# Ways to Get Involved

## **Preaching Series DEVELOPING A YOUTHFULL FAITH** *Preaching Series for April & May*

We spend a considerable amount of time prepping for what's next and saying things like, "I can't wait to grow up" or "When I'm grown up, I'll ..." What if God is inviting us to not just look ahead, but look back at our youth? Because many of our worship services will be led by and focused on our

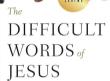
youth – Youth Sunday, Confirmation, Kirkin' o' the Tartans with Lyon College, and Senior Recognition – I believe God is inviting us to develop a youth-full faith that explores how doubt, play, laughter, boredom, and unfettered joy are essential elements of faith. We have just started a new preaching series at Second Pres. that'll explore what a youth-full faith looks like and how we develop it!

# Second Hall Sunday School Series

## SUNDAYS AT 9:50 a.m.

The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginners Guide To His Most Perplexing Teachings by Amy Jill Levine APRIL - MAY 12

This six session video-and-book series invites us to explore some of the hardest and most confusing sayings of Jesus. Trusted Jewish scholar



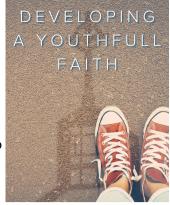
Amy-Jill Levine illustrates how these difficult teachings sounded to the original audience, and how we might interpret them now as part of Christ's Gospel of love and reconciliation.

## Continuing to Learn about the Situation in Israel and Palestine At the request of many people following our

Continued Learning Israel-Palestine Conflict Wednesday, April 24 5:30 p.m. Light Supper 6:00 p.m. Program Guest Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Glazier



At the request of many people following our class on the Israel-Palestine conflict, the Adult Education committee will be welcoming back Dr. Rebecca Glazier for a weeknight program on Wednesday, April 24. Dr. Glazier will answer further questions on the history of the conflict and the current situation in Gaza as well as suggest possible ways our congregation might respond. A light supper will be offered at 5:30 pm, and the program will take place from 6:00-7:00 pm. To RSVP for the dinner or to submit a question for Dr. Glazier's consideration, please use the QR code or email Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).



## Kirkin' o' the Tartans



- Mandarin oranges are the go-to favorite fruit cup!
- Any kind and type of pasta and sauce!
- Granola bar variety packs are best!

## SHOPPING FOR LYON COLLEGE'S FOOD PANTRY

In preparation for the Kirkin O' the Tartans service on April 28 when Second will partner with Lyon College, we are inviting members and friends of Second to shop for the Lyon College Food Pantry. We even prepared a shopping list to use when you are at the store in the coming weeks. You can bring these items to church on the when the Children of Second will collect them before each service and during Sunday School. (You are also welcome to donate cash or checks and drop off these food items in the main office before worship on the 28th.)

## Adult Education Classes in April

**The Seeking More Light Class (room 67 and Zoom)** continues their study of the book *Faith After Doubt*, by Brian McLaren; a look into deconstructing and reconstructing a meaningful faith. Copies available in the church office.

**The Connections Class (room 62-62)** is for adults with lives full of careers, relationships, and context - currently studying the selected works and quotations of writer Brené Brown to dismantle shame, lean into vulnerability, and revitalize life.

**The Bible Study Class (Library and Zoom)** is a classical course of biblical study using the spring edition of the unified bible study series The Present Word, focused on "Examining Faith." Digital copies of the curriculum are still available.

**The Spiritual Nourishment Class (Heritage room and Zoom)** for intimate discussion of personal faith and prayer practices continues their study of Sr. Joan Chittister's book *An Evolving God, and Evolving Purpose, an Evolving Faith*, from the "My Theology" short theology series.

**For any Zoom meeting room information** please check out the Second Connections email on Thursdays or contact Rev. Lindy Vogado, Associate Pastor for Belonging and Outreach.

# Church Spring Home Gatherings

## FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us in members' homes for an evening of fun, fellowship, and refreshments:

## Thursdays, April 18, 25 or May 2 at 6:00 p.m.

or join us in the Church Prayer Garden on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Sign up for a gathering that suits your schedule by scanning the QR code or by calling the church office at 501-227-0000.

