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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 11, 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

Choral, Op. 37

J. Jongen

* CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

When we trust in God, when our trust is God,
we are like a tree planted by water.

**Our roots go deep, we are ever-green;
even in a drought we are not anxious,
but bear fruit, full and beautiful,
gifts of the God who made us. (Jeremiah 17:7-8)**

* HYMN NO. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

**God of mercy,
your command to love one another across all differences
opens us to new horizons,
yet we often respond with fear and judgment
that hinders your goal for humanity.
Forgive our sins, we pray,
and give us a true repentance
that leads to life for all creation.**

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(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's promises are trustworthy and true;
our sins are forgiven.
Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.
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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY The Birthday Fund

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Rev. Lindy Vogado

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:30)

Bill Steinbach and Susan Emmett present their son, Davis Joseph Steinbach, to receive the Sacrament this morning.

PRESENTATION

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

WELCOMING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* Hymn No. 188, Stanza 1

ANTHEM *O For a Closer Walk with God* C.V. Stanford
SPC Adult Choir

GOSPEL READING *JOHN 15:1-8* NT, P. 109

SERMON *Our Foundation Is Sure* Rev. Alisa Secrest

*** HYMN NO. 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Sarabande* G. Near

*** 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. 306** *O Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

* **BENEDICTION**

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

* **POSTLUDE** *Allegro scherzando* C.M. Widor

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Alisa Secrest

Rev. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Rev. Lindy Vogado

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Jón Stevenson, Assistant Conductor

Adam Savacool, Organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Lydia Kane (11:00) Micky Rigby

Elders of the Day: (8:30) Ruth Shepherd (11:00) Kate Franks

Ushers: (8:30) Jo Paulus, Justin Villines, Melissa Hendricks, Lindsey Taylor
(11:00) Pam and George Babb, Amber, Cody, Kennedy and Deckard Griffin

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.

February 11: “I Am the True Vine: Our Foundation is Sure” John 15

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.**



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.

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.**



A 200 GRAND THANK YOU! Let's celebrate all the gifts to the Birthday Fund. Small gifts and large gifts have joined together to equal over \$200,000! These gifts are invested in our church's endowment fund and help to support all of our church's ministries such as youth, music, outreach missions and many more. Come have two \$100,000 Grand candy bars at the Birthday Fund table in the narthex TODAY! If you would like to give to the Birthday Fund, give your age during your birth month by stopping by the table in the narthex on the second Sunday of every month, use envelopes provided in the church office or you may give through the church's website.

SHROVE SUNDAY CELEBRATION: Join us around the Northwest Entry TODAY, February 11, for breakfast treats from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., marking the final Sunday of the Epiphany season before we enter the season of Lent. See you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with a service of scripture, prayer, music, preaching, and the imposition of ashes. Throughout the service, we'll be reminded of the good news that while we are mortal, God's love and grace redeems and saves us. A particular element of the Ash Wednesday service is when we'll impose ashes on everyone's forehead as a sign and marker of the truth of our condition. The SPC Adult Choir will present *Create in Me A Clean Heart* and organ music will be provided by Adam Savacool. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **February 14**, in the sanctuary.

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES

THE ART OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is a hallmark of the Christian life – God forgives us and, in turn, we are called to forgive one another. But what does forgiveness entail? How do we do it and how to do we receive it? Does everyone receive forgiveness – should everyone receive it? These questions and more will be explored in the Season of Lent at Second Presbyterian Church.

Ash Wednesday: *We Need Forgiveness*, Psalm 51

February 18 (1st Sunday of Lent): *What is Forgiveness?* Romans 12:9-21

February 25 (2nd Sunday): *Forgiveness is Hard!* John 8:1-11

March 3 (3rd Sunday): *How Do We Apologize?* Leviticus 16

March 10 (4th Sunday): *What Do You Do with an Apology?* Genesis 50:15-21

March 17 (5th Sunday): *Journey of Forgiving* Matthew 18:21-22

March 24 (Palm Sunday): *What Forgiving Does for the World!* Luke 19:28-40 and Luke 23:34

March 31 (Easter Sunday): *God Forgives You – Go Enjoy It!* John 3:16 and John 20

EXCITING STAFF DEVELOPMENTS! As we rejoice in our newly hired Communications Director, Brian Jones, and eagerly anticipate the arrival of our new Families and Children Director, Doug Barr, on March 4, we acknowledge that the winds have changed and the time has come to soon bid farewell to our beloved Part-time Interim Pastor for Adult Education, Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell. Marie will be with us through Easter, as she intends to assist in onboarding Doug and with disseminating her responsibilities among existing staff. We will evaluate this new staffing arrangement for the future. Please join us in giving thanks for her leadership at Second Presbyterian Church, and blessing her future ventures.

