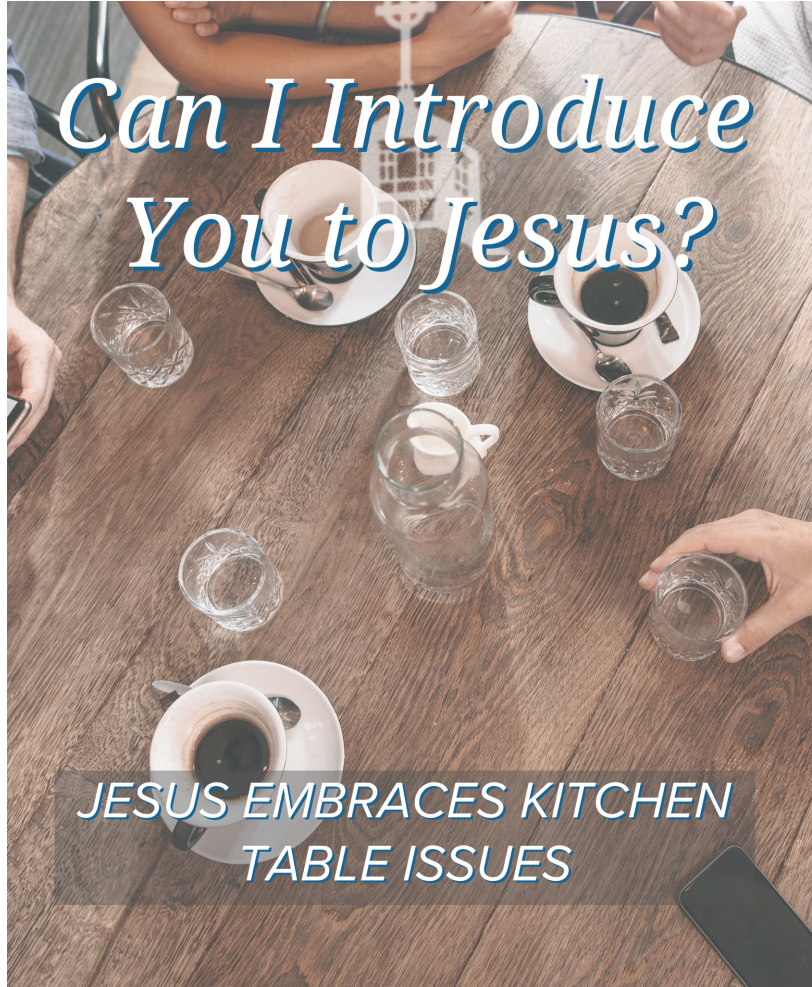


SUN  
SEPTEMBER 29  
2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second  
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

**NINETEENTH 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

*Andante from Sonata in e minor*  
Barry McVinney, flute

J.S. Bach

### † CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Praise the Lord!

**Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

**let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

Let them praise God's name with dancing,

**making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.** *(Psalm 149:1-3)*

Let us worship God.

**Let us worship God, indeed.**

### † HYMN 403

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

UNSER HERRSCHER

### CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

The Lord takes pleasure in God's people.

**God adorns the humble with victory.**

The Psalmist's words invite us to share our lives with God.

**Let us confess our sins together.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

**Lord of the mountains and the plains,**

**we come to you with humble hearts and open minds.**

**We are in need of blessings from you as reminders of your love.**

**We've gotten caught up in life.**

**We've walked down paths that cause us to stumble.**

**We've entered into relationships that have left us wanting.**

**We find ourselves in need of a word of grace from you.**

**Yet we are worried a word of judgment may come, too.**

**May we remember that your grace is not like anything else —**

**it comes as a gift and strikes us to our core.**

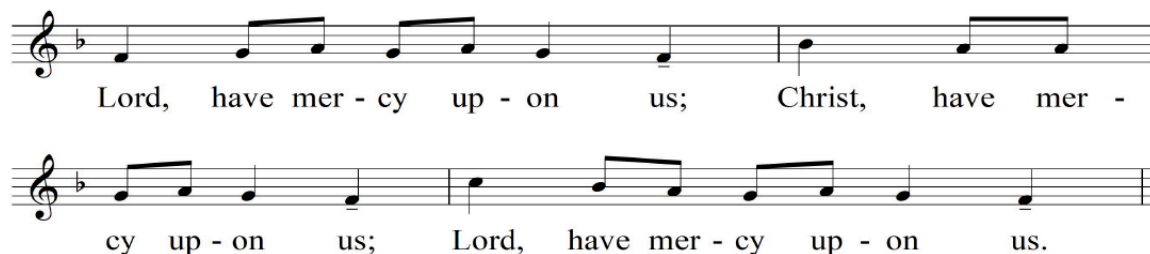
**It reminds us that you call us to a new way of life.**

**So we come now to seek your grace and experience your mercy,**

**and we silence our voices to offer our prayers of confession to you...**

*(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)*

Christ has a word of grace for each of us. Let us proclaim with joy.

**We are loved and we are forgiven.**

**Let us share this good news with 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

Fall Gatherings

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Lindy Vogado

### EPISTLE READING

*Ephesians 1:11-19*

NT pp. 192

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*Blest Are They*

D. Haas

SPC Adult Choir

### GOSPEL READING

*Luke 6:20-26*

NT pp. 64

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Jesus Flattens Things*

Doug Barr (8:30)

Rev. Ben Kane (11:00)

*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 25

*O Lord, Our God How Excellent*

WINCHESTER OLD

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## E U C H A R I S T

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

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### 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

*Adagio from Flute Quartet*  
Barry McVinney, flute

W.A. Mozart

### ✠ 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

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## S E N D I N G

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

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### ✠ 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 550

*Give Praise to the Lord*

LAUDATE DOMINIUM

### ✠ BENEDICTION

### ✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Threefold Amen*

Traditional

### ✠ POSTLUDE

*Finale from Symphonie No. 1*

L. Vierne

# Ways to Get Involved

## Preaching Series September October 6-20

### A Ministry Only Christ Could Build: Stewardship

Only Christ could build a ministry that is sustainable and life-transforming. In this three-week Stewardship series, we'll explore how Christ built his ministry using the resources near him to transform the world. It is our belief that those same resources are here at Second and with God's help, we can use them to do great ministry in Little Rock and beyond.

Oct. 6: Luke 8:1-3 *The Overlooked People in Christ's Ministry*

Oct. 13: Luke 8:4-15 *The Wide Reach of Christ*

Oct. 20: Luke 8:16-21 *Jesus Is Coming For You!*

## 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](http://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!



## A Ministry Only Christ Could Build

Please join us at one of our Fall Gatherings for fellowship and to learn about our 2025 Stewardship Appeal. These Gatherings will be a celebration of who Christ has called Second Presbyterian Church to be now and an invitation to join Christ in the future only God could create. Scan the QR code to register for a Gathering.



## 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.



## Second Spotlight

Introducing Second Spotlight—our new announcement sheet at Second Presbyterian! It highlights key upcoming events and activities to keep you informed. Pick up a copy in the Narthex or at the back of the sanctuary, or scan the QR code for the digital version!





# 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](http://secondpreslr.org/give)

# Calendar for the Week

## SUN SEPT 29

8:30am and 11:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
3:00pm Blessing of the Animals PG  
4:30pm Middle School SPY YB  
6:00pm High School SPY YB  
6:30pm SPY Dinner

## MON SEPT 30

11:30am Day Ringers  
1:30pm Pastoral Care  
6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting YB  
7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting YB  
7:00pm Volleyball

## TUES OCT 1

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH  
9:00am Staff Meeting  
12:00pm David Beach Celebration SH  
5:00pm Pastoral Care Ministry  
5:30pm Adult Ed Ministry  
5:30pm Property Ministry  
7:00pm Outreach Ministry  
7:00pm Worship Ministry

## WED OCT 2

11:30am Planned Giving  
5:15pm Junior Artist Ministry (JAM)  
5:30pm MS Girls Bible Study  
6:45pm Adult Choir  
7:00pm Belonging Ministry

## THU OCT 3

6:00pm Fall Gathering *offsite*

## SUN OCT 6

*World Communion Sunday*  
8:30am and 11:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
12:15pm Churchwide Picnic *Ferncliff*  
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  
Jón Stevenson, Assistant Conductor  
SPC Adult Choir  
Adam Savacool, organist  
Barry McVinney, flute  
Clint Brockway, interpreter  
Liturgists: (8:30) Kathy Wilkins (11:00) Beth Sigler  
Elders of the Day: (8:30) Ruth Shepherd  
(11:00) George Keck

## Sept and Oct Usher Captains

9/29 Diane Karlson (8:30) (11:00) Judy Johnson  
10/6 (8:30) Lauren Gann (11:00) Ann Owen  
10/13 (8:30) Lauren Gann (11:00) Ken Cook