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

JANUARY 28, 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

*Fanfare*

J. Cook

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

To you I lift my eyes,

**O you who are enthroned in the heavens!**

As the eyes of the servants look to their hand of their leaders,

**as the eyes of a maid to the hand of their mistress,**

so our eyes look to the Lord our God,

**until God has mercy upon us. (Psalm 123: 1-2)**

\* HYMN NO. 41

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

**have mercy upon us.**

For we have had more than enough of contempt.

**Our souls have had more than their fill of the scorn of those at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.**

Let us join our voices together

and confess to our merciful God. (Psalm 123: 3-4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

We hear of your power that comes through resurrection.

**And we seek to experience what you can offer.**

But we've got baggage we're carrying  
that keeps us from truly showing up.

**So we ask that you relinquish our burdens  
so we can truly be with you.**

Remove the stain of our sin that blots our lives.

**Eliminate that which keeps us focused on ourselves and not you.**

Release us from the powers that corrupt,

**and make us aware of how you're already a part of our lives.**

Lord this is a time of repentance that requires us to turn.

**To turn from our ways to follow your ways.**

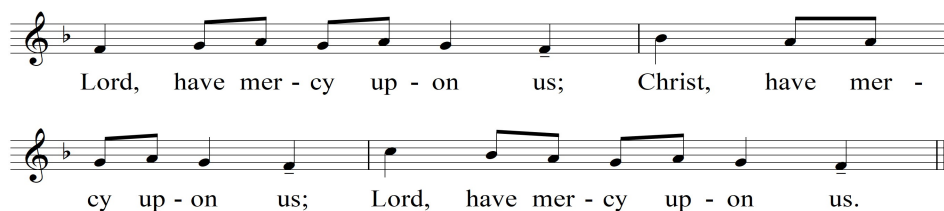
To turn from our plan to your plan.

**To turn inward and reveal to you who we've been,  
with the hopes that you'll love and forgive us still.**

Let us silently confess to our merciful and gracious God.

*(Silent Confession)*

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*RESPONSIVE*)

God you've always had a plan and you show up when you decide.

**We've felt your presence here.**

It feels like grace and comes in the form of forgiveness.

**And so we are bold to proclaim — our sins are forgiven. Amen.**

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

The resurrection is here! May we feel it and share it by saying,  
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

Rev. Lindy Vogado

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*JOB 19:23-27*

OT, P. 468

### ANTHEM

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
SPC Adult Choir

C. Wesley

### GOSPEL READING

*JOHN 10:17-27*

NT, PP. 103-4

### SERMON

*The Worst Thing to Say to a Runner*

Rev. Ben Kane

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

## \* HYMN NO. 788

*To You, O Lord, We Lift Our Eyes*

CANNON

## 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

*"There is a Spirit . . ." from A Quaker Reader*

N. Rorem

## \* 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. 620**      *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*      LAUDA ANIMA

### \* BENEDICTION

\* **CHORAL BENEDICTION**      *Threefold Amen*      Traditional

\* **POSTLUDE**      *Allegro assai vivace from Sonata No. 1*      F. Mendelssohn

### 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) Jim Wilkins (11:00) Melissa Hendricks

Elder of the Day: (11:00) Kate Franks

Ushers: (8:30) Matthew and Allie Smith, Madison Smith,

Linda K. Smith, Daniel Ford

(11:00) Joan and Alan Diekman, Katherine Downie, Rex Luttrell,

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.

### CURRENT 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 28:** "I Am the Resurrection: Salvation Through Faith"

John 11:25

**February 4:** "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: The Promises of Christ"

John 14:6

**February 11:** "I Am the True Vine: Our Foundation is Sure"

John 15

## STEWARDSHIP 2024 UPDATE



Can you do something for me? Can you pray for this wonderful congregation as we near the end of our 2024 Stewardship Campaign, *Journeying Up the Mountain with Christ*? As we near the end, we are aiming to raise a little more than \$150,000 so we can fund the

ministries the staff and Session believe God is calling us to lead. For those who have pledged, thank you; for those who are considering pledging, we'd love to have you join us; for those who want to increase their pledges, we are grateful to God for you! Join us on the mountain with Christ as we conclude this campaign on Sunday, February 11.



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

**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**.



**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.

### SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY 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 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.

**FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18 AND 25**

***Rethinking Church: Our Good Future Beyond More Things To Do***  
led by Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Author Andy Root is a professor of Youth and Family ministry and teaches courses on theology, ministry, youth ministry and culture. His latest works focus on issues surrounding the intersection of faith and our secular age - particularly the book "When Church Stops Working." Rev. Kane uses this thoughtful reframing of our "current church crisis" to stop the endless cycle of doing more and rather to simply "be" in God's presence. Experience affirmation, encouragement, and empowerment from Rev. Kane and authors Root and Bertrand, who share what active waiting looks like and the saving grace it can hold.

### 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.

**THERE'S ALWAYS 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.



**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.

**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. Contact Catherine Allsbury or Justin Villines if you want to join us: villinesjustin@gmail.com. ALL are welcome.

**NOMINATIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS CLASS OF 2027!** In the Presbyterian Church, Elders and Deacons Rule! Elders and deacons make up the leadership of our church and serve as leaders of our ministries and committees. They serve three-year terms and are selected each year by our Nominating Committee, which is comprised of representatives from a variety of groups at the church. The Nominating Committee depends on suggestions from the congregation to consider who God might be calling to serve in these leadership roles. If you would like to suggest a church member for consideration, please use the QR code to submit their name or fill out the form included in our bulletin. For more information, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).



### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 10-14, 2024

Details to follow soon.

Contact Leslie McCormack to volunteer or for more information.

(lesliemccormack@secondpreslr.org)

#### **SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## 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.



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. Use the QR Code to register.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, **March 30**. Wrapped "every kind of nut" free candy and plastic egg donations will begin Sunday, February 4, in the narthex.

The Spring Family Retreat will be held at Ferncliff on **April 12-13**. Please reach out to Maggie Kirchner for more information (501) 352.3245.

### SECOND PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH (SPY) UPDATE

#### **Souper Bowl of Caring | February 11 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Tackle hunger! For over 30 years, the *Souper Bowl of Caring* movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. The Youth encourage you to bring your cash or checks in support of Grace Presbyterian's Food Pantry. In a friendly competition you can place your donation in the soup pot corresponding to the team you hope to win!

#### **Super Bowl Party | February 11 5:00-8:00 p.m. (after Halftime Show)**

Bring your favorite tailgate snacks and let's watch the Super Bowl together on the big screen in the Youth Building.

#### **Light the Night | February 25 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

In response to America's Teen Mental Health Crisis, the Youth Ministry feels called to sponsor an event that raises awareness while also breaking down the stigma associated with mental illnesses. Make sure to mark your calendars for this unique and important speaker event. We have invited representatives from NAMI, as well as, local therapist to come speak to us. A few Youth and Young Adults will anonymously share their inspirational courage while navigating mental illnesses in adolescence.

#### **Spring Retreat | March 8 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

All Youth are invited to hang in the trees like a monkey during our super fun Spring Retreat at AdventureWorks High Rope Course.

#### **Weekly Youth Activities**

Youth Group (Sundays 5:30-8:00 p.m.)

Sunday School (Sundays 9:50-10:50 a.m.)

High School Small Group (Wednesday 7:00-8:00 p.m.)

Lent WACKY MS (Wed 5:30-7:00 p.m.)

