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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 14, 2024

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. Take the red friendship  
pad, sign your name, and pass it down the pew and back, noting the names of those  
worshipping with you. We encourage our guests to share your information that we might be  
aware of your presence with us.*

PRELUDE

*Vorspiel*

E. Humperdinck

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Praise the Lord!

**We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the words of the Lord

**studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty are God's works,

**and God's righteousness endures forever.**

Let us worship the Lord. **Amen.**

*(Psalm 111: 1-3)*

\* HYMN NO. 625

*O Lord My God*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

CALL TO CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

You are the bread of life and the light of the world, Lord,

**so we arrive at this point in the service with hope.**

To confess our sins is to proclaim our faith in Christ.

**To confess our sins is to acknowledge the truth of our lives.**

Let us join our voices together and confess.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Lord, you are the bread of life,

**and we are in need of the nourishment only you can provide.**

Feed us with your truth and grace

that reminds us that even though we've fallen short,

**you never abandon us.**

**Lord, we turn to you to share where we've failed to follow you.**

In our relationships, words, and actions, we've failed to follow you.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In our desire to be first and act according to our own desires,

we've failed to follow you.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In our hope that what we say and do will be what is always needed,

we've failed to follow you.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the ways we've turned a blind eye to the world around us,

we've failed to follow you.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the ways that we desire to look more closely at your world,

we've failed to follow you.

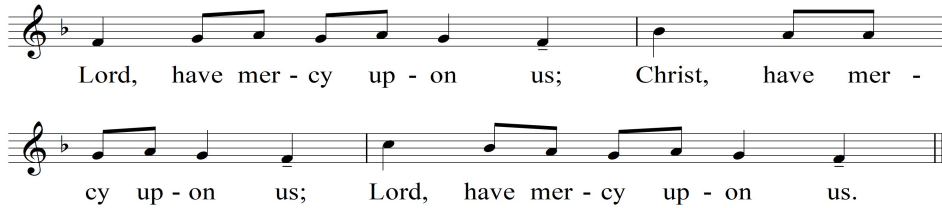
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, we hope to be your people — to proclaim that we are your disciples,  
**and so we've come to this place to seek your guidance and love.**

We pray with the utmost hope that you'll hear us with grace and mercy.

*(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)**

God, you show up in unexpected ways with open arms

**to receive us with joy and thanksgiving.**

Remind us of the truth of your gospels:

**that we are forgiven. Amen.**

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

The light of the world offers peace. May 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>OLD TESTAMENT READING</b>	<i>PSALM 84</i>	OT, P. 543
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>Sure Foundation</i> SPC Adult Choir	M. Hayes
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>	<i>JOHN 6:25-35</i>	NT, P. 98
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>You're Gonna Wanna Try Christ's Bread</i>	Rev. Ben Kane

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

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

\* **HYMN NO. 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

**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** *"The Peace may be exchanged." from Rubrics* D. Locklair

\* **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. 37**                      *Let All Things Now Living*                      ASH GROVE

\* **BENEDICTION**

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

\* **POSTLUDE**                      *Toccata in Seven*                      J. Rutter

**TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Rev. Lindy Vogado

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adults

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Ralph Wilcox (11:00) Graham Catlett

Elder of the Day: (11:00) Marge Anna Luttrell

Ushers: (8:30) Allie and Matthew Smith, Linda, David and Madison Smith,  
Will Collins

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.

**JANUARY PREACHING SERIES**

*Claiming Our Identity: How Christ’s ‘I Am’ Statements Form Us*

What shapes your life? Was it a person, a place, or maybe an experience? How was God involved? What is shaping your life now? These are big questions we’ll be exploring at Second Presbyterian Church in our initial 2024 Preaching and Worship Series in January and early February. Using the ‘I Am’ statements from the Gospel of John, we’ll discover how Christ’s proclamations help form our identities. If you are asking the big questions about who you are and who God is, this series is for you. Join us at Second each Sunday in the new year at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. for worship and Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.

