselves as gifted, talented, put together,  
and without blemish.**  
Yet you know the true story of our lives.  
**And you love us because of those stories.**  
We believe we need to do something to impress you,  
**but you remind us that you are always with us, no matter what.**  
Aid us in removing that which separates us from you.  
**Take away the need to be perfect and let us relish your grace.**  
Lord, we offer ourselves to you in the hopes of receiving mercy,  
**And we trust you'll welcome us with open arms.**  
*(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*)

Create in us a clean heart, O Lord **and renew a right spirit within us.**  
Remind us that your grace **showers us with forgiveness and acceptance.**  
May we know these words are true: **We are forgiven.**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** (*RESPONSIVE*)

The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you.**  
Let us greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace.

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

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

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

<b>FIRST READING</b>	<i>2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13</i>	NT, PP. 181-2
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>The Lord is My Shepherd</i> SPC Adult Choir	J. Rutter
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>	<i>MATTHEW 8:23-27</i>	NT, P. 8
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>One of the Most Important Words of Faith: WITH</i>	Rev. Ben Kane

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

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

\* **HYMN NO. 620** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

**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** *Prelude on ST. COLUMBIA* H. Willan

\* **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. 269**                      *Lead On, O King Eternal!*                      LANCASHIRE

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

### \* BENEDICTION

\* **POSTLUDE**                              *Trumpet Tune*                              A. Carter

### 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) Diane McVinney (11:00) Alfred Williams

Elder of the Day: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Mary Helen Henry

Welcome Center: Chrissy Voth, Debbie Bass

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

(11:00) Barbara Vaught, Judy and Kelley Johnson, Cheryl Dees,

Diedra Gaskalla, Abigail Bittle

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.

### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024

You may have seen the question our Stewardship Team is asking in this Stewardship Season on the table in the narthex or heard it at one of our *Home*

*Gatherings*. The question is this: **What will it take for Second Presbyterian to meet Christ on the mountain?** We'd love to hear your answer as we

believe it will take all of us to meet Christ on the mountain as a church. To make your 2024 Estimate of Giving, complete the Estimate of Giving card located in the pews, go to the church website or use the QR code.



**A WEATHER REMINDER:** Weekday church events are canceled and the church office is closed if the Little Rock Public Schools are canceled or dismissed due to weather.

**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](https://secondpreslr.org/giving) or mailing a check to the church office, **600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72227.**



#### **HANGING OF THE GREENS TODAY!**

This year, it is an *evening* event! Join us at 4:00 p.m. **today** for an hour of decorating, making, placing, hanging, and preparing our church for the first of Advent in December. Our redesigned evening tradition begins with volunteer stations throughout the building to set up Christmas Trees, make ornaments, fluff and place wreaths, build outdoor installations, and craft blessing bags and cards for the homeless and homebound. You don't want to miss the fun and fellowship of our annual tradition.

4:00 p.m. Decorating inside and out

5:00 p.m. Potato and Chili Bar dinner, \$7.00 per person, \$28.00 max per household

5:45 p.m. Brief worship in Sanctuary to Light the Chrismon Tree

**FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONALS:** Deepen your spiritual practices during the short-but-busy season of Advent on a daily or weekly basis. Would you enjoy a daily Advent calendar of activities and readings? Or contemplative coloring pages for a reflection on Christ's birth? Perhaps a daily or weekly booklet of meditations, printed or online? Check out our table in the narthex and pick up what you need to welcome the Christ Child. Try the Advent Text Devotional delivered directly to your phone December 3-25 by signing up in the narthex or using the QR code.



**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. Faith and Grief support group will not meet at its regularly scheduled time in November, due to Thanksgiving week. We will be praying for you and look forward to our next gathering on **December 19.**

**CARE FOR CAREGIVERS:** Our Dementia Caregiver Support Group gathers for support, resources and sharing of experiences. Please join us Thursday, **December 7** at 1:00 p.m. in person or on Zoom. For more information, contact the church office or Sandra Rogers.

**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.

**YOUNG ADULTS: JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY GATHERINGS! First and Third Thursdays** – Bible Study | 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Youth Building **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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:** *Together in Service* will NOT meet in November. Women can also connect with PW in these small groups: The Anna afternoon circle usually meets third Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in a member's home; find out more with leader Lindsey Taylor ([missy.t@comcast.net](mailto:missy.t@comcast.net) or 501-412-7508) Huldah morning circle meets at Presbyterian Village at 11:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday; learn more from leader Jeannie Lloyd (501-231-6719).

