

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 Annual Budget, Memorial Gifts and the Birthday Fund.



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.

March Usher Captains

8:30am (3/17 & 31) Scott Polk

11am (3/17, 24, & 31) Diane Karlson

Joys & Prayer Requests

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.

Calendar for the Week Ahead

SUN MAR 17

8:30 & 11am Worship
9:50am Sunday School
12pm Congregational Meeting

MON MAR 18

9:30am First and Third Monday Morning Bible Study
1:30pm Spring Flower Delivery
7pm Boy Scouts
7pm Volleyball, Open Gym in Great Hall

TUES MAR 19

7am Men's Group Bible Study
9am Staff Meeting
12pm Faith & Grief
7pm Session Meeting

WED MAR 20

9am Family Egg Slam
6pm Adult Choir

THURS MAR 21

10am Personnel Subcommittee

SUN MAR 24 PALM SUNDAY

8:30 & 11am Worship
9:50am Sunday School
1:30pm Praeclara Ringers
4pm Church Family Dinner offsite
4:30pm Pesbyterian Women, Anna Circle offsite
5:30pm Middle School SPY
6:30pm SPY Dinner
7pm High School SPY



MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

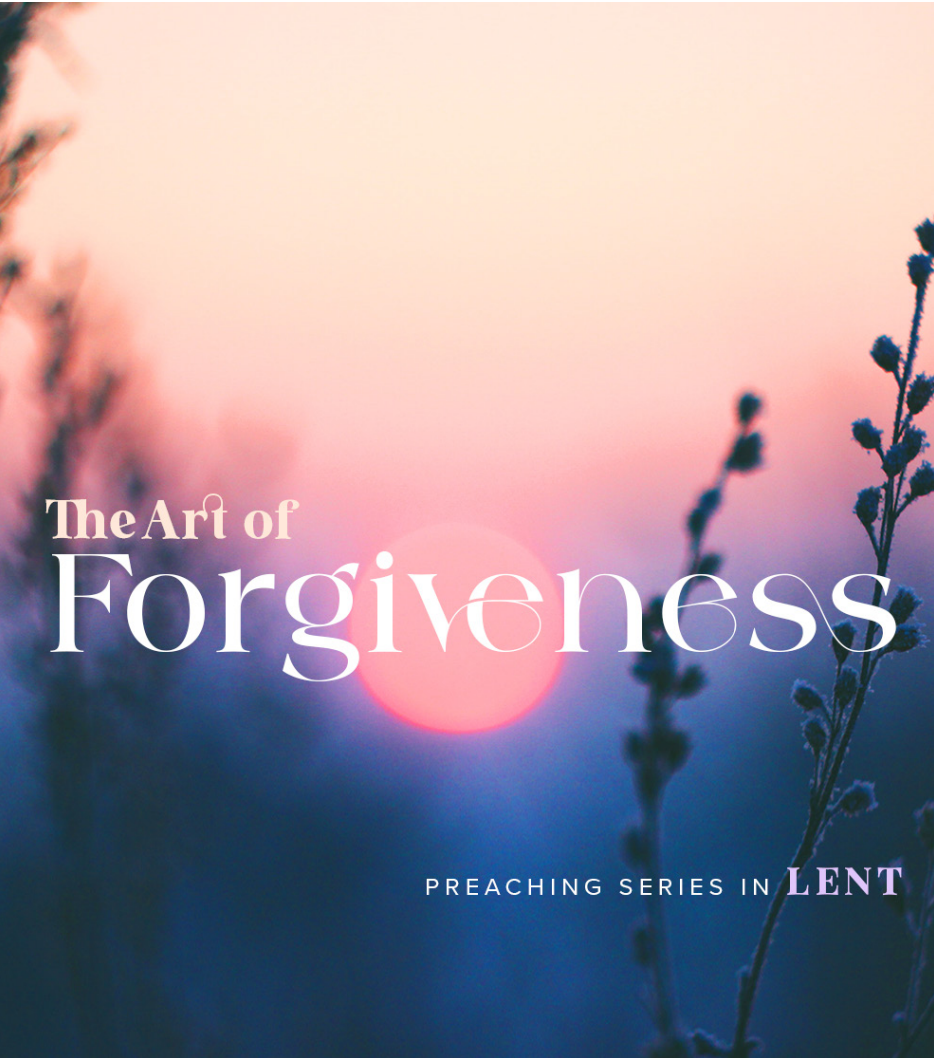
Take a look at the bulletin insert for more ways to get involved. Visit us at our website: secondpreslr.org.
Subscribe to our eNewsletter at info@secondpreslr.org.



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Welcome TO WORSHIP



PREACHING SERIES IN LENT



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

Fifth 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

The Apostle Paul writes, “Those who observe the day, observe it with honor.
Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord since they give thanks to God.
While those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.
So whether we observe, eat, or abstain, let us do it in honor of the Lord.
(Romans 4:16-17)

✦ **HYMN 305** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy DARWALL

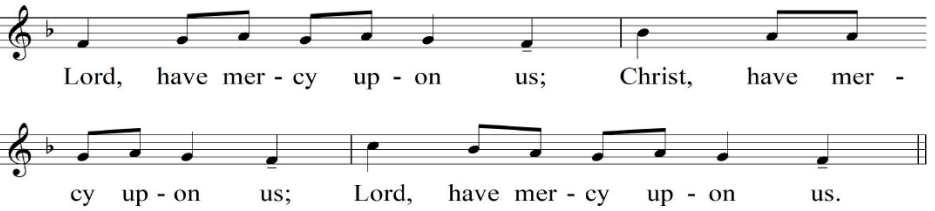
CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Lord, we use tally marks in order to know the score.
We love to know who is the best and worst and everything in between.
Doing this helps us know who is winning and who is losing.
It helps us measure against each other and rank one another.
But you don’t keep tabs like we do; you don’t maintain a scoreboard.
Remind us that your grace supersedes all the scoreboards we’ve created.
Inspire us to see more than tally marks and a scoreboard.
Let us see what you see — fellow children of God seeking to do your will.
As we gather in this space, we come with expectant hearts and eager minds.
We are here to confess all that keeps us from you in order to receive mercy.
Lord, hear these prayers and the silent ones we offer now...
(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

We do not live to ourselves and we do not die to ourselves.
So whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.
This truth reminds us of the forgiveness granted to all through Christ’s death and resurrection.
Let us believe the good news that we are forgiven through 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 stand and 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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11AM)

John and Katie Mallory present their daughter, Wren Virginia Mallory, 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

EPISTLE READING Romans 14:1-12

ANTHEM *And With His Stripes We Are Healed* G. F. Handel
SPC Adult Choir

GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON *You Are Going to Need More Chalk!* Rev. Ben Kane
Following the sermon, there will be a time for meditation to consider what God might be saying to you after hearing God’s word read and proclaimed.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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

✦ **HYMN 643** *Help Us Accept Each Other* BAARONITA

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** *O Savior of the World* E. Daley
SPC Adult Choir

✦ POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us after worship for the Congregational Meeting.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane
Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts
Doug Barr, Director of Children and Young Families
Adam Savacool, organist
Clint Brockway, Interpreter
Liturgists: Doug Barr (both services)
Elders of the Day: (8:30am) Justin Villines, (11am) Alicia Byrd