January 7: “I Am the Light of the World: Christ’s Light Lights our Path”

John 8:12 (*Epiphany Sunday*)

January 14: “I am the Bread of Life: Being Fed by Christ”

John 6:35 (*Baptism of the Lord Sunday*)

January 21: “I Am the Gate and the Shepherd: The Door is Wide Open”

John 10:7 and 11

January 28: “I Am the Resurrection: Salvation Through Faith”

John 11:25

## RECEPTION FOR MARY IBIS

Please join us **today**, following the 11:00 a.m. service, in Second Hall, to celebrate Mary Ibis, her family, and her twenty-two years of service to Second Presbyterian Church. We are very appreciative of all the hard work that Mary has done for us over the last twenty two years and she will be missed. Mary has played an integral role in the life of our church and she will be difficult to replace, as we begin the process of looking for our next member of the Music Ministry team. I would personally like to wish Mary the best of success in all future endeavors as a music educator for the LRSD board of education. Come join us January 14 and celebrate Mary and her music ministry here at Second Presbyterian Church.

**THERE'S ROOM AT THE TABLE!** Our first "Church-Wide First Sunday of the Month" lunch was a big success! We had a great turn-out, and we managed to stretch the chips and queso far enough that all were fed! Our next lunch will be on Sunday, February 4, after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will be having a pasta bar from Olive Garden. Spaghetti and Fettuccine! Alfredo, Meat Sauce, and Marinara! Grilled Chicken, Meatballs, and Italian Sausage! Salad! BREADSTICKS! Fun and fellowship! You don't want to miss it! The cost is \$10 for adults and teens; \$5 for kids under 12. Please RSVP using the QR code or by calling the church office. Contact Lindy Vogado ([lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org)) for more information.



**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.**



**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE:** Those wishing to use weekly-dated envelopes may pick them up from one of the tables inside the Sanctuary doors.

### STEWARDSHIP 2024 UPDATE



We are inching closer to our goal of funding a budget of \$2,500,000 to do the work God's called us to do here at Second Presbyterian Church. Many of you have generously pledged to fund this mission and we are praying that many more of you will commit in the coming days. As we enter this new year together,

we are aiming to close out the 2024 Stewardship Campaign of *Joining Christ on the Mountain* at the end of January with more participation than ever. Will you join Christ and us on the mountain?

Thank you to those who've pledged and for those who haven't, would you consider making a pledge to Second Presbyterian Church? You can do so online or by filling out an Estimate of Giving Card in the sanctuary or main office. And, just as importantly, would you pray for Second Pres. and all the faithful members and friends as well as the ministries inside and outside our church walls as we seek to be God's people today, tomorrow, and in 2024. 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.



**DID YOU MISS ONE OF THE SERMONS?** If so, you can watch past worship services on the church website at [secondpreslr.org](https://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.

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## SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY 2024

**GOD'S WORLD IN SELECTED POEMS BY EMILY DICKINSON:** Join us **today** for a delightful review of the enlightening works of Emily Dickinson, led by former Hendrix professor Chuck Chappell. No pre-reading required, but bring a cup of coffee to muse on the meaning and craft of one of America's most important poets, as her work continues to resonate and illuminate today.

**COMING UP SOON:** On **January 21** and **28** we welcome UA Little Rock professor and Cotham lecturer Rebecca Glazier to speak insight into the history and ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine. More details to come!

**ONGOING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:50 A.M:** Connections Class for adults focused on careers, family, and relationships, uses current-events and *The Wired Word* to discuss faith and real life in room 62. The Seeking More Light class meets in room 67 to discuss the book *Lost & Found: Reflections on Grief, Gratitude, and Happiness* by Kathryn Schulz. Next week, Seeking More Light will briefly suspend their book study to join Second Hall for the presentation by Dr. Rebecca Glazier. The Bible Study Class meets on Zoom and in the Library at 9:30 a.m. focused on studying *The Winter Uniform Series*; curriculum is available digitally or printed free of charge. Spiritual Nourishment is reading *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott in the Heritage Room or online Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** resumes Monday, **January 15** in Second Hall to continue processing the book *Eat This Book* by Eugene Peterson. Our speaker Rev. Robert Lowry joins us to share his love of the author and enjoyment of “eating” scripture through slow intentional reading and the practice of lectio divina.

