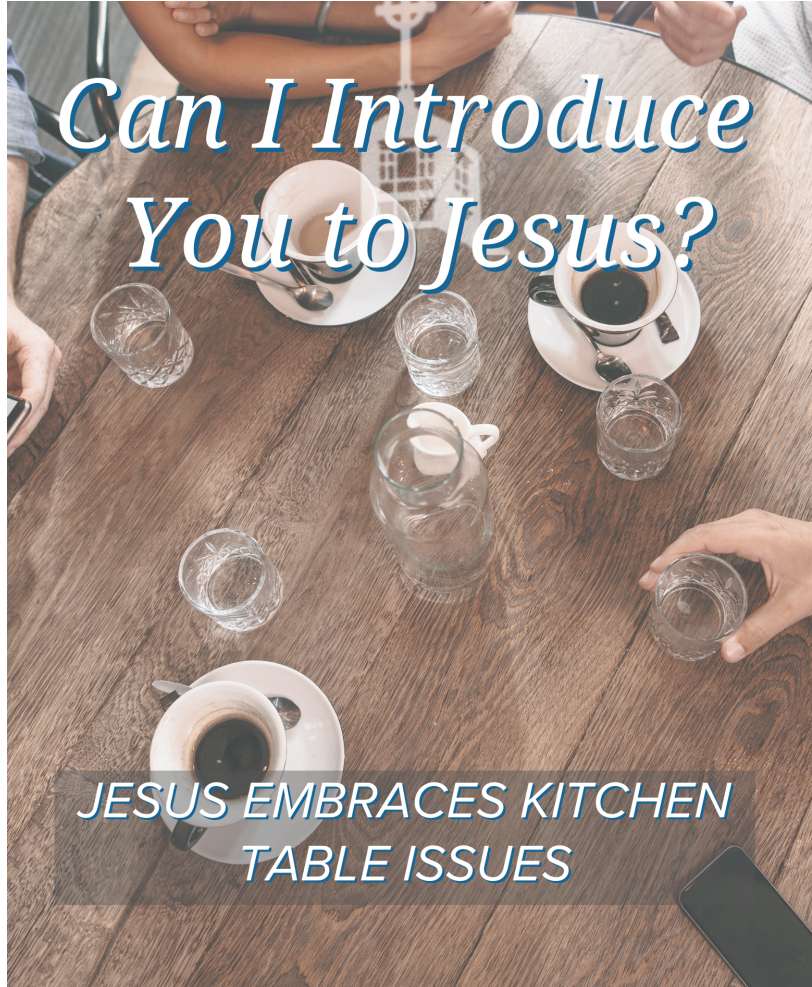


SUN
SEPTEMBER 15
2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

SEVENTEENTH 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

Elegy

J. Cotton

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters

the good news that we are proclaiming.

This is the good news on which we stand and by which we are saved:

That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures.

This good news gives us hope to worship and live as one of God's beloved.

Let us worship God.

Let us worship God, indeed.

† HYMN 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

The Apostle Paul reminds us that Christ died for our sins.

And was raised to new life by God.

This news reminds us of our call to follow Christ and expose our lives to him.

Therefore we join our voices together to confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Lord, we meet you in a variety of places.

Some of us call out to you; others wait for you to approach us.

What we seek to do is share our lives with you.

But we are scared of what might happen after.

Will you judge us? Will you condemn us? Will you walk away from us?

These fears are unfounded, but real.

But you call to us, Lord.

So we come to you to unburden ourselves of that which weighs on us.

We confess our sins of omission and those we've done willingly;

we come to announce our sins born of negligence and indifference.

And we remember that no matter how we sinned or what we did,

we can come to Christ whose arms are wide and his mercy is unending.

Let us offer our confessions to Christ in the silence of our hearts...

(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)*

We aren't always sure how or why, but Christ shows up in our lives,
and he makes all things new.

This is the good news of the gospels that Jesus proclaims: We are forgiven.

Because of this truth let us 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

AR Kids Read

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Doug Barr

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 13:45-46

OT pp. 99

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Traditional

SPC Adult Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:12-16

NT pp. 62-3

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

We've Got a Big Choice Before Us

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 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

E U C H A R I S T

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

Solemn Melody

H.W. Davies

✠ 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

S E N D I N G

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

✠ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

The Pastors and Session of Second Pres invite anyone interested in knowing more about this church, especially those interested in becoming members of Second Pres, to come forward after the Benediction to learn more about this community of faith, and, if ready, to join the church.

✠ HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

J. Rutter

✠ POSTLUDE

Allegro scherzando

C.M. Widor

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 We've Got a Big Choice Before Us

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!



YouthQuake at Ferncliff

We pray for our Youth and Adults at YouthQuake this weekend. May they find a refreshing faith, rejuvenated courage, and reengaging friendship! We sent 25 Youth and 8 Adults! This weekend there are 99 participants at YouthQuake from around the state.

David Beach Celebration

Join us on Sunday, September 22, for a special celebration in honor of David Beach. David Beach has worked at Second Pres for over thirty years---first as a sexton and then as Facilities Manager. In anticipation of his retirement in October, we will be celebrating David at both services on Sept. 22 with a cookie reception to follow. After the 11:00am worship service, we will also be offering a tie-dye station in the courtyard for kids and adults---please bring white t-shirts, socks, and/or pillowcases to participate! Let us give thanks to God for David and his service to our church over the last thirty years. We'll be collecting cards for David in the main office that we'll present to him on Sept. 22.

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 (over age 10), \$5 for children between 4 and 10 years old and up to \$48 per household. No charge for those age 3 or under.



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 15

YouthQuake *Ferncliff*

8:30am and 11:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

MON SEPT 16

1:00 Nottage Memorial Service

1:30pm Pastoral Care

7:00pm Volleyball

TUES SEPT 17

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Faith&Grief

7:00pm Session Meeting

WED SEPT 18

5:15pm Junior Artist Ministry (JAM)

6:45pm Adult Choir

SUN SEPT 22

David Beach Celebration!

8:30am and 11:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

4:30pm Middle School SPY YB

6:00pm High School SPY YB

6:30pm SPY Dinner

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Rev. Alisa Secrest

Rev. Lindy Vogado

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) Jon Davies (11:00) Micky Rigby

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

(11:00) Laura Connor

Welcome Center: (8:30) Chrissy Voth

September Usher Captains

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)