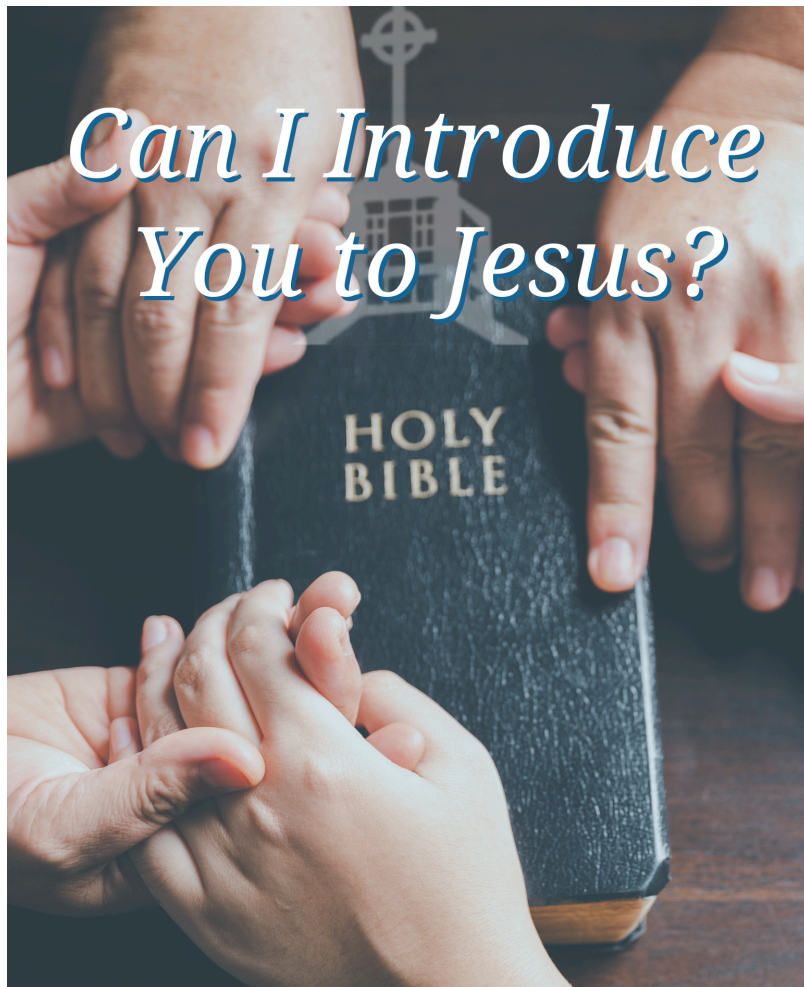


SUN
SEPTEMBER 1
2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

FIFTEENTH 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

Jig Fugue

Buxtehude

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Speak with authority in our lives, God.

Speak to us, and to what is in us,

so that we might be whole.

Speak to us, with love, with hope, and with strength,

so that we might hear you, and know, deep inside,

that we are your people, and that you are our God.

Let it be so.

† HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

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 find it more beneficial for ourselves

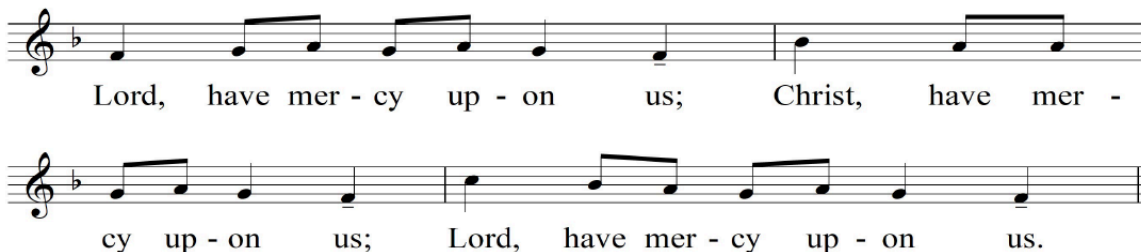
if we pretend we cannot see or understand God's vision for creation.

Therefore, we join our voices together as we confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Holy God, we know that nothing is hidden from you. When you shine the holy and revealing light of your word into our hearts, you see us for who we truly are, sinners in need of a savior. For when we give, we want something back. When we serve, we want others to notice. When we sin, we justify ourselves and when others sin, we judge them. We only live by your commandments when it benefits ourselves. Forgive us. Restore us and fill us with holy resolve. *(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)*

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

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.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Doug Barr

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-18

OT pp. 174-5

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

A. Pitoni

SPC Adult Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:31-37

NT pp. 62

SERMON

Oh, by the Way, There Will Be Demons!

