

Joys & Prayer Requests

Please notify the church office of hospitalizations, joys and concerns. For a list of prayer concerns, please call (501) 227-6117.

Calendar for the Week Ahead

SUN FEB 18

- 8:30 & 11am Worship
- 9:50am Sunday School
- 12pm Vegan/Vegetarian Luncheon
- 1:30pm Praeclara Ringers
- 4:30pm Anna Circle
- 4:30pm Basketball
- 5:30pm Middle School SPY
- 6:30pm SPY Dinner
- 7pm High School SPY

MON FEB 19

- 9:30am First and Third Monday Morning Bible Study
- 11am Carolyn Winburn Memorial Service (reception to follow)
- 5:30pm Nominating Committee
- 7pm Volleyball Open Gym
- 7pm Boy Scouts

TUES FEB 20

- 7am Men's Group Ministry
- 9am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Presbyterian Women Together in Service
- 12pm Faith & Grief
- 7pm Joint Officer Meeting

WED FEB 21

- 5:30pm Lenten Wednesday Dinner Great Hall
- 5:30pm W.A.C.K.Y.
- 6pm Lenten Lecture Series
- 6:30pm Adult Choir
- 7pm Youth Basketball

SAT FEB 24

- 7:30am Property Work Day
- 12pm SPY Service Day

SUN FEB 25

- 8:30 & 11am Worship
- 9:50am Sunday School
- 1:30pm Praeclara Ringers
- 4:30pm Basketball
- 6pm SPY Light the Night



MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Take a look at the bulletin insert for more ways to get involved. Visit us at our website: secondpreslr.org.
Subscribe to our eNewsletter at info@secondpreslr.org.

Are You New to Second Pres?

If you are a guest, we are grateful you have joined us in worship and we hope you are well taken care of and feel at home. Feel free to stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex or say hello to a staff member or greeter. Check out the bulletin insert for more on Second Pres and things that may be of interest to you. We're glad you're here.

Statement of Welcome & 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.

Giving to Second Pres

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 2024 Annual Budget, Memorial Gifts and the Birthday Fund. You may support Second Pres ministry in the following ways:



OFFERING PLATE

You may place your offering in the offering plate



BY MAIL

Church Office, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive
Little Rock, AR 72227



ONLINE

Scan the QR Code or visit secondpreslr.org/give

Usher/Greeter Volunteers

If you are interested in being an Usher/Greeter, you may contact the following deacons to get involved.