## Presbyterian Women

### **GATHERINGS IN APRIL**

**Coordinating Team** is Scheduled to meet April 23, 1:00 p.m. in the Library. **Anna Circle** will meet Sunday, April 21 (Contact Lindsay Taylor for information.) **Huldah Circle** will meet April 24, 11:00 a.m. at Presbyterian Village.

# Men's Group Ministry



#### TUESDAY MORNINGS FROM 7-8AM / SECOND HALL & ZOOM

If you like to laugh, hear a good word from God, talk about the upcoming preaching scripture with Rev. Ben.

Join us in person or on Zoom. For more, contact Vic Fleming (judgevic@gmail.com) or Vernon Markham (vmarkh3@gmail.com) for further details.

# Monday Morning Bible Study

## FIRST & THIRD MONDAYS AT 9:30AM

Join us for this amazing course parsing the book of Revelation – it's real, deep, publicly-oriented good news away from the challenges imposed by modern fear-mongering, led by local Reformed pastors! Our schedule is thus:

- April 15, led by Rev. Ben Kane: Revelation chapters 6-11 on The Seven Seals and The Seven Trumpets
- April 29, led by Rev. Robert Lowry: Revelation chapters 12-16 on The Great Conflict and The Seven Bowls of Plagues
- May 6, led by Rev. Ben Kane: Revelation chapters 17-20 on The Fall of Babylon and The Final Victory
- May 20, led by Rev. Robert Lowry: chapter 21-22 on The New Jerusalem and Epilogue

This class is also <u>available on Zoom</u> at <u>zoom.us</u> and Meeting ID: 869 8361 7944 with passcode: second







## Take Me Out to the Ballgame

**SAVE THE DATE.** Take me out to the ballgame May 31 evening when the Arkansas Travelers play Amarillo at Dickey-Stephens Park. We'll picnic at the park, sit together for the game and enjoy the after-game fireworks. This will be fun for all ages.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame FRIDAY, MAY 31 2024

**Tickets on sale now** at \$15/person including dinner and the game. Scan the QR Code to the right to sign up for this fun event!

## There's Always Room at the Table!



Our next church-wide lunch will be taking place on **Sunday, May 5,** after the 11 am service. These meals have been a wonderful way to enjoy fellowship with members of all ages and stages, and we hope you will mark your calendars to join us once again. While we try to accommodate even last-minute folks, reservations help us to have enough food for everyone. Look for more information about the menu and sign-ups in the weeks ahead!

## Monarch Butterfly Adventure Presentation

Join us on **April 18** in **Second Hall** at 6:00 pm for pizza and 6:30 pm for a presentation co-sponsored by the Environmental Stewardship Ministry, Central Arkansas Master Naturalists, and Ozark Society Pulaski Chapter. Learn about a recent expedition to the



oyamel fir forests in Michoacan, Mexico to observe monarch butterflies in their natural habitat, including the biology of monarchs, conservation efforts, and how you can help. RSVP to Ann Owen at 501-960-0063.

## Solar Under the Sun-Sign Up

### 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, 2024**. Tuition is \$300, and scholarships from our church 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 & Family Ministry**



# Vacation Bible School

#### JUNE 10-16

Join us for an unforgettable week of fun, faith, and celebration at Vacation Bible School! From June 10th to 16th, immerse your children in the joy of **Start the Party**.

Celebrate the Good News 
Through engaging activitie

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and lessons, they'll discover the incredible message of love and hope that the Good News brings us. Don't miss out—register your family now using the QR code and let the festivities begin!

# Vacation Bible School Volunteers

#### JUNE 10-16

This summer you have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of children in our community through volunteering at Vacation Bible School. Without volunteers this incredible experience would not be possible. Scan the QR code to sign up and for more information.



# SPY Kids April Meeting

## SPY Kids Event is April 21

SPY Kids will gather around the campfire for s'mores, music, welcomes, and farewells as we invite the 3rd grade to join our circle and send out our 5th graders to join the youth group. Join us at the Hankins house April 21, 5pm -7pm.



# Youth Ministry

Sunday, May 12 11:00 Confirmation Sunday

# Weekly Youth Activities

Youth Group Sundays 5:30-8:00 p.m. Sunday School Sundays 9:50-10:50 a.m. MS Girls Bible Study Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. High School Small Group Wednesday 7:00-8:00 p.m. Email Elizabeth Cahoon, <u>elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org</u> for more information.