SECOND HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18 AND 25

Rethinking Church: Our Good Future Beyond More Things To Do

led by Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Rev. Kane is keenly interested in how the church today can rest in the Holy Spirit for both comfort and encouragement to meaningful, natural action. Author Andy Root is a professor of Youth and Family ministry and teaches courses on theology, ministry, youth ministry and culture, whose 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.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES: THE HARD WORK AND HOW-TO OF FORGIVENESS

FEBRUARY 21 AND 28, MARCH 6 AND 13

5:30 PM-6:30 PM

It might be easy to forgive the little things, but have you ever wondered how you could possibly move forward in a relationship after the pain of betrayal, injury, or the breaking of trust with another person? All of us have a deep need to offer and find forgiveness, but sometimes the task seems impossibly complicated, or too painful to even start. And how do you forgive yourself? Your pastoral staff understand this challenge all too well. Join us after a catered dinner for a brief discussion of the work of authors Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho in The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World. This guide will lead us step-by-step through effective exercises that bring us towards the joy and freedom of forgiveness. Learn to tell the story of what happened, name the hurt, and offer forgiveness by finding a different way forward in renewing or releasing a relationship.

Intergenerational Dinner in the Great Hall at 5:30 p.m., followed by short lecture in Second Hall at 6:00 p.m., releasing by 6:30 p.m. for those in choir. Childcare and children's programming available through W.A.C.K.Y. (Wednesday At Church for Kids and Youth). To RSVP for dinner, use the QR code or call the church office.



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 Bible Study Class meets on Zoom and in the Library at 9:30 a.m. focused on studying The Present Word: 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 Seeking More Light class meets in room 67 and is returning to their discussion of Lost and Found: Reflections on Grief, Gratitude, and Happiness.

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FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The results are in! Our next class on **February 19** will be *lectio divina* and deep study on the Book of Revelation! Co-taught by Rev. Mainard O'Connell, Rev. Lowry and Rev. Kane, we will use a hand-picked packet of current articles, sermons, and scholarship to lead us through this important and imaginative text – that doesn't mean what you think it does! The book of Revelation is a fundamentally political text that aims to help us answer the question "how do we live as Christians in a broken world?" Parse the invaluable historical and pastoral context needed to understand the fullness of the text beyond the media's shallow idea of incendiary prophecy. *Usually we meet in Second Hall at 9:30 a.m., but this time we will gather in room 60.*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: FEBRUARY 2024

We will be studying lesson six: "A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus". A couple of our Circles will meet February 13th in the homes of one of their members and the lesson will be lead by their Circle Leader followed with a luncheon and fellowship. Martha Circle will meet at the Clubhouse of Sandra Rogers, 34 Chenal Village Circle at 11:45 a.m. Phoebe Circle will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the home of Joan Neikirk, 5308 Country Club Blvd. Anna Circle will meet Sunday, February 18, 4:30 p.m. in the home of Beth Sigler, 5908 S Country Club. Huldah Circle will meet Wednesday, February 28th, 11:00 a.m. at Presbyterian Village. Together in Service will be Tuesday February 27, 9:30 a.m. at Ferncliff.

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. Our next meeting is on **February 14** when we will attend the Ash Wednesday service together at church. We will meet at the Shells (5 Berwyn Drive) afterwards for a quick beverage and snack after the service concludes. It is after all Valentine's Day and getting a reservation will be a challenge. On February 28 we will meet at Diane Karlson's home. Email Justin for the address. 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).



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE: The Our Third Graders will receive their bibles during worship in the 11:00 a.m. service on **February 25**. We will have lunch following the service. Please use the link to RSVP for lunch using the QR code. Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, **March 30**. Wrapped "every kind of nut" free candy and plastic egg donations are being accepted on Sunday mornings 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.



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 YOUTH (SPY) UPDATE

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

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

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. Recipes will be provided for participants to take home. 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. For more information, please contact Lindy Vogado at lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org.



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.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP USHER CAPTAINS

8:30 A.M.
Marsha Taylor

11:00 A.M.
(2/18) Zachary Ward
(2/25) Freddie Jolley

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**Shrove Sunday Celebration*

**Souper Bowl of Caring*

Worship 8:30, 11:00

Sunday School 9:50

Children and Family Super Bowl

Watch Party 4:00

*SPY Super Bowl Viewing Party 5:00

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Pastoral Care 1:30

Finance Committee 6:00

Stephen Ministry 6:00

Volleyball 7:00

Boy Scouts 7:00

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

*Men's Group Ministry 7:00

Staff Meeting 9:00

Card Making 1:00

Environmental Stewardship 5:30

Fellowship Ministry 6:00

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday

Adult Choir 6:30

*Ash Wednesday Service 6:30

Youth Basketball Practice 7:00

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

*Young Adult Game Night 7:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Worship 8:30, 11:00

Sunday School 9:50

*Vegan/Vegetarian Luncheon 12:00

*Anna Circle 4:30

Basketball 4:30

*Middle School SPY 5:30

SPY Dinner 6:30

*High School SPY 7:00

* Denotes announcement in bulletin

**SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME
FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS**

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 a 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?

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

SUBMITTED BY: _____