Worship Leaders

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Alex Rigsby, 2030

Eli Eifling, 2025

Beckett Wright, 2026

Silas McCormack, 2029

Lena Nelson, 2025

Graham Yancey, 2028

Audrey Campbell, 2029

Joseph Lloyd, 2024

Caroline Hankins, 2028

Lucy Wright, 2029

Emily Byrd, 2024

Cora Henry, 2026

Blythe Keating, 2029

Ezra Voth, 2025

Savannah Sea, 2030

Lila Cross, 2029

Kate Holder, 2029

Raegan Mize, 2029

Autumn Mills, 2026

Kevin Mainard O'Connell, 2029

Sermon Drama:

Narrator – Audrey Campbell Host – Joseph Lloyd

Assistant – Caroline Hankins

Mary – Lena Nelson

Mark – Alex Rigsby

Martha – Kate Holder

Homeless Woman - Lila Cross

Elderly Woman – Lucy Wright

Bullied Teenager – Graham Yancey

Ushers:

Ezra Voth, Autumn Mills, Raegan Mize, Kate Holder, Graham Yancey, Alex Rigsby, Kevin Mainard O'Connell, Silas McCormack

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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

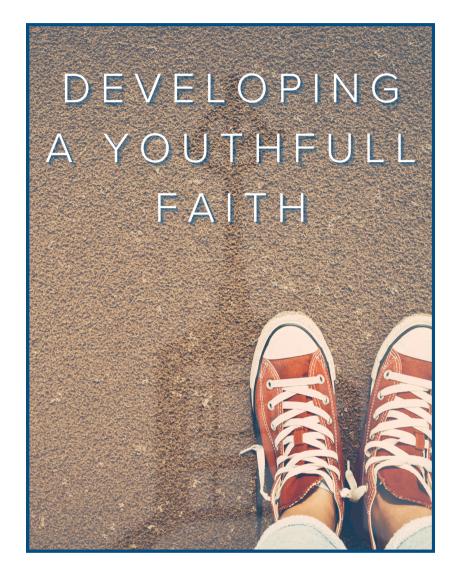
As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ's vision of God's realm—one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.

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.

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Welcome to worship



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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Today in Worship

11:00 A.M.

ELIZABETH CAHOON

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

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing YOUTH BAND

GRAHAM YANCEY, LILA CROSS, AUDREY CAMPBELL, ALEX HONEYCUTT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

ALEX RIGSBY

Now is the time to praise the Lord

with friends, family, and Jesus

gathering our mind, body, and soul

to host a meal for everyone.

Let's set the table to worship the Lord.

Let's eat!!

† HYMN 769

For Everyone Born!

S.E. MURRAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

ELI EIFLING

Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places.

Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;

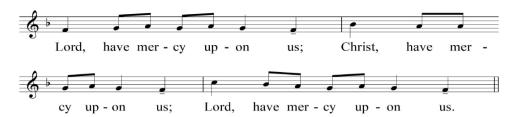
let us greet strangers as angels you have sent! Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table as we share our sins with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

BECKETT WRIGHT

There are days we are ashamed Lord. We ask for your forgiveness when we choose to say harmful words to others. We pray for forgiveness as we acknowledge our selfishness and embrace the selflessness that is stretched throughout our church. Sometimes, Lord, we find ourselves caught up in gossip with our closest friends, even when we know that it harms others. Have mercy on us for not making room for everyone or turning people away from your table. Help us add another chair to the table, so we may welcome all of your children. Lord you provide our daily bread, let that bread sustain and nourish us as we answer your call.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SILAS MCCORMACK

Trust in the Good News that Jesus will never forget us; will always provide; will always invite everyone and will always love us, no matter what.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SILAS MCCORMACK

Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace 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.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

LENA NELSON

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1,12-14

GRAHAM YANCEY

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SERMON DRAMA

The Parable of the Banquet

SPY Youth

Written by Elizabeth Cahoon

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 726

The Summons

J. BELL

SPY YOUTH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This I Believe (The Creed) – Hillsong

Liturgical Dance choreographed by Emily Byrd, 2024

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAROLINE HANKINS, LUCY WRIGHT

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

EZRA VOTH

F. CHOPIN

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

Nocturne in C sharp minor Joey Leenhouts, 2024

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

SAVANNAH SEA

SENDING

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

LILA CROSS

† HYMN 69

Here I Am Lord

D. SCHUTTE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

† BENEDICTION

KATE HOLDER

† POSTLUDE