

SUN
April 20
2025

Welcome TO WORSHIP



*Whoever and Wherever You Are,
We Welcome You into a Life with Christ at Second Pres*



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

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.*

EASTER WELCOME

It is with great joy that we get to proclaim: The Lord is risen! **He is risen indeed.**
Let us share this good news with everyone. **The Lord is risen, Alleluia!**
May our lives express this truth today and forevermore. **Alleluia and amen.**

PRELUDE

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

God's gift to us is the presence of the risen Lord.

Alleluia and amen.

God's love won and continues to win as we celebrate Easter together.

The resurrection is true, and Christ is alive.

Let us shout this throughout our lives and share the good news.

The Lord is risen, and his grace is for everyone.

Christ overcame death and sin, opening the gate to everlasting life.

And the Holy Spirit continues to showcase that truth every day.

Glory be to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

LITANY FOR EASTER *(Responsive)*

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we've received and in which we are saved.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Christ died for our sins and was buried and then rose on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Christ appeared to Mary, and she witnessed to the world that it was true.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Then Christ appeared to each of us, proclaiming that the good news is for all.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

May we believe the Good News of Easter:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Glory to God

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Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
 Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THANKSGIVING FOR SALVATION

Jesus Christ is risen today.

Alleluia and amen.

This is a gift that transforms our lives and gives us hope.

Alleluia and amen.

Grace has come, and it isn't going anywhere.

Alleluia and amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Responsive)*

Friends, in the risen Christ, we've prepared for this day with prayer, devotion, and excitement.

We've dressed up and shown up, and it is with great joy that we share with one another.

The peace and salvation of Christ are with each of us!

Let us greet one another with those sacred words as we share 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.

WORD

Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Doug Barr

ANTHEM

Gloria in excelsis

A. Vivaldi

SPC Adult Choir

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

NT p. 83

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

RSVPing to Christ's Invitation

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.

Elizabeth Riddick, soprano
Alexandra Rose Vigil, soprano

We praise thee, We bless thee,
We adore thee, We glorify thee.

EUCCHARIST

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.**

You are our God, and we are creatures of your hand...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
And blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...
Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

...As this bread is Christ's body for us,
Send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

Domine Deus
Melanie Hanna Ezell, soprano

A. Vivaldi

Lord God, king of heaven,
God the Father Almighty.

Domini fili
SPC Adult Choir

A. Vivaldi

God, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Qui sedes ad dexteram
Satia Spencer, mezzo soprano

A. Vivaldi

You who take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us, hear our prayers.
You who sits at the right hand of the God,
the Father Almighty,
Have mercy on us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our response to God's love and grace is one of gratitude for what is and hope for what will be. In this time of Offering, our gratitude is a tangible response back to God with our gifts and resources. We invite you to give generously to the Second Pres offering as it helps us to do the ministries God's called us to enact.

OFFERTORY

Cum sancto spiritu
SPC Adult Choir

A. Vivaldi

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God
the Father, amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠ DOXOLOGY

**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 A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Pastors and Session of Second Pres invite anyone interested in knowing more about this church, especially those interested in becoming members of Second Pres, to come forward after the Benediction to learn more about this community of faith, and, if ready, to join the church.

✠ HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Each year on Easter Sunday, our congregation participates in the One Great Hour of Sharing, a special offering of our denomination that helps people to reclaim and restore their lives. Your gift to this offering allows Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to respond to communities around the world affected by disaster. It helps the Presbyterian Hunger Program work with Presbyterians and other partners to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in this country and internationally. It makes it possible for the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People to affirm the dignity of all by assisting in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged members of our community.

You may give to this offering by using the envelope in your bulletin, using the QR code, or mailing a check to the church office. Thank you for your support.



Check out our Easter Second Spotlight!

Grab a copy of our monthly announcement sheet and newsletter at Second Presbyterian!

These publications highlight key upcoming events and activities to keep you informed. Pick up a copy in the narthex or at the back of the sanctuary, or scan the QR code for the digital version of the Easter Second Spotlight.



Statement of Welcome and 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.

Learn More About Second Pres

www.secondpreslr.org

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



ONLINE

Scan the QR Code or visit secondpreslr.org/give

Worship Leaders

Rev. Ben Kane
Rev. Alisa Secrest
Rev. Lindy Vogado
Doug Barr, Director of Children and Families Ministry
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts
Melanie Hanna Ezell, Associate Director of Music and the Arts
SPC Adult Choir
Adam Savacool, organist
Liturgists: (8:30) Ann Owen (11:00) Philip Shell
Communion Servers: (8:30) Leon Lants, Alicia and Sam Byrd, Ruth Shepherd, June and Eugene Jones, Julia Dorchester, Diane Skinner, Chris Johnson (11:00) Gwin Cunningham, Amy Lloyd, Mim Hundley, Judy Johnson, Laura and Ken Cook, Cheryl Dees, Doug Barton, George Keck, Cotten Cunningham
Elders of the Day: (8:30) Ruth Shepherd (11:00) Justin Villines
Welcome Center: (8:30) Judi and Steve Short (11:00)

Musicians

Violin

Drew Irwin
Tarah Reynolds
Algis Staskavicius
Kimberly Aguilar

Oboe

Leanna Renfro

Trumpet

Noah Van Deventer

Viola

Tatiana Kotcherguina
Nathan Groot

Timpani

Chuck Law

Cello

Dan Cline

Organ/Harpsichord

Adam Savacool

Bass

Patrick McKerlie

Calendar for the Week

SUN APRIL 20

Easter Sunday

8:30 and 11:00am Worship

9:30 Easter Breakfast

MON APRIL 21

Easter Monday/Church Office Closed

6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training

6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting

7:00pm Volleyball

TUES APRIL 22

7:00am Men's Group Ministry

9:00am Staff Meeting

1:00pm PW Coordinating Team

WED APRIL 23

5:00pm Junior Artist Ministry (JAM)

5:30pm MS Girls Bible Study

6:45pm Adult Choir

THUR APRIL 24

7:00pm Little Rock Wind Symphony Concert

FRI APRIL 25

3:00pm Stephen Ministry

SAT APRIL 26

7:00am Stephen Ministry

2:00pm Bob White Memorial Service

SUN APRIL 27

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Earth Care Sunday

8:30 and 11:00am Worship

4:30pm Middle School SPY

6:00pm High School SPY

6:00pm SPY Dinner

April Usher Captains

4/20 (8:30) Chris McDaniel (11:00) Lauren Gann

4/27 (8:30) Matt Lindsey (11:00) Freddie Jolley

Usher & Greeter Volunteer Sign Up

Use the QR code for the Usher and Greeter Sign Up!



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 and *Second Spotlight* for more on Second Pres and things that may be of interest to you. We're glad you're here.

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