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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 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

Prélude, Op. 18

C. Franck

* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is the Lord who made us,
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise.

Give thanks to God; bless his holy name.

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever
and faithfulness to all generations. Let us praise!

Psalm 100

* HYMN NO. 25

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

WINCHESTER OLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we are lying to ourselves and to God.
But if we admit our sin, to ourselves and to those we have harmed,
our God who is faithful and just will forgive us.
And so let us confess our sins, together and in silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart
and mind and strength.**

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**We have ignored your voice,
and stubbornly refused to walk in your ways.**

**In your mercy forgive our missteps,
help us name our harms,**

**and prepare a new path,
so that we may delight in your will
and celebrate your good news.**

(Silent Confession)

- * **HYMN NO. 31** *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind* MONKLAND
- * **BENEDICTION**
- * **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* J. Rutter
- * **POSTLUDE** *Toccata en ré mineur* G. Béliet

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell
 Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane
 Rev. Lindy Vogado
 Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts
 Adam Savacool, Organist
 Clint Brockway, Interpreter
 Liturgists: (8:30) Ann Owen (11:00) Brenda Barber
 Elders of the Day: (8:30) Alicia Byrd (11:00) Joseph Yancey
 Ushers: (8:30) Diane and Bob Skinner, Anna and Ezra Voth
 (11:00) Julie and Mike Honeycutt, Ouida and George Keck,
 Carolyn Wenger, Amara, Joseph and Rosalie Yancey

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

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) 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 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. 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.

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.

SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY 21 AND 28

Dr. Rebecca Glazier, UA Little Rock professor in Public Affairs and Middle Eastern Studies, and researcher in religion and politics, US foreign policy, and political communication joins us this Sunday and next to speak insight into the history and ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine. Arrive early to take a seat in Second Hall in this highly anticipated course covering the geography, culture, religion, and longstanding relationships that impact the current conflict impacting the Middle East and the world.

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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 is briefly suspending their book study to join the conversation in Second Hall with the presentation on conflict between Israel and Palestine by Dr. Rebecca Glazier; please join us there! 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.

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) 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) for more information.

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 **TODAY** 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.

January SPY Kids: SPY Kids will kick off the new year by going bowling together pm **TODAY**. 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.

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) or Vernon Markham (vmarkh3@gmail.com) for further details.

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

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

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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.

(1/28) Matthew Smith

11:00 A.M.

(1/28) Galen Wenger

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Finance Committee 5:00

Stephen Ministry 6:00

Volleyball 7:00

Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Men's Group Bible Study 7:00

Staff Meeting 9:00

PW Coordinating Team 1:00

Session Meeting 7:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Adult Choir 6:30

Youth Basketball Practice 7:00

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Pastoral Care Workday 9:30

SPY Service Day 12:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Worship 8:30, 11:00

Sunday School 9:50

Church Family Dinner 4:00

Basketball 4:30

Middle School SPY 5:30

SPY Dinner 6:30

High School SPY 7:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin