

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*We have three ways to receive communion.*

*You may come forward to the front of the sanctuary to receive communion by intinction or by using a prepackaged individual serving of a gluten-free wafer with grape juice. The third way is to receive communion in your pew. If you choose to remain seated, please raise your hand and a server will come to you with both options for communion – intinction or a prepackaged, gluten-free kit.*

*If you are a visitor, we welcome you to join us at the table as this is an open table where all are welcome. We invite you to follow the example of others as to when to come forward, receive communion, and how to return to your pew.*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

**OFFERTORY** *The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God* J. HAYDN

### SENIOR RECOGNITION

† **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 63** *The Lord is God* AZMON

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### † BENEDICTION

† **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *The Lord Bless You* J. RUTTER

### † POSTLUDE

## 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.

## 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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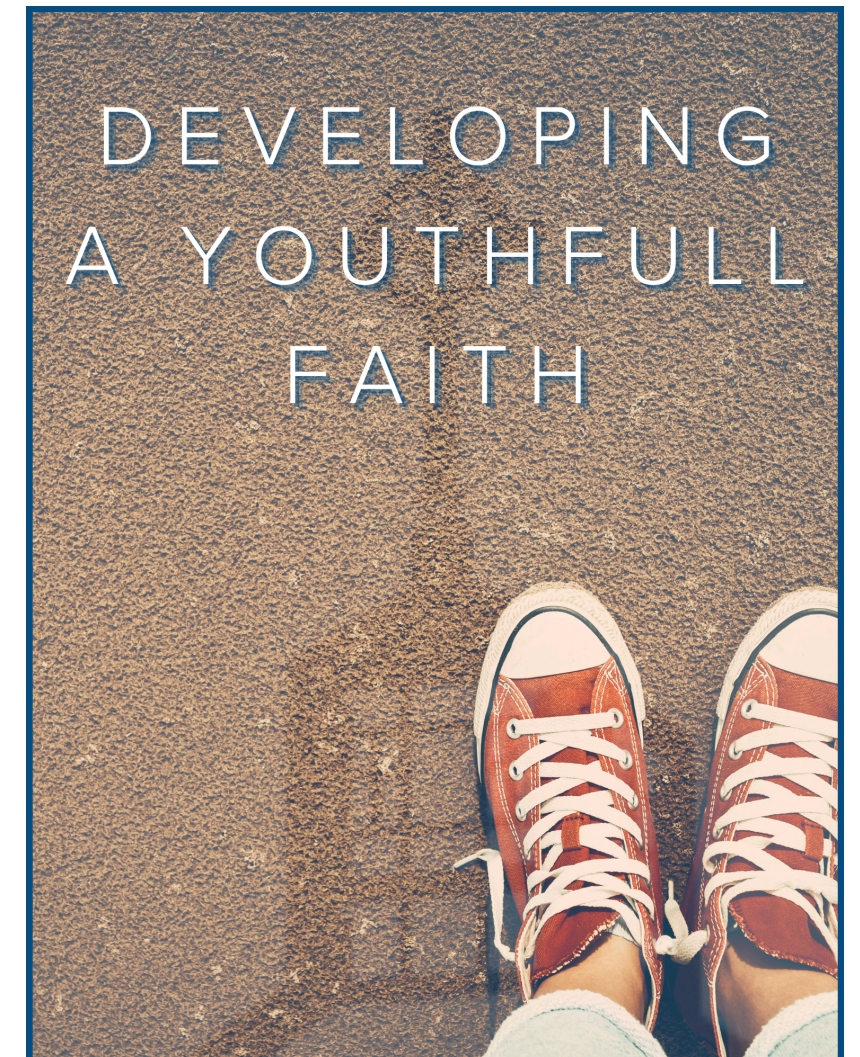
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Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second  
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Kane/Rev. Alisa Secrest  
Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries  
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts  
Adam Savacool, organist  
Clint Brockway, Interpreter  
Liturgists: (8:30am) Diane McVinney (11:00am) Jón Stevenson  
Elder of the Day (8:30) Vernon Markham  
Communion Servers: (8:30) Diane Skinner, Diane & Barry McVinney,  
Kathy and Jim Wilkins (11:00) Gwin & Cotten Cunningham, Jane & Vernon  
Markham, Somerset Sea, Micky Rigby, Melissa Hendricks, Johanna Lewis

### May Usher Captains

**8:30am** (5/5) Chris McDaniel (5/12) LB Vaught  
**11:00am** (5/5) Lauren Gann & Ashton Pickell (5/12) Zachary Ward

# Today in Worship

8:30 and 11:00 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)*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**Praise God in the heights; praise God all God's angels.**

Let all of us praise the name of the Lord, for God created all.

**God established everything forever and ever.** *(Psalm 148:1-6)*

✠ **HYMN 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Responsive)*

Lord, we are called to praise you in word and deed.

**Yet when we fail to do that, we are reminded that we can confess.**

We come to you with contrite hearts and open minds,

**ready to confess the realities of our lives to you.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Responsive)*

The Psalmist calls everyone and everything to proclaim your good name, Lord.

**And we do that often, but not always.**

Life gets in the way and our attention wanes.

**We become distracted and unaware of what you are doing in our lives.**

There is so much noise competing for our attention.

