

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

**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 31 *Let Us With A Gladsome Mind*

MONKLAND

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You*

J. RUTTER

† POSTLUDE

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

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.

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



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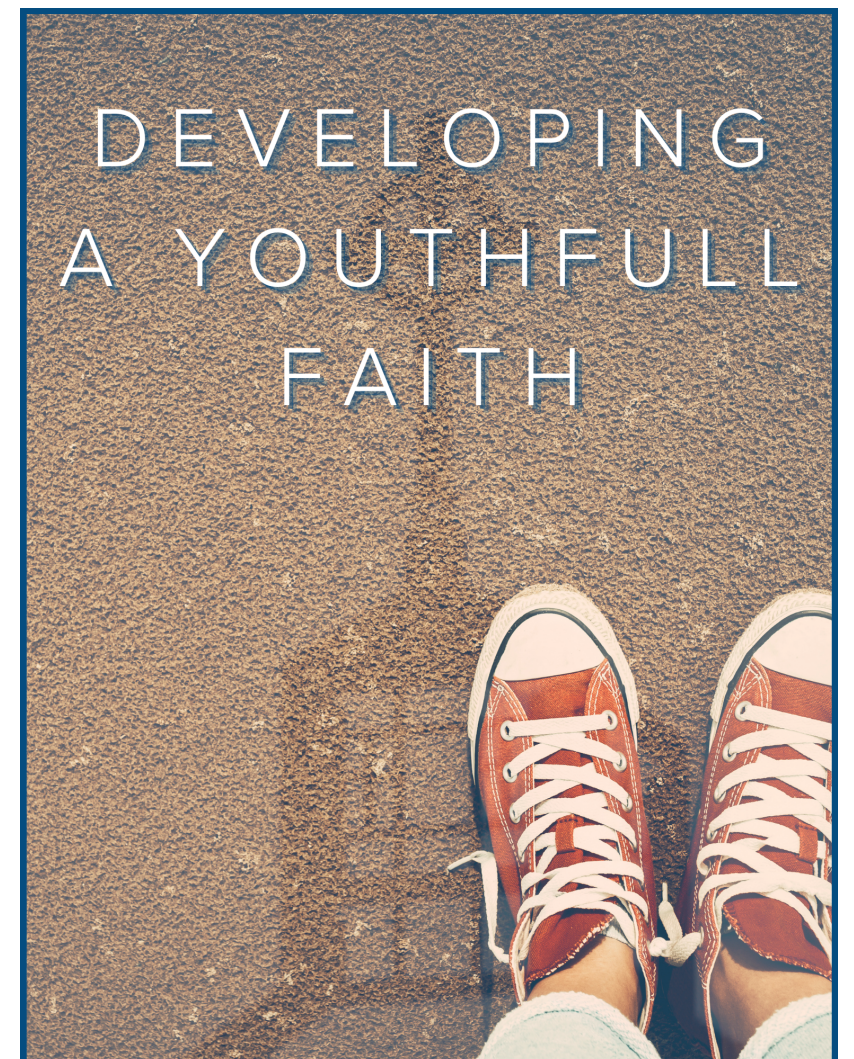
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Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today in Worship

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it;
the world, and those who live in it.

For God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord and stand in God's holy place?

Those who have cleans hands and pure hearts,

who do not lift up their souls to what is false and swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord,

and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek God

who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

✠ HYMN 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You set your glory above the heavens and out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark to announce your reign.

Let us join our voices together to confess to our majestic God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Long ago you created the heavens and the earth, separated the earth from the seas, and light from dark.

You gave us dominion over everything and called us to name and care for it.

But like most times when you call us to be or do something, we've failed.

We misunderstood dominion for domination.

We've taken on a posture of control and sought to tame creation;

but we keep falling short of our desire to domesticate your creation.

So we've come here to this place and this time to seek forgiveness and mercy.

Like the prophet Samuel, we've come seeking to hear your voice.

Call out to us, Lord, and share your intentions with us.

Remind us of the truth of our calling and what that entails.

May we lay before you the sins we've committed through action or omission.

And may we know we offer these confessions to a just and merciful God...

(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 *(Responsive)*

The heavens and earth proclaim your providence and glory.

We can feel your presence and the gift of life within all of it.

We hear your voice announcing,

You are forgiven.

For that gift of good news, we glorify you.

PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Responsive)*

God of forgiveness, we relish the gift of your grace.

And we turn to one another to offer 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.

You are invited to stand and greet one another with a handshake, fist-bump, hug, or wave — all of which remind us that Christ's peace is for each of us.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

EARTH CARE DAY

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

LINDY VOGADO

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

Steve and Alexis Jones present their son, Griffin Alexander Jones, 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

PSALM READING

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

pp. 577-8

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

J. RUTTER

HEBREW BIBLE READING

1 Samuel 3

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SERMON

I Promise I'm Listening

Rev. Dr. 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.

✠ HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR CREATION

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.