

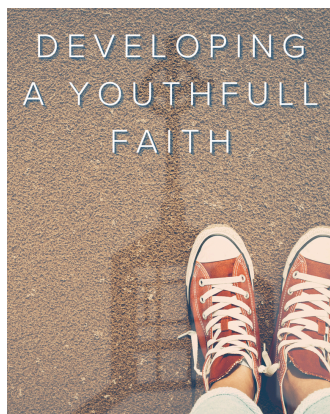
Ways to Get Involved

Preaching Series

DEVELOPING A YOUTHFULL FAITH

I recently heard that, “We don’t rise to the occasion, we fall back on what we practice.” Those words reminded me of this preaching series, *Developing a YouthFull Faith*. A hope with this series is to aid members and friends of Second Pres. in developing good practices.

In May, we’ll look at how clothes can provide a window into how we live our faith, we’ll confirm a wonderful group of Eighth Graders, and learn what the most powerful boat in the sea is and how it helps us understand how God calls us into ministry. I’m looking forward to worshipping God with you in the weeks ahead.



Pentecost Offering

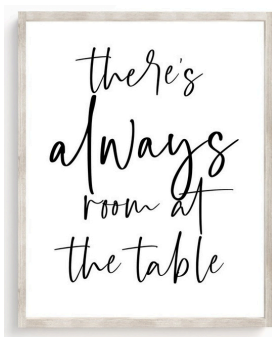
Today we receive the Pentecost Offering, one of the four special offerings sponsored by our denomination. The purpose of this offering is to help bring God’s transforming and redeeming love to children at risk, to nurture young people’s growing faith, and to provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders. Sixty percent of the offering we receive will be used by the PC(USA) to fund denominational child advocacy and youth programming. The remaining forty percent of the offering will be used by our congregation to fund a local program which supports children, youth, and young adults, especially those at-risk or in need. The local portion of our offering this year will go to support Immerse Arkansas. Immerse Arkansas supports and equips youth and young adults who are aging out of the foster care system. We hope you will give generously.



Summer Worship

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 26** when Second Pres will shift to “Summer Worship” and have one service at 10am in the Sanctuary. Summer Worship will last from May 26-August 4 and we invite you to join us for great summer of worship.

There’s Always Room at the Table!

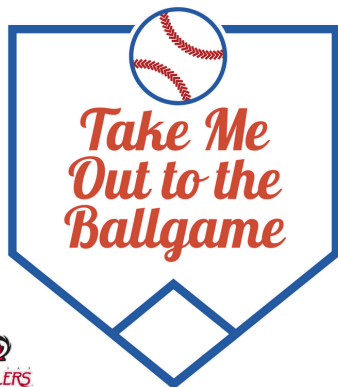


Our next church-wide lunch will be taking place on **Sunday, June 2**, after the 10am service. Brenda’s brunch menu will be served! Sausage egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, potato casserole, and fresh fruit. Vegetarian and gluten free options available. These meals have been a wonderful way to enjoy fellowship with members of all ages and stages, and we hope you will join us once again.

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!



FRIDAY, MAY 31 2024



May Adult Education Classes

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.

TODAY Second Hall 9:50 am

Being Queer in Arkansas

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

SPY End of Year Party May 19 @ 6-8pm

Youth, siblings, and parents are invited to come join the fun as we celebrate one amazing year at Second Pres! There will be BBQ, water slides, awards, and slideshows for everyone to enjoy! Make sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting wet.

Second Through the Eras

Would you like your own Second Pres t-shirt? For a limited time, we are accepting orders for Second Pres *Through the Eras* t-shirts. Please use the QR code to submit your order. Order forms are on a table in the narthex. Adult and youth sizes are available.



Bale Elementary Partnership

This past week our congregation provided a catered lunch and gift cards to the teachers and staff at our school partner, Bale Elementary School, as a part of their teacher appreciation week. Thanks to all our volunteers who support our partnership throughout the year!

