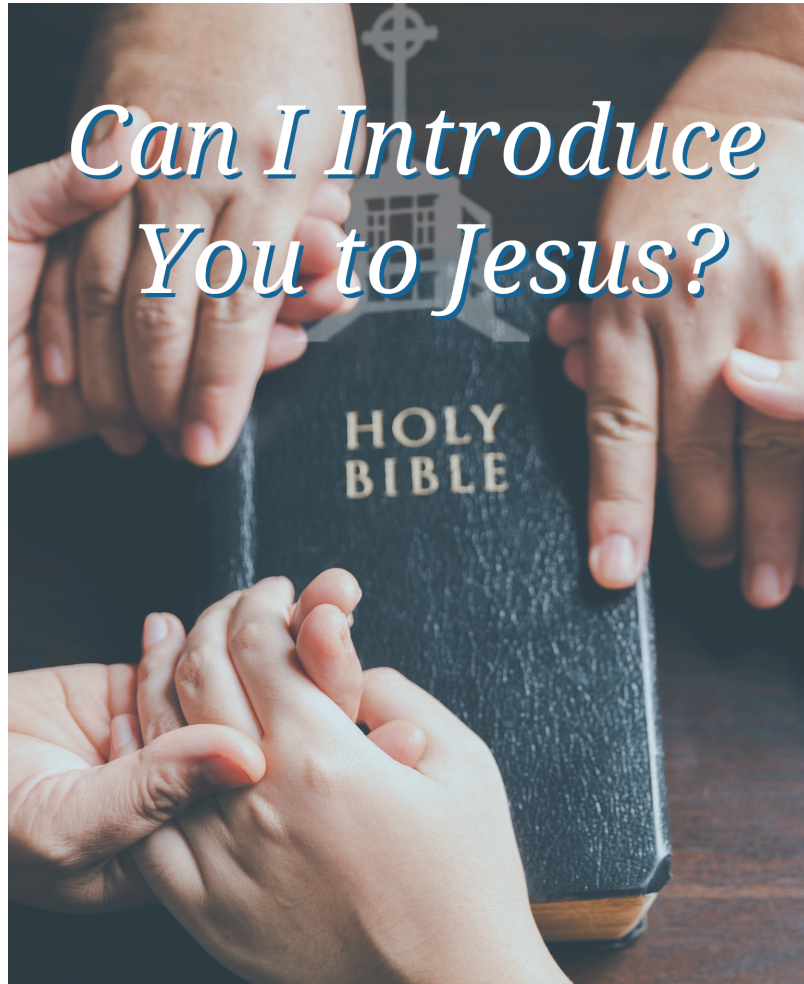


SUN  
**AUGUST 11**  
2024

**Welcome** TO WORSHIP



**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

*Fanfare*

K. Leighton

### † CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

It is good to be in the house of the Lord.

**It is indeed good to be with God today.**

Lord, help us shift our focus from out there, to right here.

**Silence the noise of life that distracts, we pray.**

Let us worship God.

**Let us worship God indeed.**

### † HYMN 309

*Come, Great God of All Ages*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Lord, it is good to be here in this space.

**We are aware of our need for your grace and mercy.**

We come to this time with varying degrees of hope.

**But we all come because we know it is where we need to be.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Lord, there are those of us who are eager to get in line with Christ

**as he seeks to be baptized like one of us.**

We see the friend he can be and the ways he is like us.

**We see how he can teach us the way to live and follow you.**

We see that he shows us what a faithful life entails.

**And we are eager to change our ways and live like Christ.**

But we are also here to remember that we aren't like Christ.

**There are things we want to do and actions we want to enact,**

**but we are human and our selfish ways affect us.**

We stumble and follow different gods;

**we succumb to other leaders and focus too much on what we can do.**

Lord, as we've seen time-and-time again, you lead us home.

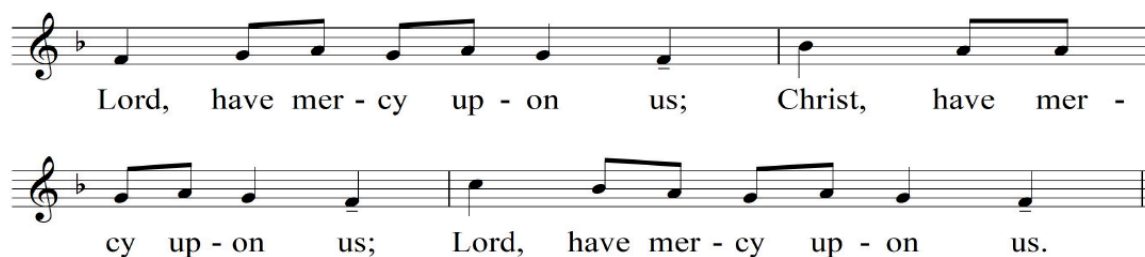
**We see this in the way Christ introduced himself to the world —**

by getting in line with others to be baptized and claimed by you.