# Young Adult Ministry

## THURSDAYS FROM 7-9PM

Join us for the following Young Adult weekly gatherings: First Thursdays Bible Study at the Youth Building Second Thursdays Supper Club at the Youth Building Third Thursdays Game Night at various locations Fourth Thursdays Trivia Night at American Pie Pizza Email Elizabeth Cahoon, elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org for more information.

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# Praeclara Ringers Concert



A free afternoon handbell concert Sunday, April 21, 3:00 pm Second Presbyterian Church Great Hall The Praeclara Ringers present a free concert on Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 pm. Please join us in the Great Hall for an hour of great music.

A simple reception will follow.

## Stay Connected



Weekly Enewsletter send your email to info@secondpreslr.org



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Give Online visit www.secondprelr.org/give

Church Office at info@secondpresIr.org or (501) 227-0000

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## We're On Instagram!



#### FOLLOW US!

Connect with us beyond the pews! Follow our new Instagram account to stay plugged into the heart of our church community. Discover information, real-life moments, and live updates through the stories! Scan the QR code or type in @secondpresIr to find our page.

## Calendar for the Week Ahead

#### SUN APR 14

8:30 a.m. Worship S 9:50 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship S 12:00 p.m. SPY Kids Pinnacle Mt. 1:30 p.m. Officer Training SH 1:30 p.m. Praeclara Ringers 66 5:30 p.m. Middle School SPY YB 6:30 p.m. SPY Dinner YB 7:00 p.m. High School SPY YB **MON APR 15** 9:30 First & Third Monday Morning Bible Study SH 1:30 p.m. Pastoral Care 5:00 Finance Committee 7:00 p.m. Volleyball GH 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts **TUES APR 16** 7:00 a.m. Men's Group Ministry SH 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m. Faith & Grief SH 6:00 p.m. Officer Appreciation Dinner GH 7:00 Joint Officer Meeting GH 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting SH **WED APR 17** 11:30 am Planned Giving 5:30 p.m. MS Girls Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir **THURS APR 18** 2:00 pm Personnel Subcommittee 6:00 p.m. Spring Gathering Offsite 7:00 Young Adult Trivia Offsite SUN APR 21 3:00 p.m. Praeclara Concert GH 3:00 p.m. Ally Training SH 4:30 p.m. Anna Circle Offsite 5:30 p.m. Middle School SPY YB 6:30 p.m. SPY Dinner YB 7:00 p.m. High School SPY YB

## Lyrics to the Liturgical Dance

This I Believe (The Creed) --- Hillsong Our Father everlasting the all-creating One, God Almighty Through your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son Jesus our Savior I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son, I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again

For I believe in the Name of Jesus Our Judge and our Defender Suffered and crucified Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness You rose in glorious light Forever seated high I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son, I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again

For I believe in the Name of Jesus I believe in You I believe You rose again I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son, I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again

For I believe in the Name of Jesus I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your Holy Church I believe in the resurrection, When Jesus comes again For I believe in the Name of Jesus I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son, I believe in the Holy Spirit

Our God is three in One I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again For I believe in the Name of Jesus

## Nominations for the Class of 2027

## **Elders**

### Laura Connor

Laura is a Little Rock native and currently works as Marketing Manager at Hogan Taylor LLP, an accounting and advisory firm. She is a lifelong member of Second Presbyterian Church, where she was baptized as an infant by Rev. Allen Smith. Her parents, Sandra and Bob Connor, are longtime members of the church. Laura's previous church involvement includes serving as a deacon as well as a former member of both the Belonging Ministry and Nominating Committee. In addition, she served as a co-chair of the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. Currently, Laura is a member of the Planned Giving Committee.

### Steve Dunnagan

Steve Dunnagan has been a member at Second Presbyterian Church since 1999. Spouse Kim, and daughters Anne and Laura are also members as are Anne's husband Christian and Laura's fiancé Houston. Steve has been active in the church having served on several committees, praise team, stewardship leader, diaconate, and by proxy through Kim's service on the Fellowship Committee. He has been an active member of Stephen Ministry and is a Stephen Leader. Looking forward to this new chapter of service to the body of Christ.

