

Ways to Get Involved

Preaching Series

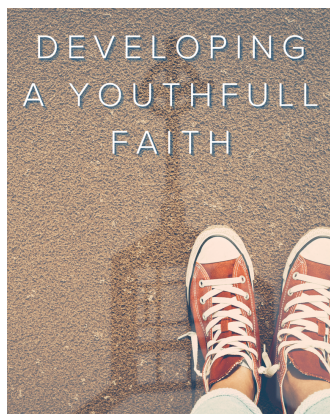
DEVELOPING A YOUTHFULL FAITH

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.



The
DIFFICULT
WORDS of
JESUS

Continuing to Learn about the Situation in Israel and Palestine

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).

Continued Learning
Israel-Palestine Conflict

Wednesday, April 24

5:30 p.m. Light Supper

6:00 p.m. Program

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Rebecca Glazier



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 25 or May 2
at 6:00 p.m.

or join us in the Church Prayer Garden on
Thursday, May 16 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 Lindsey 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 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 available on Zoom at zoom.us 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.



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. *Use the QR code to make your reservation today!*



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 and beloved long-time members alike. We start our meetings with a time of fellowship and libations/food followed by study. Meeting in a member's home, we transcend the ordinary embarking on a journey

of connection and spiritual growth. Our next meeting will be April 24, at 4009 Ridge Road, NLR 72219). We will look at Chapter 4 in *Six Themes of the Bible Everyone Should Know*. All are welcome!

Contact Catherine Allsbury (revbury@gmail.com) or Justin Villines (villinesjustin@gmail.com) for further information.

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 theme.

Through engaging activities, music,

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 Event Today!

SPY Kids Event is today, 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

All Youth mark your calendars for April 28. We will meet at Main Event for Youth Group that evening from 6-8pm. Please bring \$10. Let Elizabeth Cahoon know in advance if you are interested in laser tag or bowling. Everyone will have arcade time!!

Calendar:

Sundays 9:50-10:50 Sunday School & Confirmation

5:30-6:30 MS Youth Group

6:30-7:00 Dinner

7:00-8:00 HS Youth Group

Wednesdays 5:30-6:00 MS Girls Bible Study

7:00-8:00 HS Small Group @ The Cove

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.



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 TODAY, 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.

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Weekly Newsletter send your email to info@secondpreslr.org

Facebook like/follow us @SecondPresbyterianChurch

Website visit www.secondpreslr.org

Give Online visit www.secondpreslr.org/give

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

Instagram follow us at @secondpreslr

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8:30 a.m. Worship S

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship S

1:30 p.m. Praeclara Ringers 66

4:30 p.m. Anna Circle *Offsite*

5:00 SPY Kids Campfire Celebration *Offsite*

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 22

1:30 p.m. Pastoral Care

6:00 Stephen Ministry

7:00 p.m. Volleyball GH

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

TUES APR 23

7:00 a.m. Men's Group Ministry SH

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team

WED APR 24

5:30 p.m. MS Girls Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner SH

6:00 p.m. Rebecca Glazier SH

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

THURS APR 25

6:00 p.m. Spring Gathering *Offsite*

FRIDAY APR 26

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat

SATURDAY APR 26

8:00 a.m. Confirmation Retreat

8:30 a.m. Property Work Day

SUN APR 28

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

12:00 Kirkin' o' the Tartans Reception GH

4:00 Church Family Dinner *Offsite*

5:30 p.m. Middle School SPY YB

6:30 p.m. SPY Dinner YB

7:00 p.m. High School SPY YB

The Environmental Stewardship Ministry 2021-2024

2021- First meeting on May 11, 2021

- Participated in the Eco Challenge in July
- Adopted part of Two Rivers Park as an Adopt-A-Park Project
- Composted at the church picnic at Ferncliff
- Gave out water bottle stickers to SPC Youth and placed the rest in new member packets
- Held National Electric Drive Week in conjunction with the Little Rock Sustainability Commission
- Handed out milkweed seeds for Trunk or Treat
- Purchased washable silicone straws for Youth Building

2022

- Established a page on new church website
- Bottle filler installed in north hallway
- Had tables in the narthex on composting and green holiday ideas
- Had PEC advent and Lenten devotions available in narthex
- Started pollinator garden – had VBS children help plant/ listen to books about pollination
- Helped recycle at Lanterns at Wildwood
- Had an Earth Day service with a banner made by Jessica Riddick
- Held an electric drive event for church members and won a Cool Congregation Award
- Had a booth at the Time and Talent gathering
- Handed out reusable sandwich bags to SPC Youth
- Gave a donation to Ferncliff Nature Preschool
- Gave Pinnacle View school money for a honeybee project

2023

- Submitted green tips to the newsletter each month
- Participated in an Earth Day service by ushering and having a Minute for Ministry
- Participated in recycling at Wildwood
- Participated in VBS and mission weeks
- Session started having electronic packets instead of printing out all the reports
- Got a sign for the pollinator garden
- Worked with the Fellowship and Belonging Ministries to have more durable goods at meals/events, and the church picnic
- Gave funds to the Central Arkansas Master Naturalists Tree Replacement Project for homeowners affected by the tornado

2024

- Received an award from Christians Caring for Creation
- Served a vegan/vegetarian meal and published a recipe book with commentary on why eating plant-based foods are better for the environment
- Continued memberships in Presbyterians for Earth Care, Earth Care Congregations and Arkansas Interfaith Power and Light
- Continued the Adopt a Street -University
- Continued Adopt a Park- Two Rivers
- Worked with Property Ministry and Garden and Grounds Committee