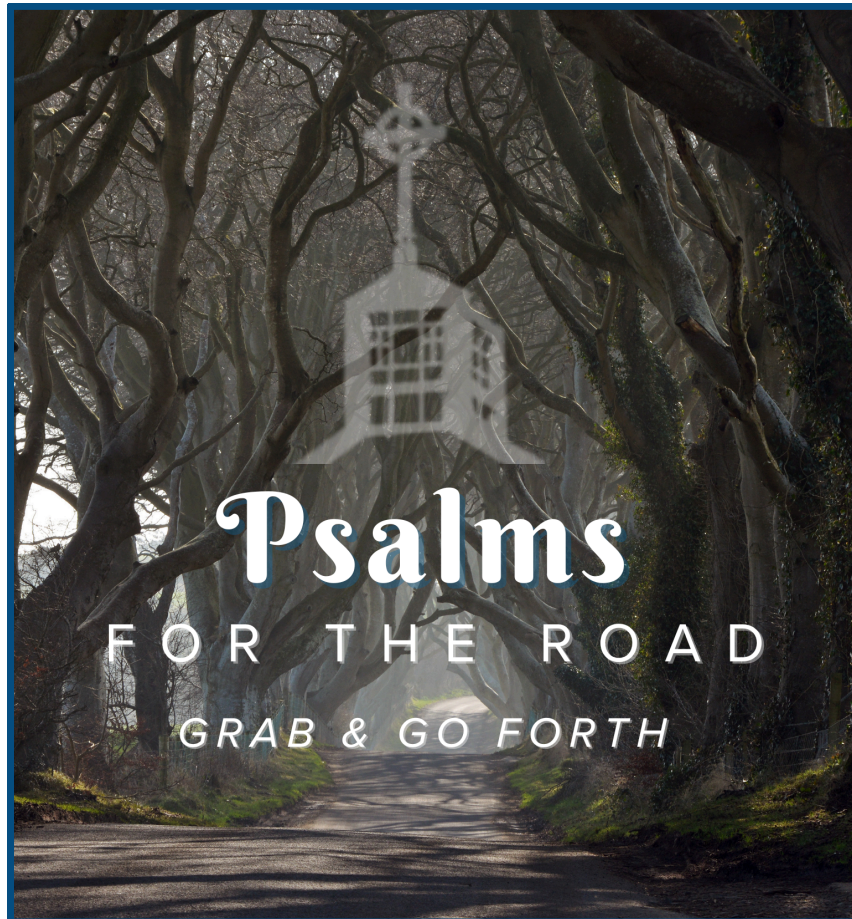


SUN  
**JUNE 23**  
2024

**Welcome** TO WORSHIP



**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

**FIFTH 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

*Prelude: Novelette No. 3*

F. Poulenc

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Give ear to my words, O Lord; **give heed to my sighing.**

Listen to the sound of my cry, **my King and my God, for to you I pray.**

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice;

**in the morning I plead my case to you and watch.**

*(Psalm 5:1-3)*

#### † HYMN 2

***Come, Thou Almighty King***

ITALIAN HYMN

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

Lord, we have a lot to share with you.

**And we come to you because you welcome anything we might offer.**

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

Lord, the world can be cruel.

**The people around us aren't always what we need them to be.**

Frankly, neither are we the people we want to be.

**Those around us are more selfish and self-serving than we want;**

**if we are honest, we act selfishly and with self-serving motives, too.**

Lord, it isn't just people that affect us.

**The culture, economy, and social norms invade our lives.**

They make us think about things we'd rather avoid;

**they make us consider ideas we'd rather dismiss;**

and they make us engage with people and opinions we'd rather ignore.

**Lord, we are here at this time to acknowledge your presence within all of it.**

To notice that you are not distant from what is happening,

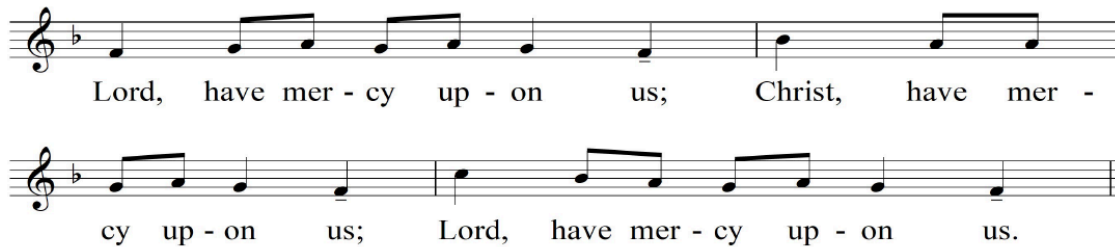
but sitting alongside us as we bear our souls to you.

**We return to you because we have a lot to share and we do so 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)*

Lord, you bless the righteous and cover us with favor as with a shield.

**We feel your presence now as we receive your forgiveness.**

Because we are forgiven, we are bold to proclaim:

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

### FIRST READING

*Galatians 2:15-21*

NT p. 188

### ANTHEM

*Hear My Prayer*

F. Mendelssohn

SPC Adult Choir

Alexandra Rose Vigil, Soprano

### PSALM READING

Psalm 5

OT pp. 490-1

### SERMON

*Lamenting Is Essential to Our Faith*

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 665

*As Morning Dawns*

WAREHAM

## EUCCHARIST

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

*Great Day*

arr. M. Hogan

Satia Spencer, Mezzo Soprano

## ✦ 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.*

✦ **HYMN 738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

### ✦ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*Following the Benediction, you are invited to write a lament on your piece of dissolvable paper and place it into one of the four fonts, the one up front near the chancel and the three in the Narthex. Staff and members will assist you in offering your lament back to God as it dissolves in the water.*

### ✦ BENEDICTION

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Allegro from Sonate, Op. 14, No. 1* L. Beethoven

## 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>Lamenting Is Essential to Our Faith</i>
June 30	Alisa Secrest	Psalm 103	

### Summer Socials

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.

### 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 @ *David's Burgers* (Bowman)

Wednesday – HS away at Appalachian Service Project

## 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](http://secondpreslr.org/give)

## June Usher Captain

6/23 Annette Hurley

6/30 Judy Johnson

## Calendar for the Week

### SUN JUNE 23

Appalachian Service Project *offsite*

10:00am Worship

5:30pm Children & Families Ministry

### MON JUNE 24

1:30pm Monday Pastoral Care

6:00pm Middle School Summer Nights *offsite*

6:00pm Stephen Ministry

7:00pm Volleyball

### TUES JUNE 25

Appalachian Service Project *offsite*

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH

9:00am Staff Meeting

### WED JUNE 26

Appalachian Service Project *offsite*

6:00pm High School Summer Nights *offsite*

6:30pm Adult Choir

7:00pm Cheeses With Jesus *offsite*

### THU JUNE 27

Appalachian Service Project *offsite*

### FRI JUNE 28

Appalachian Service Project *offsite*

### SAT JUNE 29

Appalachian Service Project *offsite*

### SUN JUNE 30

Appalachian Service Project *offsite*

10:00am Worship (in Great Hall)

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Rev. Alisa Secrest

Doug Barr, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgist: Ruth Shepherd

Elder of the Day: Justin Villines

Welcome Center: Janie Lowe