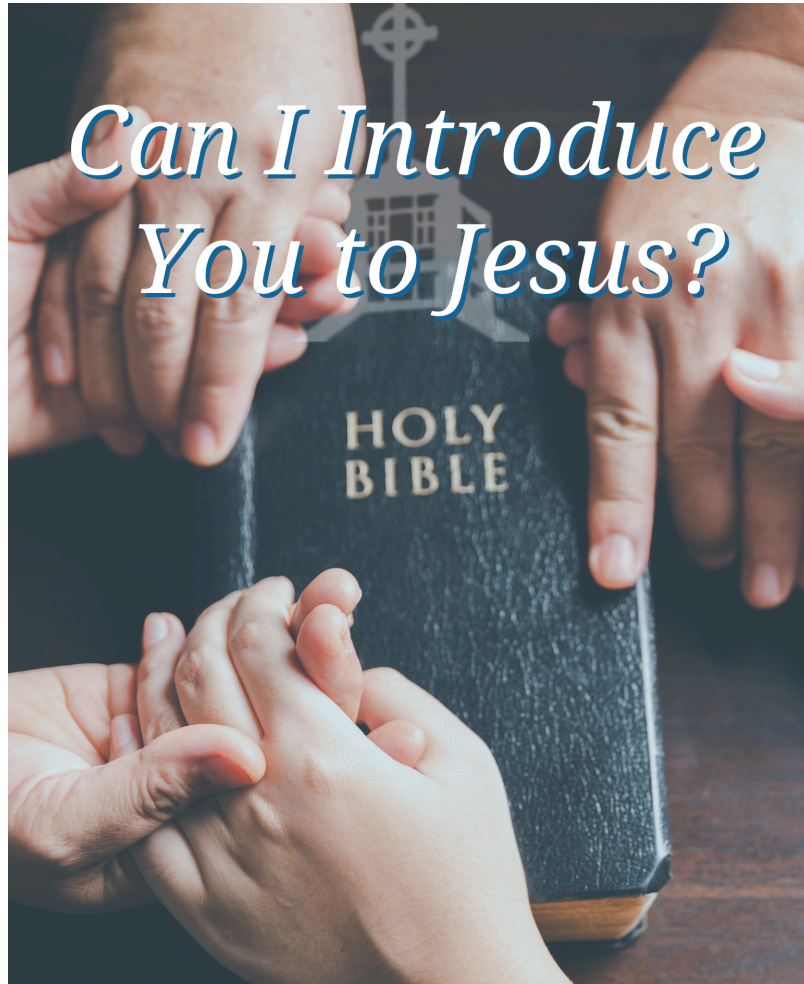


SUN
AUGUST 25
2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

FOURTEENTH 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

Carillon

H. Murrill

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

The heavens tell of God's glory and the earth proclaims God's handiwork.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts,

be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Let us worship God.

Let us worship God, indeed.

(Psalm 10, selected verses)

† HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

We aren't always sure what to make of you, Lord.

You preach a message of hope, but we hear it differently.

As we seek to know your will, we are reminded we fall short of

who you call us to be and how you call us to act.

Therefore we join our voices together to confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Lord, you enter our lives with fanfare and joy.

We are excited that you are a homegrown talent who will lead us.

But your words aren't always what we want to hear.

They challenge us and force us to consider new ways of thinking and being.

They remind us how we fall short of your glory;

and how we fail to live as you call us.

So we turn on you and think that you aren't what we want;

we question what you preach and challenge what you ask of us.

But you never abandon us and that's the good news of the gospels.

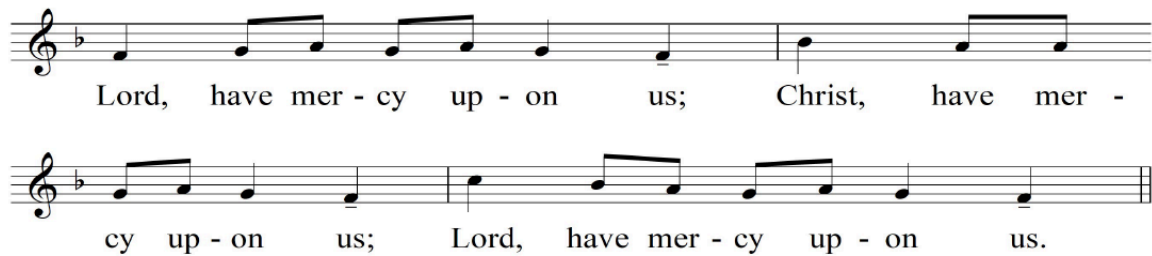
When we realize this, we recognize our need to turn to you,

to confess our sins and where we've walked away from you. Christ, we return to you

with contrite hearts and open minds as we confess our sins...

