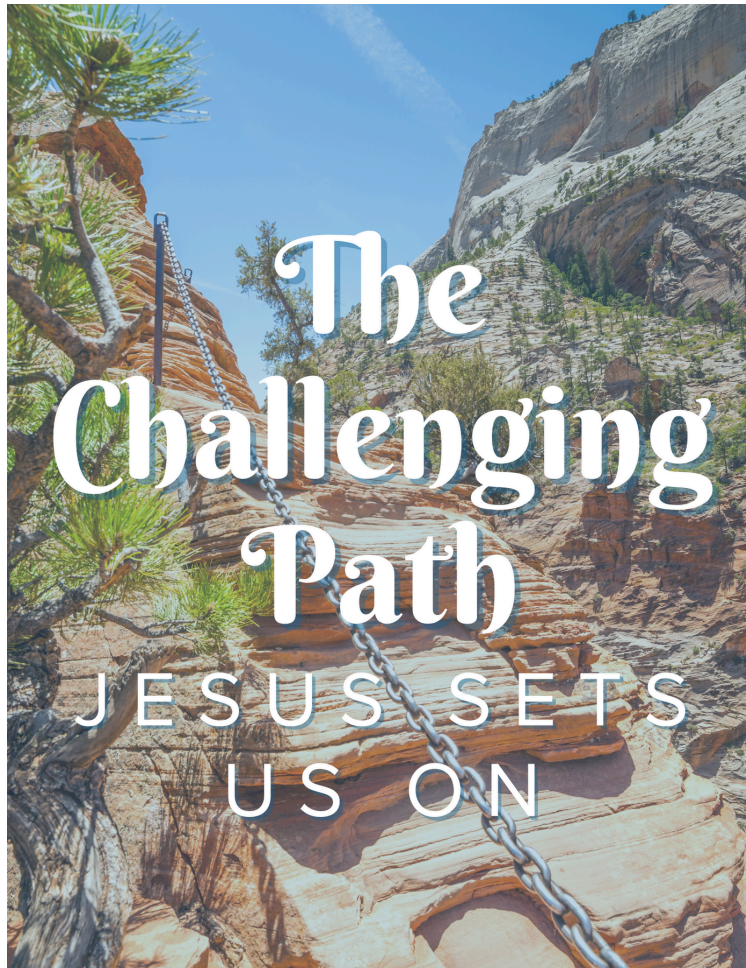


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**OCTOBER 27**  
2024

**Welcome** TO WORSHIP



**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

**TWENTY-THIRD 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

*Toccata in D minor, BWV 538*

J. S. Bach

### † CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

**What have we to fear?**

In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

**Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Rise up, people of God, for you are loved

**Thanks be to God whose love has no bounds.**

**Come let us worship God!**

### † HYMN 25

*O Lord, Our God, How Excellent*

WINCHESTER OLD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just.

He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Merciful God, you are our stronghold in times of trouble.

**Yet, we confess how easily we identify with the fear of the disciples when they were caught in the storm; like them, our faith falters and our anxiety levels soar when life becomes too turbulent for us.**

We fail to remember

**that Jesus demonstrated a power that can bring peace even into the stormiest situations.**

Our lives sometimes feel

**as though they are spinning out of control with worries over health, relationships, finances, the state of the world....**

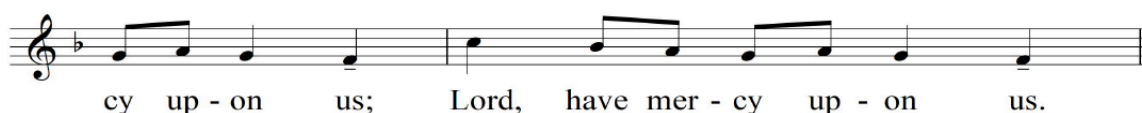
We forget

**that Jesus is in our midst, calming our fears, and strengthening us.**

**Gracious God, forgive us all our fears and weaknesses, we pray.**

Renew and strengthen our faith in the living Christ so that we can live empowered by his presence. *(Time for silent confession.)*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Responsive)*

Fear not!

**God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives.**

Hear this Good News:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace within us, peace over us.

**Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ within us, Christ over us.**

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

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### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Samuel 17:41-50*

OT p. 262

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*Panus Angelicus*  
Melanie Hanna Ezell, soprano

C. Franck

### GOSPEL READING

*Luke 8:22-25*

NT pp. 67-8

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Jibe Ho*

Rev. Elizabeth Cahoon

*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 33

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR

## EUCCHARIST

*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

*How Great Thou Art*  
Melanie Hanna Ezell, soprano  
Ethan Ezell, tenor

Traditional

## ✦ 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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### SENDING

*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 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

## ✦ BENEDICTION

## ✦ POSTLUDE

*Tocatta in D minor, BWV 565*

J. S. Bach

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## Preaching Series October 27-November 24

### The Challenging Path Jesus Sets Us On

This life of discipleship to which Jesus calls us isn't easy. As we'll see in this preaching series, we'll experience storms, desires for greatness, great expectations from Christ, and a familiar story that reminds us of what it means to be a neighbor. Join us as we explore how challenging the path is that Jesus sets us on — and how he accompanies us every step of the way.

Oct. 27: Luke 8:22-25 *Jibe Ho*

Nov. 3: Luke 9:18-27 *The Messiah Among the Saints*

Nov. 10: Luke 9:46-48 *True Greatness is Whimsical*

Nov. 17: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 *Here's What You'll Be Doing...*

Nov. 24: Luke 10:25-37 *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*

## Special Music: All Saints' Sunday November 3

*Mass of the Children*, composed by John Rutter, is a large work for youth ensemble, an adult mixed choir, soloists, and wind ensemble. The role of the children's choir is to add a further dimension to the traditional Latin Mass sung by the adult choir, sometimes commenting, sometimes amplifying the meaning and mood. The Mass text itself is mainly sung by the adult choir or the soloists. The children sing specially chosen English texts which reflect upon or illuminate the Latin. The work opens with two verses from Bishop Thomas Ken's morning hymn for the Scholars of Winchester College, and it closes with the children singing his evening hymn with Tallis' timeless melody, as the adults intone the traditional *Dona nobis pacem*, a prayer for peace. All the members of your music ministry pray that our musical offering of *Mass of the Children*, this All Saints' Sunday, provides comfort for those congregation members who have lost loved ones this year.

# A Ministry Only Christ Could Build

Our 2025 Stewardship Appeal continues today, and we are grateful to God for all those who've pledged and invite those who haven't to prayerfully consider completing an Estimate of Giving card.

Don't forget to include your decade for the Decades Challenge! You can use the QR code to make your 2025 Estimate of Giving, or go to the church website.



Sign up with the QR code below for one of our **Fall Gatherings** for stewardship and fellowship.



## Ways to Get Involved

### 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!



### Socktober!

#### Donate to Second Presbyterian Church's Sock Drive!

Please bring any size socks to be donated to CANVAS Community. In partnership with *Second Presbyterian Preschool*, we are collecting throughout the month of October. Socks can be delivered to the church office. Last year, we were able to donate over 400 pairs of socks! TODAY the socks will be commissioned to the Lord's service during the 11 o'clock service. They will be delivered to the Canvas Community on Monday, November 4. Contact Doug Barr for more information at (901)606-6292.

### Next Second Sunday Lunch November 10

Since our fall picnic served as our church-wide gathering for October, our next Second Sunday lunch will be on November 10 in the Great Hall. Brenda will be catering, so it's sure to be delicious. You can register with the QR code, on the church website or by calling the church office. We hope to see you there!



### 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 OCT 27

8:30am and 11:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
6:30pm High School SPY

### MON OCT 28

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

### TUES OCT 29

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH  
9:00am Staff Meeting  
1:00pm PW Coordinating Team

### WED OCT 30

1:00pm Dick Newberg Memorial Service  
5:15pm Junior Artist Ministry (JAM)  
5:30pm MS Girls Bible Study  
6:00pm Fall Gathering *offsite*  
6:45pm Adult Choir  
7:00pm HS Small Group *offsite*

### SUN NOV 3

#### All Saints' Sunday

8:30am and 11:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
4:30pm Middle School SPY  
6:00pm High School SPY  
6:00pm SPY Dinner

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Elizabeth Cahoon  
Rev. Alisa Secrest  
Rev. Lindy Vogado  
Doug Barr, Director of Children and Family Ministry  
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and The Arts  
Adam Savacool, organist  
Clint Brockway, interpreter  
Liturgists: (8:30) Carol Young (11:00) Lydia Kane  
Elders of the Day: (8:30) Allison Pickell  
(11:00) George Keck

## Oct and Nov Usher Captains

10/27 (8:30 and 11:00) Matt Lindsey  
11/3 (8:30) Diane Karlson (11:00) Jo Paulus  
11/10 (8:30) Amara Yancey (11:00) Judy Johnson  
11/17 (11:00) Cayce Jennings  
11/24 (8:30) Matthew Smith (11:00) Judy Johnson