February Usher Captains

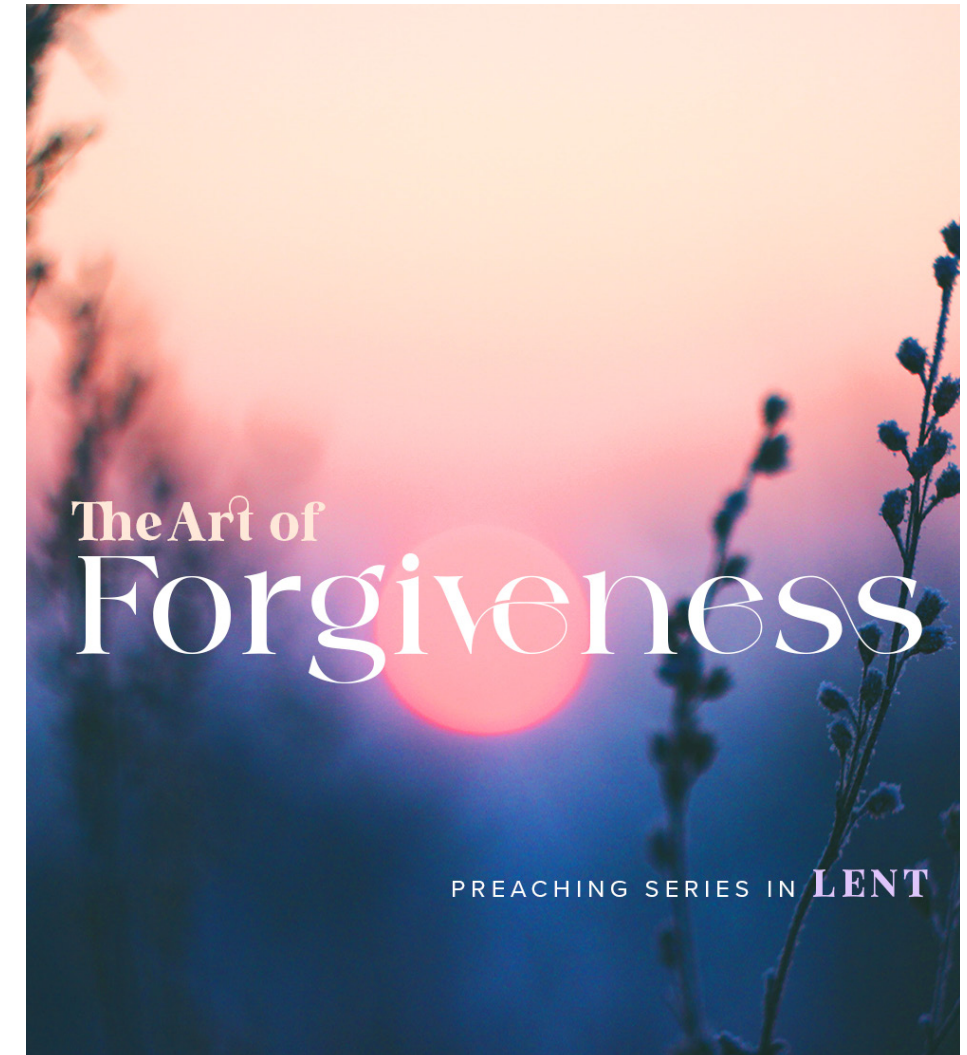
8:30am Marsha Taylor / 11am (2/18) Zachary Ward, (2/25) Freddie Jolley



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Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

First Sunday of LENT

Today in Worship

8:30 & 11AM

The Congregation will speak aloud the **bold print 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 let us know you are worshipping with us. 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 so we can be aware of your presence with us.

PRELUDE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. **Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.** Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.** (Psalm 25: 1-5)

† HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

Create in us a clean heart, O God; **and renew a right spirit within us.** We come to this time of confession to expose our lives to your grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Psalmist reminds us that we can pray to you and those prayers include our wants, needs, and hopes.

We join their prayers and ask that you “be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.”

We also join the Psalmist in praying, “Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for your goodness’ sake, O Lord!”

God of mercy and grace, we know we must be honest about our lives and that means we must seek forgiveness for what we’ve done and not done.

For when we’ve spoken too loudly or when we’ve stayed silent. For when we’ve jumped to conclusions or when we’ve ruminated too long.

Lord, we are a people in need of your forgiveness that reveals how powerful grace, love, and hope can be.

We pray all of this with hopeful and contrite hearts and offer these silent prayers to you...

(Time for 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

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; **according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.** Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. **May we know that our forgiveness is secure in Christ. Amen.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare your praise.** We join our voices together and offer one another forgiveness through these words of welcome: 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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:30AM)

Jillian and Thadd Baird present their daughter, Charlotte Belle Baird, to receive the Sacrament this morning.

PRESENTATION

† THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Unison)

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, St. 1

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 51:1-6

ANTHEM *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* C. Wesley
SPC Adult Choir

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:1-8

SERMON *What is Forgiveness? (Hint: It Is Hard and Necessary)*
Rev. Ben Kane

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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

† HYMN 821 *My Life Flows On* HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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

† 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 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION *Threefold Amen* Traditional

† POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane
Rev. Lindy Vogado
Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts
Benjamin Vise, Organist
Clint Brockway, Interpreter
Liturgists: (8:30am) Jon Davies (11am) Amara Yancey
Greeter: (8:30am) Peggy Sullivan
Ushers: (8:30am) Bob Skinner, Diane Skinner, Diane Karlson, and Marsha Taylor (11am) Zachary Ward, Lisa Mundy, Becky Talmadge, Annie and Christian Grimes, Laura Dunnagan
Elder of the Day: (11am) Alicia Byrd