**CALLING ALL SECOND PRES VEGANS AND VEGETARIANS!** The Environmental Stewardship ministry is creating a Vegan/Vegetarian supplement to our Second Pres cookbook, and we would love to share your vegan and vegetarian recipes. By consuming less or no meat in our daily lives, we can make a significant difference in our care for the planet by reducing agricultural waste and pollution. Please send your recipes and/or questions to [lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

**PW THANK OFFERING:** During the month of November, Presbyterian Women will be receiving their annual Thank Offering. This offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries. You may give to this offering online ([www.secondpreslr.org](http://www.secondpreslr.org)) or by mailing/bringing a check to the church. The check is payable to Second Presbyterian Church designated to PW Thank Offering.

**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 at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **November 29** at Jill Brannon's home (4800 Gooch Drive, LR). We will finish up our study of The Walk. On **December 13**, we will meet at the home of Philip and Leah Shell (5 Berwyn Drive, LR). We'll be decorating Christmas cookies! Wednesday, **December 27**, will meet at Catherine Allsbury's home, 32 Kanis Creek Place. Contact Catherine Allsbury or Justin Villines if you want to join us: [villinesjustin@gmail.com](mailto:villinesjustin@gmail.com). ALL are welcome!

**SECOND HALL SHORT SERIES: NOVEMBER 26**

*Healing After Challenge: The Christian and Trauma*

We live in troubling 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. Conclude our 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. Reverend Ben Kane will round out our last lesson with information about how children respond to trauma and how we as a caring community can respond.

**ONGOING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:50 A.M.**

The *Seeking More Light* class meets in room 67. We are discussing Lost & Found: Reflections on Grief, Gratitude, and Happiness by Kathryn Schulz. A limited number of books will be available to purchase from the church, or you can order one on your own.

The *Bible Study Class* on Zoom and in the Library at 9:30 a.m. 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.

*Spiritual Nourishment* is reading Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers by Anne Lamott. Join them 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.

*Connections Class* will be joining with Second Hall for the month of November. Join us NEXT week for An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story, an Advent book and video study by Rachel Billups. Live into the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace through the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, and the Magi, as each unexpected character teaches us about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.

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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN!**



*commissioned May, 1992*

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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.

**DECEMBER WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS**

**8:30 A.M.**

(12/3) Becky Talmadge

(12/10) Dan Voth

(12/17) Christin Hankins

**11:00 A.M.**

(12/3) Amber Griffin

(12/10) Jo Paulus

(12/17) Johanna Lewis

(12/24) Joseph Lloyd, Emma Ryall

(12/31) Johanna Lewis

**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

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

Sunday School 9:50

\*Children and Families Lunch 12:15

\*Hanging of the Greens 4:00

\*PW Anna Circle 4:30

Middle School SPY 5:30

SPY Dinner 6:30

High School SPY 7:00

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Day Ringers 11:30

Pastoral Care 1:30

Stephen Ministry 6:00

Volleyball 7:00

Boy Scouts 7:00

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

Staff Meeting 9:00

Stewardship Leadership Team 12:00

PW Coordinating Team 1:00

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

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

Adult Choir 6:30

\*Cheeses With Jesus 7:00

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

SPY Lock In 6:00

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

SPY Lock In 6:00

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

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

Sunday School 9:50

Praeclara Ringers 2:00

Children's Ministry 5:30

Middle School SPY 5:30

SPY Dinner 6:30

High School SPY 7:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin



**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

Poinsettias are used to decorate the Sanctuary and Second Hall during Advent. You are invited to place a poinsettia in honor and/or memory of a loved one. Funds received in excess of those purchased will be used in benevolent ways to help others during the holidays. A list of those being honored and remembered and their donors will be printed as a special insert in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The deadline to order a poinsettia is December 11. The cost is \$15.00. You may either fill out the form below and return to the church office, fill out the form online at [www.secondpreslr.org](http://www.secondpreslr.org) or use the QR Code.



I/We would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s).

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**PLEASE PRINT**

**In memory of**

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**In honor of**

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**Name(s) of donor(s)**

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