**And so we come to the waters of baptism, seeking your grace and 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)*

The Lord is eager to welcome us into God's family.

**May we know that we are claimed and marked as one of God's own forever.**

Because of this truth, we are bold to proclaim to each other:

**you are forgiven.**

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, you are invited to sing the first verse of Jesus Loves Me, a reminder that God's love is for each of us.*

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*This morning we celebrate all the opportunities we have to learn and grow throughout our lives. For those who will be beginning a new school year as a student, faculty, or staff person, we encourage you to come forward, when invited, to receive a special blessing this morning. It is a comforting promise that God is with us, wherever we go.*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

OT p. 672

## ANTHEM

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
SPC Adult Choir

J. Rutter

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:21-22

NT p. 60

## SERMON

*Starting Small Leads to Big Things*

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 313

*Lord, Make Us More Holy*

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

## EUCCHARIST

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

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

#### 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 do the ministries God's called us to enact.*

#### OFFERTORY

*Arioso*

L. Sowerby

#### ✠ 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 321

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

#### ✠ BENEDICTION

#### ✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Threefold Amen*

TRADITIONAL

#### ✠ POSTLUDE

*Allegro molto*

F. Mendelssohn

## Ways to Get Involved

### Preaching Series Aug 11-Sept 1

#### *Can I Introduce You to Jesus?*

In this opening series, we'll meet Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry. How did it start? Why did God choose to start this way? Why does it matter that Christ came as a human? How does Christ connect to God? These are but a few of the questions we'll explore in this series as we seek to meet Jesus — for the first time or the thousandth time.

August 11: Luke 3:21-22 *Starting Small Leads to Big Things*

August 18: Luke 4:1-13 *We'll Need to Dust Off that Bible*

August 25: Luke 4:14-30 *How Good Are You with Rejection?*

September 1: Luke 4:31-37 *Oh, By the Way, There Will Be Demons!*

## Sunday School Starts Up

All Sunday School classes begin next Sunday, August 18, at 9:45 a.m. To access the Fall Brochure with all class options and descriptions, scan the QR code or check out the brochure link at [secondpreslr.org](http://secondpreslr.org).



## Elizabeth Cahoon Ordination and Installation Service

Join us for the Ordination and Installation of Elizabeth Cahoon on Saturday, August 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception in the Great Hall following the service. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.

## 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 @ *Leo's Greek Castle*

Wednesday – HS @ *Nothing Bundt Cakes*

## 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. Next meeting: **8/14/24** -7:00 p.m. at *Camp Taco*, 822 E. 6th Street, LR 72292) Beginning in September, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. 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](mailto:judgevic@gmail.com)) or Vernon Markham ([vmarkh3@gmail.com](mailto:vmarkh3@gmail.com)) for further details

## 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.

## 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)

## August Usher Captains

8/11 Amara Yancey (8:30) & Zachary Ward (11:00)

8/18 Ken Cook (11:00)

8/25 Dan Voth (8:30) & Doug Barton (11:00)

## Calendar for the Week

### SUN AUG 11

8:30am and 11:00am Worship

*Blessing of the Backpacks*

9:45am Ministry Fair GH

### MON AUG 12

8:30am New Preschool Year Begins

1:30pm Monday Pastoral Care

3:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00pm MS Summer Nights *offsite*

7:00pm Volleyball

### TUES AUG 13

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH

9:00am Staff Meeting

6:00pm Fellowship Ministry

### WED AUG 14

12:00pm LifeQuest Ice Cream Social YB

6:00pm High School Summer Nights *offsite*

6:30pm Adult Choir

7:00pm Cheeses With Jesus *offsite*

### THURS AUG 15

1:00pm Preschool Board Meeting

### SAT AUG 17

2:00pm Elizabeth Cahoon's Ordination and Installation Service

### SUN AUG 18

8:30am and 11:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Rev. Alisa Secrest

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Doug Barr, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Jón Stevenson, Guest Conductor

SPC Adult Choir

Adam Savacool, organist

Clint Brockway, interpreter

Liturgists: Tracy Rittelmeyer (8:30)

Diane McVinney (11:00)

Elders of the Day: Justin Villines (8:30)

Kate Franks (11:00)

Welcome Center: Jim & Kathy Wilkins (8:30)

Laura Cook (11:00)