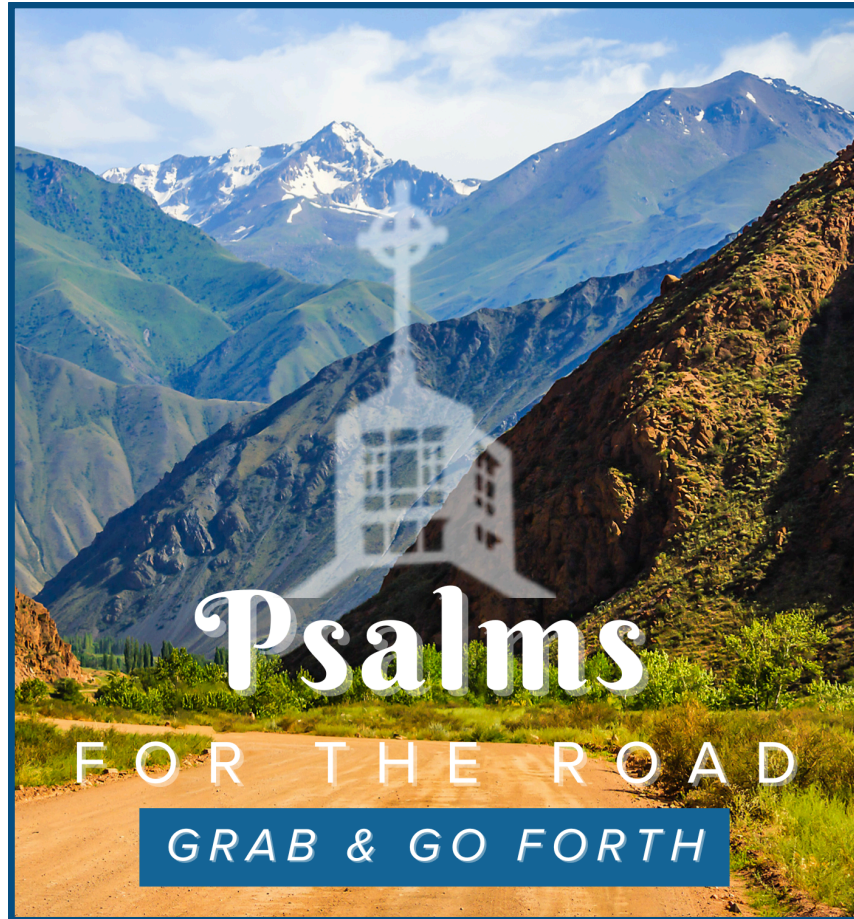


SUN
JUNE 16
2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Herzliebster Jesu

J. Brahms

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

How lovely is your dwelling place, **O Lord of Hosts!**

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who live in your house, **ever singing your praise.**

(Psalm 84:1-2, 4)

† HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Lord, your holiness beckons us back to you.

Let us return to you with relief and openness as we confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

God of all, your dwelling place is lovely and welcoming.

We've come here to relinquish our burdens and return to you.

But we are weary of coming because we aren't sure what to say or how to act.

We are worried that you'll look at us the way the world does.

We see looks of shame, guilt, judgement, and disappointment everywhere.

But here in your dwelling place, may we find the loveliness that you embody.

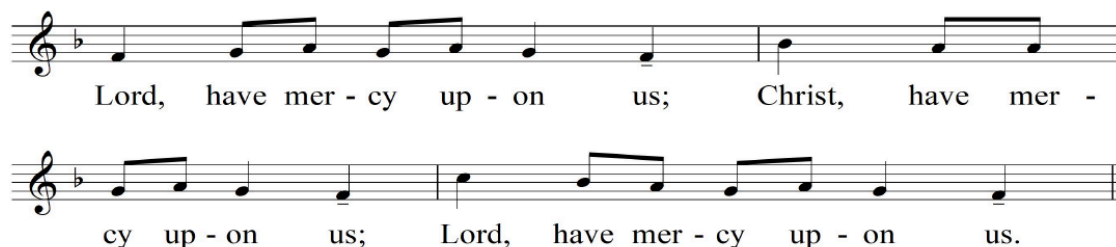
May we feel it in the presence of those around us, in the music we sing, the prayers we pray, and the offerings we offer.

Lord, our worship begins with you and it requires us to unburden ourselves from that which keeps us from you.

And we do that now as we wait for your mercy...

(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 AND PASSING OF THE PEACE*(Responsive)*

A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, Lord.

We are here because we want what you can offer, Lord.