For details please email Elizabeth Cahoon, [elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org](mailto:elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org)

### SECOND PRESBYTERIAN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE

#### **Young Adult Weekly Activities**

##### **Thursdays 7:00-9:00 PM**

First Thursdays | Bible Study @ Youth Building

Second Thursdays | Supper Club @ Youth Building

Third Thursdays | Game Night @ Various Locations

Fourth Thursdays | Trivia Night @ American Pie Pizza

For details please email Elizabeth Cahoon, [elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org](mailto:elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org)

**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.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP OFFERING VEGAN/VEGETARIAN**

**LUNCH:** On Sunday, February 18, after the 11:00 a.m. service, our church's Environmental Stewardship ministry invites our congregation to share in a Vegan/Vegetarian Meal together in the Great Hall. The Environmental Stewardship Ministry is offering foods based mostly on plants for two reasons: They have the nutrition our bodies need to be healthy and strong, and they also greatly decrease the burden of agricultural pollution on our environment. Some of us know already how tasty and deliciously savory veggie meals and desserts can be. For some of us, this gathering may be an introduction to meals unfamiliar to us, but it is an opportunity to learn more about how to incorporate more plant-based meals into our diet, perhaps serving as a possibility for a Lenten discipline. Recipes will be provided for participants to take home. Please use the QR code provided or call the church office at 501-227-0000 for reservations. We invite adults and children of all ages to join us for this meal. We are suggesting a \$5 donation for adults to help cover the costs, but your presence is the most important thing to us.



**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 Villemetz 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.

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS**

**8:30 A.M.**

Marsha Taylor

**11:00 A.M.**

(2/4 and 2/11) Amber Griffin

(2/18) Zachary Ward

(2/25) Freddie Jolley

## CALENDAR

### 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Pastoral Care 1:30

Volleyball 7:00

Boy Scouts 7:00

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

\*Men's Group Ministry 7:00

Staff Meeting 9:00

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Endowment Committee 11:30

\*WACKY 5:30

Adult Choir 6:30

Youth Basketball Practice 7:00

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

\*Young Adult Trivia 7:00

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Worship 8:30, 11:00

\*Church Wide Lunch 12:00

Sunday School 9:50

Basketball 4:30

\*Middle School SPY 5:30

SPY Dinner 6:30

\*High School SPY 7:00

\* Denotes announcement in bulletin

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS</b></p>
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Please help the Nominating Committee with your ideas of members of Second Presbyterian to serve as elders and deacons for the Class of 2027. The Nominating Committee is a representative one, made up of members who have been selected to serve from the following Church groups: the Session (two), the Diaconate (two), Presbyterian Women, Adult Sunday School, Youth Ministry, the Choir, and two members-at-large. This Committee will nominate a slate of officers to be voted upon at a Congregational Meeting in March.

After giving prayerful consideration, please fill out this form and turn it into the Church office or place it in the offering plate. All suggestions will be given careful consideration.

I suggest the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
to serve as an elder.

I suggest the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
to serve as a deacon.

(The committee needs further information to help decide, among the names suggested, which to nominate this year. To help them, please check those areas in which you feel this person is strongly qualified, and make any comment on these or other areas that would be helpful to the Committee.)

**Church Involvement:**

- ☐ Regular attendance at public worship
- ☐ Active participation in other church activities
- ☐ Offices held (Please list under comments.)
- ☐ Services rendered (Please list under comments.)
- ☐ Willingness to commit to Presbyterian heritage and form of gov't

**Christian Living in Daily Life:**

- ☐ within the family
- ☐ in the work place
- ☐ in the community

**Personal Characteristics and Skills:**

- ☐ Strong faith
- ☐ Grace and compassion
- ☐ Willingness to devote the time and effort
- ☐ Cooperativeness
- ☐ Patience
- ☐ Willingness to learn
- ☐ Openness to new ideas
- ☐ Maturity of judgment
- ☐ Ability to follow through on tasks

**WHY, IN YOUR OPINION, WOULD THIS PERSON BE A GOOD OFFICER?**

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**IN WHAT ACTIVITIES, IN OR OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH, HAVE YOU WORKED WITH THIS PERSON AND WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE?**

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

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