**MEN'S GROUP MINISTRY:** An old commercial said it well, “The best part of waking up is Folgers in your cup.” Turns out, they missed a few key elements – the best part of waking up is gathering with God, scripture, a fine group of men, donuts, and even better coffee on Tuesday mornings at MGM in Second Hall from 7:00-8:00 a.m. If you like to laugh, hear a good word from God, talk about the upcoming preaching scripture with Rev. Ben and a great group of men, join us on Tuesdays in Second Hall – in person or on Zoom. For more information, contact Vic Fleming ([judgevic@gmail.com](mailto:judgevic@gmail.com)) or Vernon Markham ([vmarkh3@gmail.com](mailto:vmarkh3@gmail.com)) for further details.

## OUTREACH UPDATE

**LAST CALL TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESBYTERY SPRING BREAK TRIP TO HONDURAS:** The Presbytery of Arkansas is sponsoring another trip to our mission partners in Honduras that will take place on March 16-23. Our presbytery has a long-standing relationship with the Presbyterian Church of Honduras, and it is a great opportunity to serve with the missions of their local churches and learn from our siblings in Christ. It is also great way to meet other people in the presbytery. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1200-1500, and partial scholarships are available from our congregation. If interested, contact Lindy Vogado ([lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org)) this week, and she will put you in touch with the trip leaders.

**SIGN UP FOR SOLAR SCHOOL WITH SOLAR UNDER THE SUN!** Solar Under the Sun is a ministry related to the Presbyterian Church (USA) that works to address energy poverty by installing solar power systems in developing countries where access to electricity is limited. Solar School is the training program for Solar Under the Sun. It is a hands-on, interactive program designed to equip team leaders with the necessary skills to form meaningful partnerships with communities in the developing world, assess their need for solar power, and design and install a solar power system. This spring's session of Solar School will be taking place at our church from May 2-5, 2023. Tuition is \$300, and scholarships are available. This program is a great opportunity for engineers, contractors, and other handy folks to use their gifts in service of others. Contact Lindy Vogado ([lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org)) for more information.

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

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, January 15, in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**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.

#### CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

**W.A.C.K.Y. Planning Meeting:** We want to plan with parents about how Wednesday programming can meet the needs of children and families. We will have a pop-up W.A.C.K.Y. on **January 31** from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We will have dinner together from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall and programming from 6:00-6:30 p.m. with activities for children, activities for youth, and a conversation with parents between Ben and Bevan about future Wednesday programming.

**Worshipping Together Ministry Milestone:** 1st and 2nd graders are invited to join Rev. Ben for lunch on **January 21** following the 11:00 a.m. service to learn about the ministry milestone "Worshipping Together." Lunch will be provided. We will gather in the Great Hall. Please RSVP to Leslie: 870.391.6790.

**January SPY Kids:** SPY Kids will kick off the new year by going bowling together pm on **January 21**. We will meet in the narthex following the 11:00 a.m. service. Plan on sending money for lunch; bowling will be covered. Please RSVP to Maggie 501.352.3245. If you would like to chaperone, please reach out to Maggie; we will need at least 2 other parents willing to drive and hang out with us.

**SAVE THE DATES:** Moms' Retreat on Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Youth Building. Please reach out to Leslie McCormack for more information (870) 391.6790. Please save the date for the Spring Family Retreat at Ferncliff on April 12-13. Please reach out to Maggie Kirchner for more information (501) 352.3245.

**A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND ALISA:** Grace to you, and I hope you celebrate with me a new year. I'm excited about a number of things in our congregation and hope you are with me in considering a few things exciting in my life. I will be away **January 7-22** in Texas for a week of continuing education at Austin Seminary, followed by a week of anticipated brand-new grandbaby hugs in Dallas. Historically, I've not been very good at taking time away, because my family has recently travelled to me. Ever since I entered seminary in 2004, I have been home base to my kiddos. Now it's my turn to go to them periodically like such a time as this! I expect highlights along the way that I'll want share with you when I return. While I'm away, my pastor colleagues and our fabulous diversely gifted staff will cover ministry well. We have a plan. And I'll keep you all in prayer, joining you as I'm able online. More when I return to you... In peace and joy, Alisa

**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. We will be praying for you and look forward to our next gathering on **January 16**. Please register through [faithandgrief.org](http://faithandgrief.org) or in the church office so we will have enough boxed lunches.

**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. Meeting in a member's home, we transcend the ordinary, embarking on a journey of connection and spiritual growth. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. In this new year, we will begin a new study: Six Themes in the Bible Everyone Should Know by Barry A. Ensign-George and Eva Stimson. CWJ will meet Wednesday, **January 24** at the home of Philip and Leah Shell, # 5 Berwyn Drive. During our gathering time on January 24, we will look at Chapter 2 of Six Themes of the Bible Everyone Should Know. Rev. Ben Kane will be our special guest that evening. Contact Catherine Allsbury or Justin Villines if you want to join us: villinesjustin@gmail.com. ALL are welcome.



**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

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.

**JANUARY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS**

**8:30 A.M.**

(1/21) Dan Voth

(1/28) Matthew Smith

**11:00 A.M.**

(1/21 and 1/28) Galen Wenger

**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

Worship 8:30, 11:00  
Sunday School 9:50  
\*Mary Ibis Reception 12:00  
Family Ministry Dinner 4:00  
Basketball 4:30  
Middle School SPY 5:30  
SPY Dinner 6:30  
High School SPY 7:00

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*  
Church Office Closed

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00  
Staff Meeting 9:00

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

Adult Choir 6:30  
Youth Basketball Practice 7:00

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

Young Adult Trivia 7:00

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

Youth Education Weekend 9:00

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

Youth Education Weekend 9:00

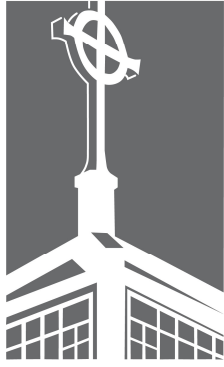
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

Worship 8:30, 11:00  
Sunday School 9:50  
\*Milestone Lunch with Rev. Ben 12:00  
\*SPY Kids Lunch and Bowling 12:00  
Basketball 4:30  
Anna Circle 4:30  
Middle School SPY 5:30  
SPY Dinner 6:30  
High School SPY 7:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin



## VISION STATEMENT



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BY CHRIST  
IMPACTING  
THE WORLD  
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OF ALL

### CHURCH OFFICERS

#### SESSION

Moderator: Ben Kane  
Clerk: Philip Shell  
Assistant Clerk: George Keck  
Treasurer: Kenneth Rich

#### CLASS OF 2024

Marge Anna Luttrell  
Barry McVinney  
Somerset Sea  
Joseph Yancey  
Carol Young

#### CLASS OF 2025

Alicia Byrd  
Cotten Cunningham  
Kate Franks  
George Keck  
Vernon Markham

#### CLASS OF 2026

Mary Helen Henry  
Leslie McCormack  
Ruth Shepherd  
Alan Solomon  
Justin Villines

#### YOUTH ELDER

Lena Nelson

#### DIACONATE

Moderator: Chris Boggs  
Vice Moderator: Marsha Taylor  
Secretary: Jamie Gomez

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Chris Boggs  
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Diane Holt  
Kathryn Hyde  
Katie King  
Ann Norwood  
Shannon Rookey  
Marsha Taylor

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Freddie Jolley  
Diane Karlson  
Johanna Lewis  
Jo Paulus  
Ashton Pickell  
Scott Polk  
Margo Shoffner  
Becky Talmadge  
Dan Voth  
Galen Wenger  
Bradley Wright

#### CLASS OF 2026

Matt Christenson  
Cindy Downs  
David Eifling  
Judy Johnson  
Amy Lloyd  
Ann Owen  
Emma Ryall  
Matthew Smith  
L.B. Vaught  
Zachary Ward

#### YOUTH DEACON

Joseph Lloyd