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 final meeting will be **May 20** and then we break for the summer. This class is also available on Zoom at zoom.us and Meeting ID: 869 8361 7944 with passcode: second

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. We transcend the ordinary embarking on a journey of connection and spiritual growth. Both of our meetings in May will be at 4800 Gooch Drive 72223 (Jill's home). Next meeting will be **May 22**

at 7:00pm. New friends are always welcome! In June we will begin meeting at favorite restaurants and 'watering holes' instead of member homes. For more information, contact Justin Villines or Catherine Allsbury.

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.

Children & Family Ministry

Vacation Bible School



JUNE 10-14

Join us for an unforgettable week of fun, faith, and celebration at Vacation Bible School! From June 10 to 16, 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!



Our Endowment at Work: Scholarship Opportunities

May–Deal Scholarship

The May and Deal families blessed our church by giving planned gifts to be used as scholarships for higher education. The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the May-Deal Scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year. The requirements are as follows:

Applicants shall be residents of Arkansas.

Applicants shall need financial assistance for higher education.

Applicants shall not be on full scholarship.

Undergraduate applicants must be full-time students.

The application process is competitive for a fixed pool of scholarship funds. Usually, in-coming freshmen applicants need to be in the upper 20% of their high school class. Those already in college must be in good standing and on schedule to graduate with their freshman class.

Hancock Scholarship

Steve and Missie Hancock established the Hancock Scholarship Fund to financially support seminary students from Second Presbyterian Church, to lower financial barriers for seminary students to become effective pastors, and to support Steve's passion for excellent pastoral leadership. The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the Hancock Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. Applicants shall be seminary or divinity students who are members of Second Presbyterian Church.

The application deadlines for the 2024-2025 school year is June 3, 2024. Applications that are incomplete or late will not be considered. Applications are available in the church office. Completed applications should be submitted to Aileen Moore.

Calendar for the Week

SUN MAY 19

New Officer Ordination/Installation

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:50am Sunday School

4:30pm PW Anna Circle *Offsite*

5:30pm Middle School SPY YB

6:30pm SPY Dinner YB

7:00pm High School SPY YB

MON MAY 20

9:30am First & Third Monday Morning Bible Study

1:30pm Monday Pastoral Care

5:00pm Finance Committee

7:00pm Volleyball GH

7:00pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

TUES MAY 21

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Faith & Grief

7:00pm Joint Officer Meeting

WED MAY 22

5:30pm MS Girls Bible Study

6:30pm Adult Choir

7:00pm Cheese With Jesus *Offsite*

SAT MAY 25

11:00am Henry/Moses Wedding

SUN MAY 26

10:00am Worship

Church Officers

Session

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Ben Kane

Clerk: Philip Shell

Assistant Clerk: George Keck

Treasurer: Kenneth Rich

Class of 2025

Alicia Byrd
Cotten Cunningham
Kate Franks
George Keck
Vernon Markham

Class of 2026

Mary Helen Henry
Leslie McCormack
Ruth Shepherd
Alan Solomon
Justin Villines

Class of 2027

Laura Connor
Elaine Eubank
Steve Dunnagan
Edwin Hankins
Allison Pickell

Youth

Ezra Voth
Beckett Wright

Diaconate

Class of 2025

Lauren Gann
Freddie Jolley
Diane Karlson
Johanna Lewis
Jo Paulus
Ashton Pickell
Scott Polk
Margo Shoffner
Becky Talmadge
Dan Voth
Galen Wenger
Bradley Wright

Class of 2026

Matt Christenson
Cindy Downs
David Eifling
Judy Johnson
Amy Lloyd
Ann Owen
Emma Ryall
Matthew Smith
L.B. Vaught
Zachary Ward

Class of 2027

Doug Barton
Ken Cook
Cayce Jennings
Matt Lindsey
Jane Mages
Lindsey Taylor
Amara Yancey