### Elaine Eubank

Elaine is a native of Central Arkansas and has been a member of Second Presbyterian for more than 30 years. She is retired after serving as CEO of Care Link and Easter Seals Arkansas and is married to Alfred Williams. She currently serves on the Finance, Outreach and Stewardship committees and previously served as a Stephen Minister.

### Edwin Hankins, IV

Edwin Hankins IV was born and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas and is a lifelong member of the Second Presbyterian Church. He is a landscape architect and Senior Associate at McClelland Consulting Engineers where he is a team leader for the Land Development Department. Edwin married his best friend Christin 20 years ago and they have 3 kids Caroline (13) Edwin (10) and Anna Rose (9).

## Allison Pickell

Allison Pickell was born and raised in Little Rock, and she is a realtor with Coldwell Banker RPM Group. She's married to Slocum Pickell, and they have two grown children—Ashton and Alex. She's been a member of the church for about 15 years and was a former leader of the "Parenting of Teens" Sunday School class. She currently serves on the personnel committee.

## **Youth Elders**

### Ezra Voth

Ezra Voth is a student at Central High School and plays on the varsity baseball team. He has been a member of Second Pres for three years and is active in the youth group. He is the son of Dan and Chrissy Voth.

### **Beckett Wright**

Beckett Wright is a sophomore at Central High School. He enjoys playing on the golf team at Central and the basketball team here at Second Pres. He also loves fishing. He is an active part of the youth and family program at the church, and he is the oldest child of Bradley and Jill Wright.

## Deacons

### **Doug Barton**

Doug Barton was born in Paris, TX and grew up in El Dorado (Westminster Presbyterian Church), graduating from Arkansas College ('73) with a math degree and teaching junior high math in El Dorado. Doug went to work for AP&L before moving to LR in 1986 and worked in Property Accounting for Entergy until he started his own lawn maintenance business in 1997. Doug served as an elder and deacon in previous congregations, and he joined Second Presbyterian in 1987. At Second Pres, he has been an active part of worship, ushering, Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Property and Outreach ministry work days.

### Ken Cook

Ken Cook is a retired attorney. He has been a member of Second Presbyterian for over 25 years and previously served as a Deacon. He and his wife, Laura, have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren. Ken grew up in Wynne, Ark.

## **Deacons Continued**

### **Cayce Jennings**

Cayce and her family have been members of Second Presbyterian for about a year and a half. She and her husband, Patrick have two children- Mary (9) and Will (6). They are originally from Tennessee, but have called Little Rock home for the past four years. Cayce volunteers with WACKY here at Second Presbyterian and is an active volunteer at the children's elementary school where she also serves on the PTO board.

### Matt Lindsey

Matt Lindsey grew up as a seventh generation member of First Presbyterian Church in Helena. He attended the College of Charleston and is married to Annie Feltus Lindsey. They have one son named Robert. He works in sales for an AG manufacturer in the Little Rock Riverport. He loves Montreat, the outdoors, the Razorbacks, and good piece of cast iron.

### Jane Mages

Jane Mages is originally from Canada and has been a member of the church and Second Pres choir since 2017. She is active in arts and music programming in the city, and she is an enthusiastic supporter of Wildwood Park for the Arts.

### **Lindsey Taylor**

Lindsey is from Little Rock, Arkansas and has been a member of Second Pres her whole life. She is currently in nursing school at UAMS. She was always very active in children's programming, choir, and youth group growing up. She is now a youth advisor and leader of the new PW Anna Circle.

### Amara Yancey

Amara Yancey is an almost-native Arkansan, and has a deep love of all things Natural State. She, along with her husband, Joseph, and kids Graham and Rosalie, have been members of Second Presbyterian since 2019, and have devoted themselves to the life and ministry of Second since joining. Amara is an employee at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, and loves spending time outdoors and petting the goats. She can usually be found holding a book in one hand and petting a cat in the other. She has served on the Children and Families Ministry since joining Second Pres, and is currently the moderator of the ministry. She is also teaching K-2nd grade in Bible Village this year and loves her Sunday School kiddos.