**And we succumb to the allures of the world.**

We follow worldly trends, listen to divergent voices, and move away from you.

**But you call us back.**

You remind us of our purpose and the reason you created us.

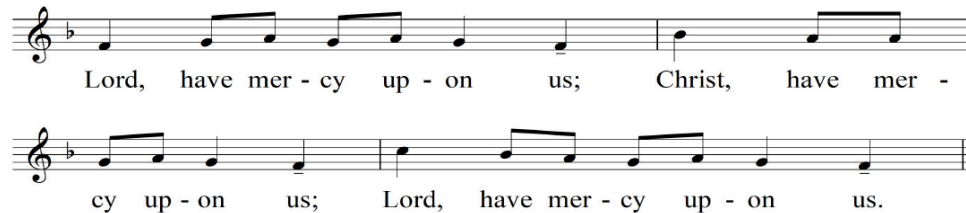
**Lord, we want to follow you and are asking that you help us find us.**

Help us find our way back to you and your ways.

**We know that before we return to you, we need to confess our sins.**

And so we do that now... *(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 make life feel lighter because we aren't carrying all the burdens.

**The forgiveness you offer can be felt in our minds and bodies.**

For relinquishing our concerns and forgiving our sins,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

**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.*

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY**

Vacation Bible School

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

Elizabeth Cahoon

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

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**ANTHEM**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

J. Althouse

SPC Youth Singers and Adult Choir

**EPISTLE READING**

*Colossians 3:12-17*

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**SERMON**

*A Clothing Trend That's Lasted Centuries*

Rev. 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 711**

*Lord of All Good*

TOULON

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

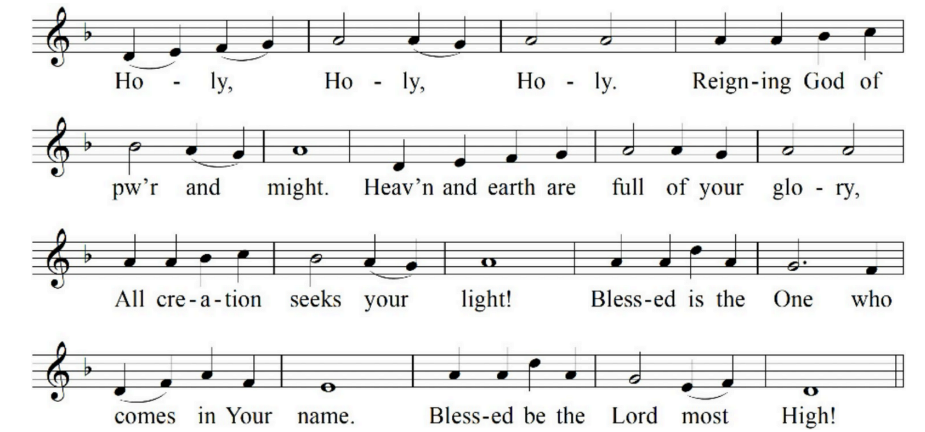
**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Lord. You are the creator, redeemer, and sustainer of our faith and constantly call us to proclaim this truth in our words and lives. Long ago, you created all that is and called us to live as your people. When we failed you, you didn't fail us. You set leaders and guides to call us back to you and your ways. In time, you sent Christ and the Holy Spirit to give us a clearer glimpse of who you are and who you call us to be.

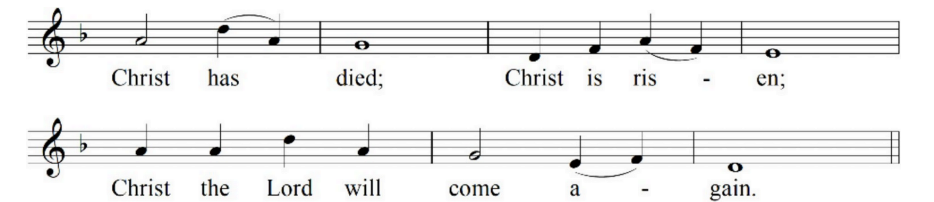
Therefore, we join your long line of disciples proclaiming your good name.



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly. Reign-ing God of  
pw'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,  
All cre-a-tion seeks your light! Bless-ed is the One who  
comes in Your name. Bless-ed be the Lord most High!

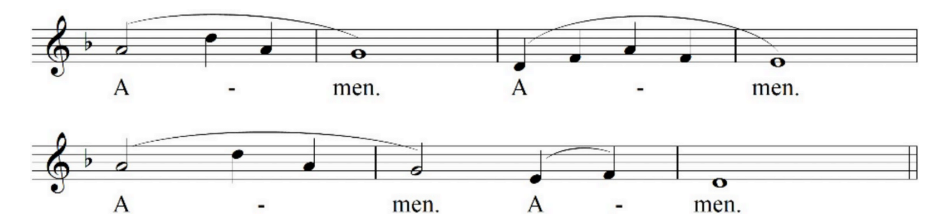
You are holy, Lord, and blessed is Jesus Christ who was raised from the dead long ago and continues to call us back to you.

Remembering him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;  
Christ the Lord will come a - gain.

Holy and merciful God, pour our your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and cup that they may be avenues of your grace, love, and hope entering into the world you created.



A - men. A - men.  
A - men. A - men.

**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.**