(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, your love abounds and extends to all who seek you.

You remind us now that our sins are forgiven and your mercy is everlasting.

And so we are bold to proclaim to one another: The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the sign of 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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Plan It Forward

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Doug Barr

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

OT pp. 436-7

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World
SPC Adult Choir

J. Stainer

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-30

NT pp. 61-2

SERMON

How Are You With Rejection?

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 301

Let Us Build A House
verse 1: choir only
verses 2-5: choir and congregation

TWO OAKS

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

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

Carillon

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 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen

TRADITIONAL

✦ POSTLUDE

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H. Mulett

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 and Fall Programming

All Sunday School classes meet at 9:45 a.m. To access the Fall Brochure with all class options and descriptions, scan the QR code or check out the link at secondpreslr.org.



All Hands Say Hello: Usher and Greeter Sign Up

We all have hands. Hands can wave. Hands can shake other hands. Hands can hand out bulletins...or pass offering plates, making for a hospitable worship experience for all. *All Hands Say Hello!* Use the QR code for the Usher and Greeter Sign Up!



Second Sunday Lunch Begins in September!

This fall our church family will have the opportunity to gather for lunch each Second Sunday after the 11:00am worship service. Our first lunch of the fall will be on **September 8**, and the menu will be pork tenderloin, green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, and dessert. Cost is \$12 for adults; \$5 for kids. There is no agenda besides food and fellowship! Please use the QR code to register or call Karin in the church office. We hope to see everyone there!



Plan It Forward

September 8

1:00pm

Second Hall

Plan it Forward: A beginner's guide to your estate, probate, and other related legal issues.

Do you have a will? Do you have guardianship plans for your children? Do you have a power of attorney? Join us for one hour of helpful information presented by Jeff Priebe, attorney at law, about the core estate planning documents that everyone should consider. It's never too late, or too early, to get started. To register and make a childcare reservation, scan the QR code or email KarinHowze@secondpreslr.org or call the church office at 501-227-0000.



Presbyterian Women Tea TODAY

Presbyterian Women's annual tea is this afternoon, 2:00pm, in Second Hall. You may pick-up your study book (\$10) and yearly handbook at the same time. See you there!

Cheeses With Jesus

Back by Popular Demand – CWJ (our abbreviation) will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening each month.

Meetings in September will be:

9/11/24 7:00 p.m. at 8301 Evergreen Drive / 72227

9/25/24 7:00 p.m. at 623 North Spruce / 72205

Inspired by Rev. Ben's preaching series on Luke, we will be studying selected passages from the same Gospel.

Who is Cheeses With Jesus? We are a dynamic community, bridging the gap between 'young adulthood' and retirement with grace and zeal. Our doors swing wide to welcome newcomers seeking spiritual enlightenment and treasured long-time members alike.

Contact Justin Villines (870-688-0445) or Catherine Allsbury (501-256-3452)

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

Aug and Sept Usher Captains

8/25 Dan Voth (8:30) & Doug Barton (11:00)
9/1 Lauren Gann (8:30) & Becky Talmadge (11:00)

Calendar for the Week

SUN AUG 25

8:30am and 11:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
2:00pm Presbyterian Women Tea

MON AUG 26

1:30pm Monday Pastoral Care
7:00pm Volleyball

TUES AUG 27

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH
9:00am Staff Meeting
1:00pm PW Coordinating Team

WED AUG 28

6:30pm Adult Choir

SUN SEP 1

8:30am and 11:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane
Rev. Alisa Secret
Doug Barr, Director of Children and Family Ministry
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and The Arts
SPC Adult Choir
Adam Savacool, organist
Clint Brockway, interpreter
Liturgists: (8:30) Sam Byrd (11:00) Judy Johnson
Elders of the Day: (8:30) Alicia Byrd (11:00) Laura Connor
Welcome Center: (8:30) Jim & Kathy Wilkins (11:00) Cindy Feltus