

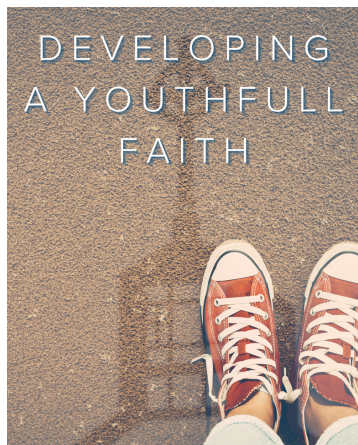
# Ways to Get Involved

## Looking Ahead

### **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 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. Today we start 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

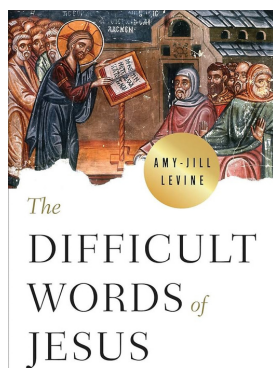
**SUNDAYS AT 9:50 a.m.**

***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.



### **Being Queer in Arkansas**

**MAY 19**

Panel discussion by Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell and the Queer Collective, new worshipping community of the PCUSA.

The changing landscape of gender, sexuality, language, and culture leaves many of us with questions about definitions, pronouns, experience, current laws, and how to be an ally to our queer friends and family. This friendly panel of LGBTQIA+ persons offer a quick primer on the experience of being queer in Arkansas today, and answer your questions. Look for a "Questions Box" in May to gather your questions!



# Church Spring Home Gatherings

## FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

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

**Thursdays, April 11, 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.



## Kirkin' o' the Tartans

### APRIL 28

A popular Scottish-American tradition which features pipe and drum, beautiful hymns and the blessing of the family tartans of our congregation. Representatives of Lyon College will help us celebrate

our Scottish arts and traditions. The Kirkin' o' the Tartans will be offered at both our 8:30 and 11:00 am services.



## New 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.

# Presbyterian Women

## GATHERINGS IN APRIL

**P.W. Gathering** will meet this Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 p.m. Rev. Ben Kane will lead our Bible Study entitled “Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship”. Lunch will follow with a salad Potluck. A reminder to bring items for Cleanup Buckets to be taken to PW Spring Gathering.

**PW Spring Gathering** at Ferncliff April 12 & 13 by reservations only.

**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.



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

# 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

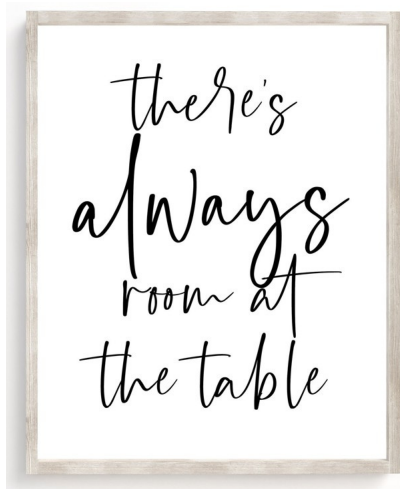
## FIRST & THIRD MONDAYS AT 9:30AM

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 available on Zoom at [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and Meeting ID: 869 8361 7944 with passcode: second

## 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!*

## 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. **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!



## 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](mailto:lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org)) for more information.



# Children & Family Ministry

## Spring Family Retreat

**APR 12-13 AT FERNCLIFF**

Come Explore The Challenges and Joys of Change with us at Ferncliff. This overnight Family retreat is an opportunity to relax, break our routine, and open ourselves up to one another and to God for change to take place. Friday, April 12 - Saturday, April 13. Sign up now!

**Register Online** by scanning the QR code.

For more, contact Maggie Kirchner at (501) 352-3245.



## 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 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

**Come and worship God together as our Youth lead in worship on April 14 at 11:00AM.**

Youth Sunday is a unique and creative worship experience. From creating a theme to designing the layout, from writing each word of prayer to practicing their public speaking,

this day is a celebration and opportunity to let our younger disciples guide us in worship. This year's theme is: Around the Table. With both new and old traditions we hope that you will join us as we worship God together, for there is room for everyone at the table. Elizabeth is asking for your prayers this week over our Youth as they prepare for Youth Sunday. This special worship service is the creation of our teen disciples' faith. We look forward to leading you in worship on April 14th at 11:00AM.



**Saturday, April 13 1:00-5:00** Youth Sunday Dress Rehearsal  
**Sunday, April 14 11:00** Youth Sunday  
**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, [elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org](mailto:elizabethcahoon@secondpreslr.org) 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,

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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.*

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**Church Office** at [info@secondpreslr.org](mailto:info@secondpreslr.org) or (501) 227-0000



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# Calendar for the Week Ahead

## **SUN APR 7**

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:50 p.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Children & Families Ministry Meeting H

5:30 p.m. Middle School SPY

6:30 p.m. SPY Dinner

7:00 p.m. High School SPY

## **MON APR 8**

*Preschool & Church Office Closed for Eclipse*

3:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

7:00 p.m. Volleyball GH

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

## **TUES APR 9**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study SH

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

10:30 a.m. P.W Gathering SH, L, HR

1:00 p.m. Ministry Draft 60

4:30 p.m. Personnel Committee SH

5:30 p.m. Environmental Stewardship L,Z

5:30 p.m. Property Ministry 61

6:00 p.m. Fellowship H

## **WED APR 10**

5:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Practice YB

5:30 p.m. MS Girls Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

7:00 p.m. Cheeses with Jesus *Offsite*

## **THURS APR 11**

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

## **FRI APR 12**

Family Retreat Ferncliff

3:00 p.m. Our House Cook Team K

## **SAT APR 13**

Family Retreat Ferncliff

12:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Dress Rehearsal

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