Rev. Alisa Secrest

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 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

EUCCHARIST

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

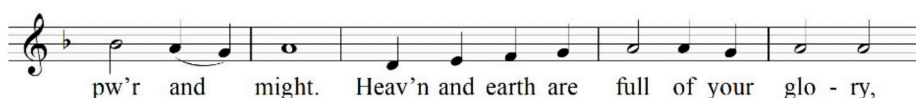
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

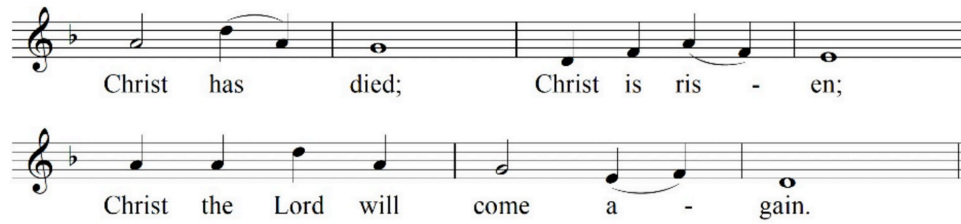
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

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

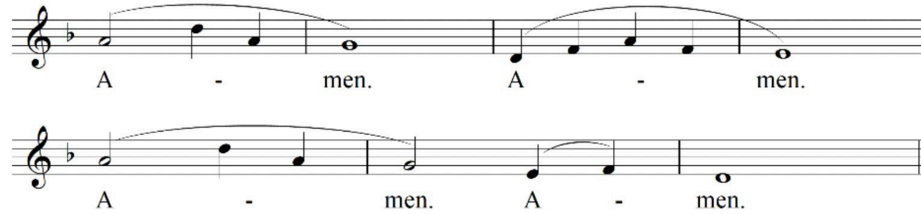
..proclaiming your good name..



...we proclaim the mystery of faith..



...into the world you created...



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We have three ways to receive communion.

You may come forward to the front of the sanctuary to receive communion by intinction or by using a prepackaged individual serving of a gluten-free wafer with grape juice. The third way is to receive communion in your pew. If you choose to remain seated, please raise your hand and a server will come to you with both options for communion – intinction or a prepackaged, gluten-free kit.

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to join us at the table as this is an open table where all are welcome. We invite you to follow the example of others as to when to come forward, receive communion, and how to return to your pew.

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

Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist

Buxtehude

✦ 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 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen

TRADITIONAL

✦ POSTLUDE

Postlude on Old Hundredth

arr. Fred Bock

Ways to Get Involved

Preaching Series September 8-29

Jesus Embraces Kitchen Table Issues

We can't avoid the reality that we are approaching an election that has great consequences. At the heart of every election are kitchen-table-issues that drive us to vote the way we vote and think the way we think. Reading through the gospel of Luke we find that Christ engages in kitchen-table-issues that give us glimpses of how we might think about how our civic and religious lives intertwine. Join us for a preaching series on how Christ engages kitchen-table issues.

Sept. 8: Luke 5:1-11 The One Thing that Connects All of Us

Sept. 15: Luke 5:12-16 This Will Require You to Get Dirty

Sept. 22: Luke 5:17-26 Good Ministry Breaks Things

Sept. 29: Luke 6:20-26 Jesus Flattens the World

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 Next Sunday!

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 next Sunday, **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.



Annual All-Church Picnic Sunday October 6

Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center

Don't miss our annual all-church, all-ages picnic at Ferncliff on Sunday, October 6, beginning 12:15 p.m. Enjoy friends and family in Ferncliff's beautiful setting.

We'll make use of indoor and outdoor spaces for fellowship, dining and recreation. Enjoy cafeteria-style lunch, lawn games, a fishing tournament, rocking chairs, canoeing, volleyball, tours of the grounds and more. Please sign up (website, QR code, church office or Sunday mornings in the narthex), so we can prepare plenty of food. The cost is \$12 per person up to \$48 per household.



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 SEPT 1

8:30am and 11:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

MON SEPT 2

Labor Day

Church Office Closed

TUES SEPT 3

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH

9:00am Staff Meeting

5:00pm Pastoral Care Ministry

5:30pm Property Ministry

5:30pm Adult Ed Ministry

7:00pm Outreach Ministry

7:00pm Worship Ministry

WED SEPT 4

1:00pm Preschool Board Meeting

6:45pm Adult Choir

7:00pm Belonging Ministry

SUN SEPT 8

8:30am and 11:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

12:15pm Second Sunday Lunch

1:00pm Plan it Forward Meeting

Worship Leaders

Rev. Alisa Secrest

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Rev. Lindy Vogado

Rev. Elizabeth Cahoon

Doug Barr, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and The Arts

SPC Adult Choir

Patrick Jennings, organist

Clint Brockway, interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30) Leon Lants (11:00) Johanna Lewis

Communion Servers: (8:30) Claudia Stallings,

Bob Skinner, Nancy Hamlin, Carol Young

(11:00) Mary Helen Henry, Barbara Hawes, Laura

Connor, Judy Johnson, George Keck, Diane and

Barry McVinney, Cheryl Dees, Cheryl Denson

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

(11:00) Mary Helen Henry

Welcome Center: (8:30) Janie Lowe

September Usher Captains

9/1 Lauren Gann (8:30) Becky Talmadge (11:00)

9/8 Amara Yancey (8:30) & Ann Owen (11:00)

9/15 Diane Karlson (8:30) & Amy Lloyd (11:00)

9/22 Matt Lindsey (8:30) & Ann Owen (11:00)

9/29 Diane Karlson (8:30) & Ann Owen (11:00)