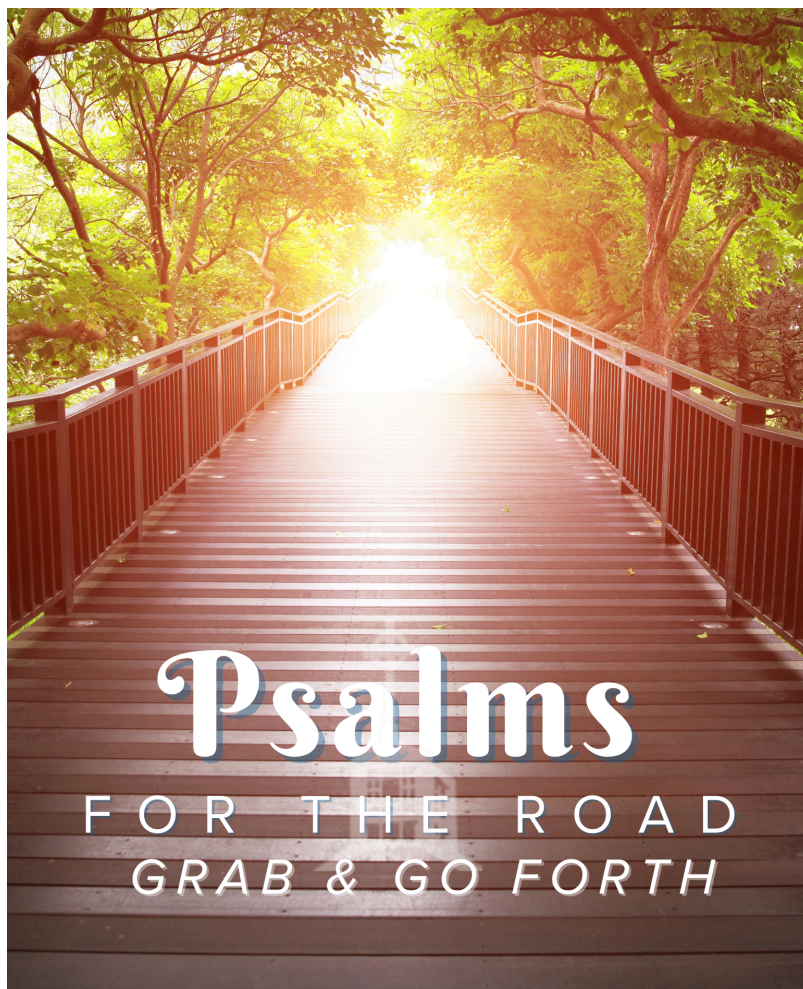


SUN
AUGUST 4
2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

ELEVENTH 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

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

Come, bless the Lord, in whom we find our refuge and safety.

You are our God;

all good things come from you alone.

Come, bless the Lord, who gives us a rich inheritance,
and surrounds us with abundance.

You are our God;

our lives are in your hands.

Come, bless the Lord, who guides us on the path to eternal life,
whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

You are our God; we will not be shaken.

Let's worship God together!

† **HYMN 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

God doesn't call us to a blind faith,
but to a faith that is eye-opening and mind-expanding.

**But we often prefer to pretend we can't see
or understand God's vision for creation,**

so please join me in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

**Merciful God, you see deep into our hearts
and know us better than we know ourselves.**

Forgive us we pray.

For the times we turn away from you;

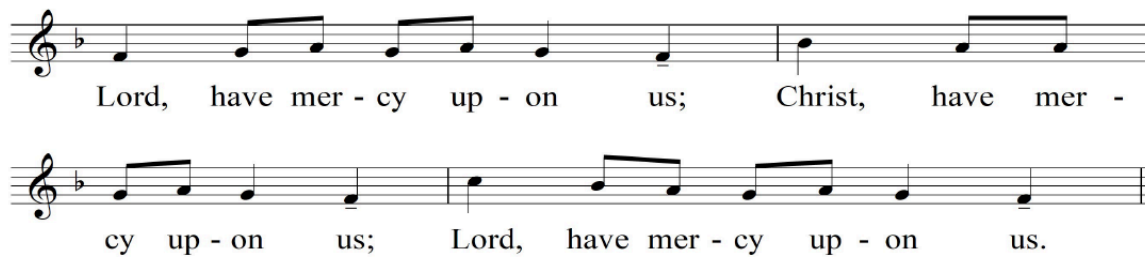
**remind us that you are the Lord our God,
our eternal protector and guide.**

For our impulses of anger and jealousy, scorn or spite,
grant us your healing peace.

For our resistance to forgiveness, generosity and mercy,

inspire us with your compassionate love. Amen. *(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)*

Welcome now the abundant grace of God. This is Good News:

God does not mock us when we fail to trust,

but invites us into a deeper, more intimate relationship.

God does not shame us when our faith waivers,

but challenges us to be strengthened by God's promises.

God's purpose is not to tear us down--but to build us up.

Forgiven. Refreshed. And renewed!

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As forgiven, renewed people of God, let us share Christ's peace with one another.

WORD

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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Ministry Fair

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 5:1, 13-25

NT p. 190

ANTHEM

Panis Angelicus
Melanie Hanna Ezell, soprano

C. Franck

PSALM READING

Psalm 16

OT p. 495-6

SERMON

Trust and Security

Rev. Alisa Secret

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 810

When in the Night I Meditate

ST. FLAVIAN

EUCCHARIST

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

..proclaiming your good name..

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly. Reign-ing God of
 pw'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,
 All cre-a-tion seeks your light! Bless-ed is the One who
 comes in Your name. Bless-ed be the Lord most High!

...we proclaim the mystery of faith..

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;
 Christ the Lord will come a - gain.

...into the world you created...

A - men. A - men.
 A - men. A - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

✦ 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 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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 *We're Going to Want to Go Bigger*

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!*

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) or Vernon Markham (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, 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

August Usher Captains

- 8/4 Amy Lloyd
- 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 4

Middle School Mission Week

10:00am Worship

MON AUG 5

1:30pm Monday Pastoral Care

4:30pm Personnel Committee

6:00pm Middle School Summer Nights *offsite*

7:00pm Volleyball

TUES AUG 6

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH

9:00am Staff Meeting

5:00pm Pastoral Care Ministry

5:30pm Adult Education Ministry

5:30pm Property Ministry

7:00pm Outreach Ministry

7:00pm Worship Ministry

WED AUG 7

6:00pm High School Summer Nights *offsite*

7:00pm Belonging Ministry

FRI AUG 9

12:00pm Ministry Fair Set Up

SAT AUG 10

10:00am Ministry Fair Set Up

SUN AUG 11

8:30am and 11:00am Worship

Blessing of the Backpacks

9:45am Ministry Fair

Worship Leaders

Rev. Alisa Secrest

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Doug Barr, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Melanie Hanna Ezell, soprano

Adam Savacool, organist

Clint Brockway, interpreter

Communion servers: Jean Kohler, Diane & Barry

McVinney, Nancy Hamlin, Leslie McCormack,

George Keck, Kate Franks, Johanna Lewis,

Janie Lowe

Liturgist: Justin Villines

Elder of the Day: Steve Dunnagan

Welcome Center: Ann & Bob Burnside