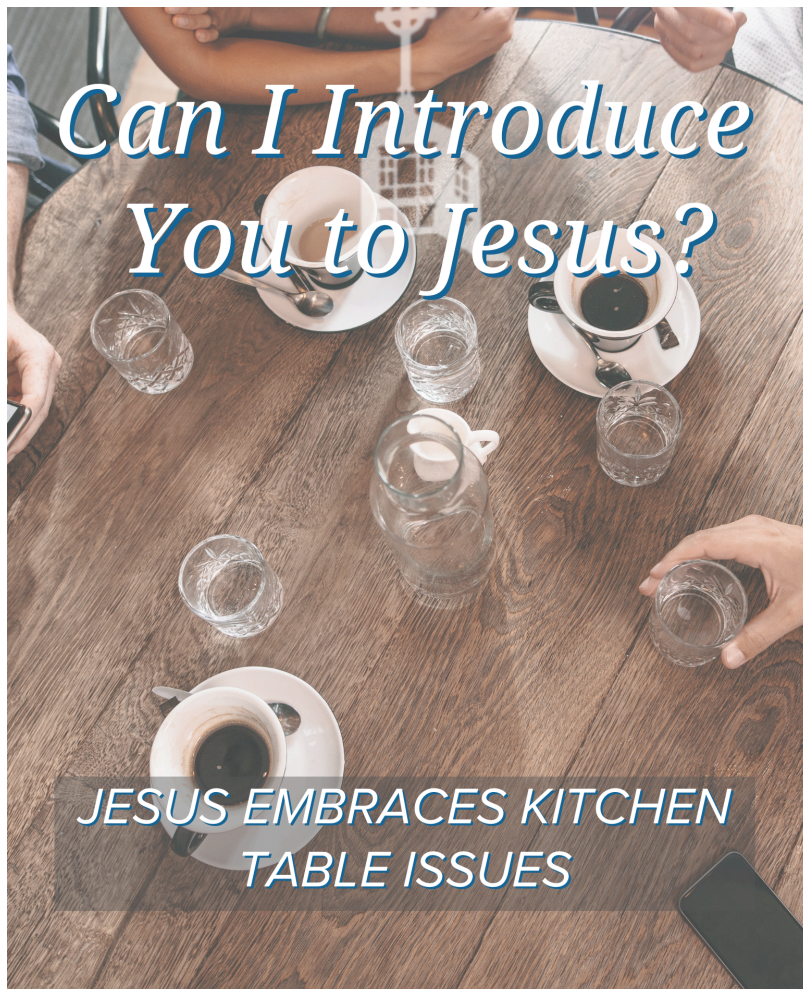


SUN
SEPTEMBER 8
2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

SIXTEENTH 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

Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

J.S. Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise.

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thank to your name,

for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

On the day that we called, you answered;

you increased our strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord;

for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

for great is the glory of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

Let us worship God, indeed. (Psalm 138:1-5)

† HYMN 25

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

WINCHESTER OLD

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Lord, you've shown up in our lives today

and invited us to a new way of living.

It requires something of us

that begins with a confession.

Therefore we join our voices together to confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Christ arrives in our lives in a thousand different ways.

For some it is by the lakeshore; for others it is in the sanctuary.

Wherever Christ comes into your life, he invites us into a new life.

This life is marked by discipleship and following Christ's commands.

And we must acknowledge that this is hard to swallow.

It means we aren't in complete control.

It means we must listen to someone beyond ourselves and our trusted friends.

This life to which Christ calls us demands our complete attention.

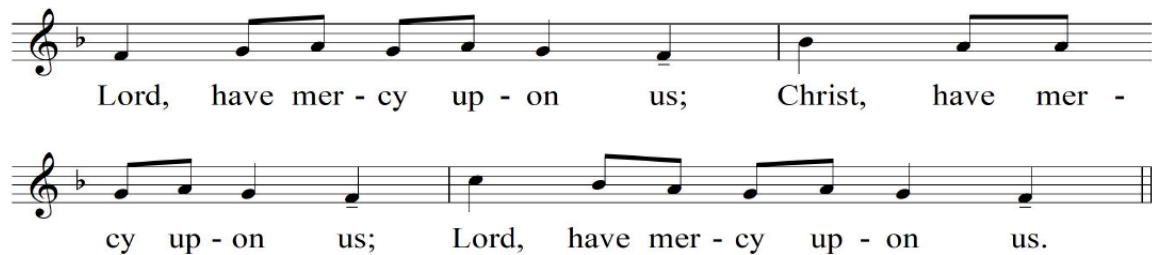
And we are a distracted people, often wondering what we should do.

Lord, you've entered into our lives to proclaim a new way of living.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *continued...*

Increase in us the capacity to hear your words,
enhance within us the ability to follow your commands;
and illuminated the ways in which you call us to a life of discipleship.
Christ, you've come into our lives at this time to walk beside us,
and we're aware that before we follow, we must confess our shortcomings.
And so we offer our confessions to you 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*)

No matter what, Christ shows up — again and again, if need be.
To share with each of us the grace that frees us to live with Christ.
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

Stephen Ministry

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Doug Barr

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

OT pp.635-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading
SPC Adult Choir

W. Niwagila

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-11

NT pp. 62

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

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

Adagio

C. Franck

✠ 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 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

J. Rutter

✠ POSTLUDE

Quasi allegro

C. Franck

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 TODAY!

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 is TODAY and the menu is 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! We hope to see everyone there!



Plan It Forward

TODAY 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. Childcare is provided.



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

September Usher Captains

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)

Calendar for the Week

SUN SEPT 8

8:30am and 11:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
12:15pm Second Sunday Lunch
1:00pm Plan it Forward Meeting

MON SEPT 9

1:30pm Pastoral Care
3:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:30pm Personnel Ministry
6:00pm Stephen Ministry
7:00pm Volleyball

TUES SEPT 10

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH
9:00am Staff Meeting
10:00am Presbyterian Women
1:00pm Card Making
6:00pm Fellowship Ministry

WED SEPT 11

6:45pm Adult Choir

THUR SEPT 12

12:00pm Heritage Committee

FRI SEPT 13

YouthQuake Ferncliff
3:00pm Our House Cook Team

SAT SEPT 14

YouthQuake Ferncliff
10:30am Mike Cornett Memorial Service

SUN SEPT 15

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane
Rev. Alisa Secrest
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
Adam Savacool, organist
Clint Brockway, interpreter
Liturgists: (8:30) Mike Paulus (11:00) Ann Owen
Elders of the Day: (8:30) Justin Villines
(11:00) Allison Pickell
Welcome Center: (11:00) Kathy & John Ransom