As we continue to worship the Triune God, let us boldly proclaim to everyone:

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace.

WORD

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

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

Doug Barr

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:28

NT p. 120

ANTHEM

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
SPC Adult Choir

J. Brahms

PSALM READING

Psalm 84

OT p. 543

SERMON

Proposing a New T.V. Show: Church Hunters

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 641**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

EUCCHARIST

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

J. Brahms

✦ **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 to serve.

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

† **HYMN 459** *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

† BENEDICTION

† **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* J. Rutter

† **POSTLUDE** *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen* J. Brahms

Ways to Get Involved

Preaching Series

PSALMS FOR THE ROAD

June Psalms and Sermon Titles

June 2	Ben Kane	Psalm 1	<i>The Daily Choice</i>
June 9	Ben Kane	Psalm 100	<i>The Race to the Doxology</i>
June 16	Ben Kane	Psalm 84	<i>Proposing a New T.V. Show: Church Hunters</i>
June 23	Ben Kane	Psalm 5	<i>Lament is An Act of Faith</i>
June 30	Alisa Secret	Psalm 103	

Summer Socials

Enjoy fellowship and light refreshments in the narthex between 9:15 and 10am each Sunday before worship begins. Today we give thanks on Father's Day. 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.

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.



Second Presbyterian Youth (SPY) Summer Nights

Join our Youth Ministry this week during our Summer Nights. Middle School is on the hunt for the best burgers in town, while High Schoolers is on the hunt for the best dessert in town. Join us Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Monday – MS @ *Buffalo Grill*

Wednesday – HS @ *Loblolly Creamery*

ASP High School Mission Trip June 23-27

Repairing Homes, Transforming Lives. *Appalachian Service Project* (ASP) provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation — bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. ASP makes homes warmer, safer, and drier for families. ASP believes all people should be able to live in affordable, safe, and sanitary housing. Shelter is a basic human need impacting all areas of life for families. ASP addresses this basic need so families no longer need to worry about leaky roofs, soft floors, or unsafe porches and stairs. Our seven Youth and two adult volunteers will be challenged and strengthened during their experience serving God's people.

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: **6/26/24** - 7:00 p.m. at *The Fold*, 3501 Old Cantrell RD, 72202. 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

Getting Ready for the Election in November

Our church's Social Justice Advocacy Committee encourages all eligible adults to verify their voter registration by visiting the AR Secretary of State's website at <https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org>. For those still needing to register, we will have a voter registration table in the narthex beginning in mid-August. For registered voters who are interested in supporting any of the proposed ballot initiatives, petitions for each initiative will be available to sign every Tuesday in June from 3:30 to 6 pm at the Westover Hills Presbyterian Church Farmer's Market.

Children & Family Ministry

Each week after VBS we will have some social get togethers.

Some times are TBA and will be updated ASAP, but have a look at what's coming and join us for *Tuesdays Together!*

- Tuesday, June 18 : ALL families day @ LR Zoo 1:00-3:00pm
- Tuesday, June 25 : SPY Kids @ Urban Air Trampoline Park (PYOW)
- Week of July 9 (TBA): ALL families Swim (Location and Time TBA) (Free)
- Tuesday, July 16 : SPY Kids @ Professor Bowling (10am - 12pm) (PYOW)
- Week of July 23: All families @ Cape Cod Court Celebration (Evening TBA) (Free)
- Tuesday, July 30: SPY Kids @ Skatium Roller Skating (PYOW)

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, 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



ONLINE

Scan the QR Code or visit secondpreslr.org/give

Calendar for the Week

SUN JUNE 16

MS Weekend Getaway *offsite*

10:00am Worship

MON JUNE 17

1:30pm Monday Pastoral Care

5:00pm Finance Committee

6:00pm Middle School Summer Nights *offsite*

TUES JUNE 18

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH

9:00pm Staff Meeting

11:30am Endowment Committee

12:00pm Faith & Grief

7:00pm Session Meeting

WED JUNE 19

6:00pm High School Summer Nights *offsite*

6:30pm Adult Choir

THU JUNE 20

10:00am PW Finance Meeting

SAT JUNE 22

8:30am Property Work Day

SUN JUNE 23

Appalachian Service Project *offsite*

10:00am Worship

5:30pm Children & Families Ministry

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Doug Barr, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgist: Philip Shell

Elder of the Day: Laura Connor

Welcome Center: Ann Owen

June Usher Captain

(6/16, 6/23 and 6/30) Judy Johnson