

Worship Leaders

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Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts
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Clint Brockway, Interpreter
Liturgists: (8:30am) Ruth Shepherd (11:00am) Youth

April Usher Captains

8:30am (4/14) Margo Shoffner (4/21) Becky Talmadge
11:00am (4/14) Diane Karlson (4/21) Diane Karlson

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

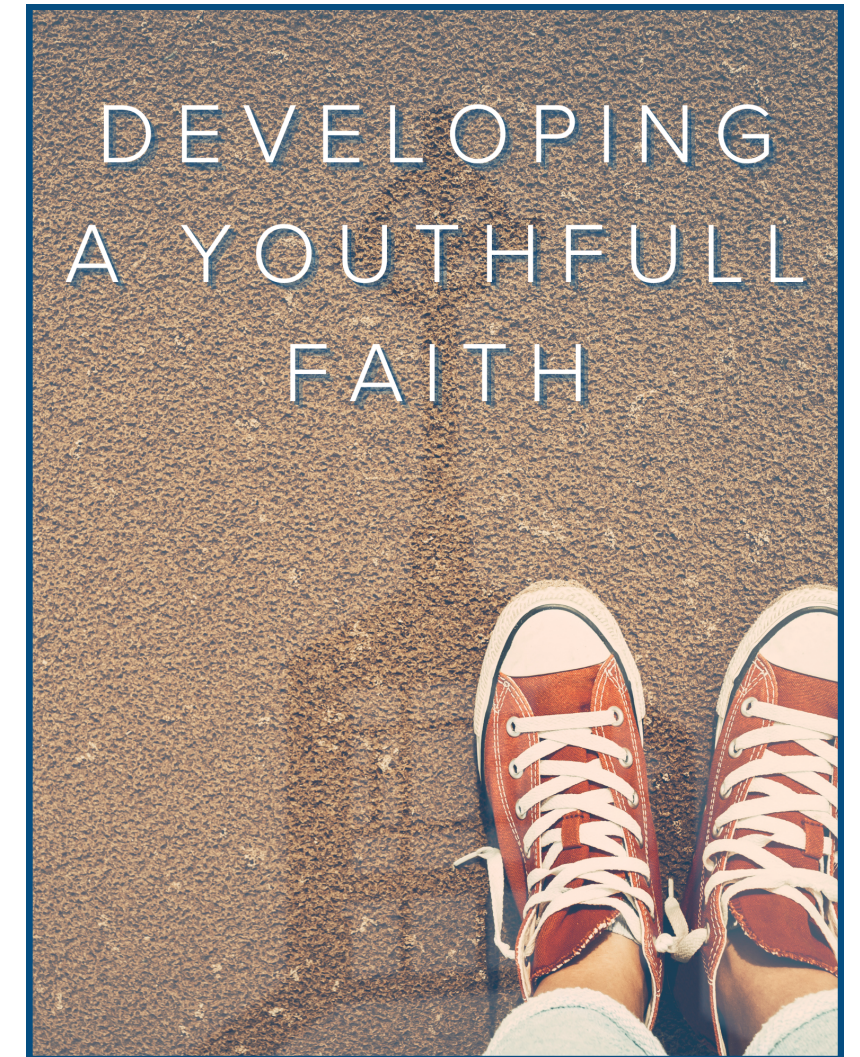
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Giving to Second Pres

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.

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Welcome TO WORSHIP



OFFERING PLATE

You may place your offering in the offering plate



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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.



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today in Worship

8:30 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)*

Sing aloud to God our strength; **shout for joy to the God of Jacob.**
I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
I will feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

✦ HYMN 769 *For Everyone Born!* S.E. MURRAY

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Lord, you invite us to look beyond what is **to see what could be.**
As we come to this time of confession, **reveal to us the world you see.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

The tables you set, Lord, make us see that there is always room.
For the times we overlooked those we didn't think were worthy of our tables;
or the times we thought people weren't good enough to be invited;
or when we failed to see how others might enrich our tables, we confess.
And for the times we've said no to a dinner invitation because we were worried.
Worried that it wouldn't be the right thing or because we were busy.
For the times we've said no to you when you've invited us to dinner;
and for the times we came up with great excuses that kept us from eating with you and your people,
we offer these prayers of confession
to relieve ourselves of the burdens of our sins.
(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)*

Lord, you keep inviting us to your table.
Where there is a feast set before us.
We are grateful that you never stop inviting us
and that you've never stopped forgiving us.

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.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 pp. 227-8

ANTHEM ? G.F. HANDEL SPC ADULT CHOIR

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:17-24 p. 77

SERMON *Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner?* 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 726 *The Summons* J. BELL

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY

✦ **DOXOLOGY** 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

SENDING

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

✦ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

✦ HYMN 69 *Here I Am Lord* D. SCHUTTE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE