

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

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 DISCIPLESHIP

† HYMN 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Rev. Alisa Secrest/Rev. Lindy Vogado
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts
Adam Savacool, organist
Clint Brockway, Interpreter
Liturgist: Sandra Rogers
Elder of the Day: George Keck

June Usher Captains

(6/2 and 6/9) Johanna Lewis
(6/16, 6/23 and 6/30) Judy Johnson

SUN
MAY 26
2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Today in Worship

10:00 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)*

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing your praise to the glory of God's name.

Great and awesome are the works of God.

The whole universe sings of God's power.

Gather to remember all that God has revealed.

Come to discover what God is doing among us.

God is faithful and just in all things.

The promises of God are trustworthy and true.

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

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

God does not tire of our prayers. God does not write us off when we are careless.
Instead, God's care of us summons us into new caring relationships.

Let us bring to God in prayer all that causes us shame and guilt.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

We confess, O God, that we are not eager to wrestle with
you or to take responsibility for sin in our lives.

We see ourselves as basically decent, respectable people.

Yet we have bent your commandments to our own convenience.

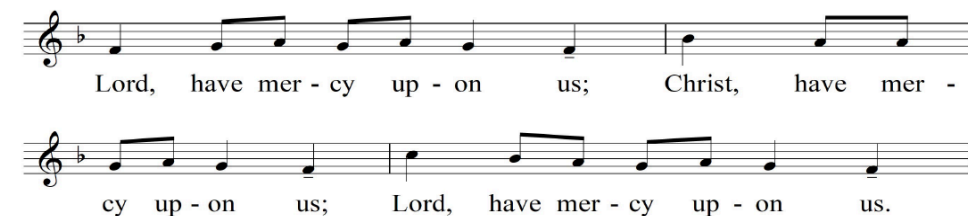
We listen only to the word we want to hear.

We participate in the greed that is destroying your good earth,
and we allow evil to triumph through our neglect.

**Shake us into awareness that brings change, and support us, we pray on the
difficult path toward great faithfulness. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our self-disclosing God proclaims: "I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin more. I will be your God and you will be my people. I will put my law within you; I will write it on your hearts."

We give thanks for the new life God offers.

PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Responsive)*

God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

And also with you.

*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

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

*While the children come forward for the Time with Children, you are invited to sing
the first verse of Jesus Loves Me, a reminder that God's love is for each of us.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Rev. Lindy Vogado

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Pastoral Care

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22-31

p. 30

ANTHEM

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus
SPC Adult Choir

PSALM READING

Psalm 121

p. 571

SERMON

A Road Trip Blessing

Rev. Alisa Secrest

*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 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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.

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, regard-less of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, ethnic background, mental or physical abilities.

Calendar for the Week

SUN MAY 26

10:00am Worship

MON MAY 27

Memorial Day, church office closed

TUES MAY 28

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH

WED MAY 29

5:30pm MS Girls Bible Study

6:30pm Adult Choir

FRI MAY 31

6:00 All Church Travelers' Game

SAT JUNE 1

8:30 Property Work Day

SUN JUNE 2

10:00am Worship

11:00am Churchwide Brunch

12:15 VBS Volunteer Orientation

Ways to Get Involved

Preaching Series

PSALMS FOR THE ROAD

Summertime is often marked by travel. Our calendars are dotted with vacations, weekend trips, sports tournaments, camps, Montreat, Mission trips, and annual pilgrimages to familiar destinations. Second Pres wishes to join you on these excursions so we've developed a *Psalm for the Road: Grab and Go Forth* preaching series. Each Sunday this summer, our worship will focus on a Psalm, and we'll explore what the Psalmist is telling us about God, our lives, the world, the emotions of humanity, and how we might find comfort, joy, or a space to lament. In addition to the Psalm being a focal point of worship, there will be a "grab-and-go-forth" sheet each week with a particular piece of the Psalm for you to take with you as a reminder of what God is doing in your life. But there's more! There will be a summer playlist on Spotify for you to enjoy. Join us this summer for as many Sundays as you can and may you always know that no matter where we are or where we go, God's with you.

June Psalms and Sermon Titles

June 2	Ben Kane	Psalm 1	<i>The Choice</i>
June 9	Ben Kane	Psalm 100	<i>Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!</i>
June 16	Ben Kane	Psalm 84	<i>Joy of Worship</i>
June 23	Ben Kane	Psalm 5	<i>Lament is Part of Faith</i>
June 30	Alisa Secrest	Psalm 103	

Summer Socials

Beginning May 26, enjoy fellowship and light refreshments in the narthex between 9:15 and 10am each Sunday before worship begins. Socials will be held through Sunday, August 4.

Great Hall Worship/Sanctuary Lighting

Later this summer we'll be updating the lighting in our beloved sanctuary. All of the current lights will be updated with LED lighting and we'll be adding twelve new lights that'll shine on the choir loft and chancel area. This project will require us to move out of the sanctuary for a few weeks in late June and early July. We plan to worship in the Great Hall on Sundays June 30 and July 7 and you'll see announcements with updates as they become available.

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

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.

The flags in the sanctuary are placed in honor of Memorial Day.



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. Deadline to order is August 11.



Cheeses With Jesus

We are a dynamic community, bridging the gap between 'young adulthood' and retirement with grace and zeal. We are an inclusive group of both newcomers and long-time members, married, single, divorced and widowed. We will continue to meet twice per month from June through August (second and fourth Wednesday evenings). Most weeks we will meet at a local 'watering hole' for food and fellowship. Next meeting: **June 12**, 7:00 p.m. at 8301 Evergreen Drive. Please bring refreshments to share (beverage or food). Contact Justin Villines or Catherine Allsbury for more information.



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, incoming 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 and on the church website. Completed applications should be submitted to Aileen Moore.