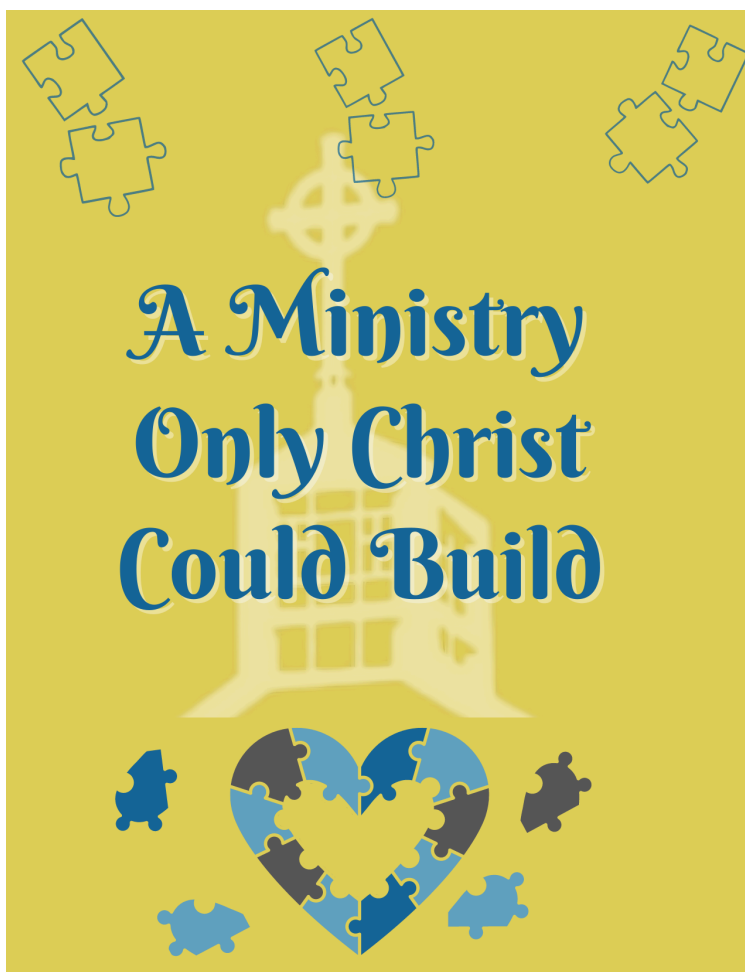


SUN
OCTOBER 6
2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

As a deer longs for flowing streams,

so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

By day the Lord commands God's steadfast love,

at night God's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

On this World Communion Sunday, we gather with Christians around the world,

to celebrate your goodness.

Let us worship God.

Let us worship God, indeed.

† HYMN 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Lord of the known and unknown,

we all turn to you to confess our sins.

Let us join our voices together to confess our sins to Jesus.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

This is the good news of the gospels,

that Christ's love is for each of us.

Christ invites us to be honest about who we are,

to share with God our sins.

So we confess that our lives are hard and we make mistakes.

Our lives include times when we haven't been honest,

when we haven't followed directions or listened to leaders.

There are times when we've decided to follow our own paths,

and ignored the people around us.

But God who is faithful, welcomes us home.

And when we come home, we offer our prayers to God... *(Time for silent confession.)*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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

Jesus, today you are asking us to look around
and see your presence throughout our lives.

When we look up, we see the good news of the gospels.

That 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.

ANTHEM

Yesu Azali Awa
SPC Children's Choir

arr. B. Burrows

Translation: *Jesus is here with us.*

Stewardship

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

EPISTLE READING

Romans 16:1-7

NT pp. 164-5

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:1-3

NT pp. 67

SERMON

The Overlooked People in Christ's Ministry

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.*

EUCCHARIST

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

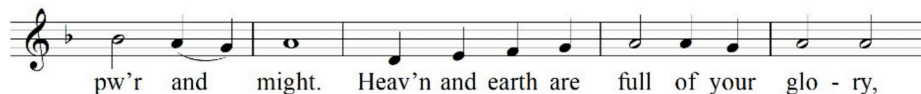
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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..



Christ has died; Christ is risen;

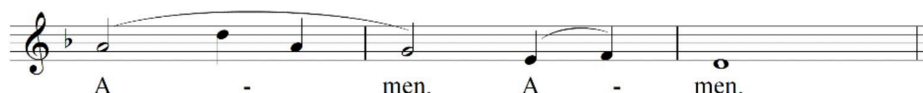


Christ the Lord will come again.

...into the world you created...



A - men. A - men.



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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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Hine ma tov
SPC Adult Choir

Traditional

Translation: Behold how good and how pleasing
For brothers (people) to sit together in unity.

✠ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

J. Rutter

✠ POSTLUDE

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.



Peace and Global Witness Offering TODAY

Each year on World Communion Sunday, we participate in the PC(USA)'s Peace and Global Witness Offering. Gifts received for this special offering are used to support the denomination's Presbyterian Peacemaking Program as well as local peace-making efforts in our community. This year the local portion of our offering will go to support the Interfaith Center of Arkansas. Please give generously to support the work of peacemakers in our community and world.



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 TODAY

Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center

Don't miss our annual all-church, all-ages picnic at Ferncliff TODAY 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. 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

Worship Leaders

- 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
- Melanie Hanna Ezell, Interim Children's Music Director
- Laura Dunnagan, Accompanist
- Adam Savacool, organist
- SPC Children's Choir, SPC Adult Choir
- Clint Brockway, interpreter
- Liturgists: SPC Children
- Communion servers: (8:30) Dan Voth, Eugene Jones (11:00) Mim Hundley, Cheryl Dees, Kathy and Jim Wilkins, Alicia and Sam Byrd, Laura and Ken Cook
- Elders of the Day: (8:30) Ruth Shepherd (11:00) Alicia Byrd

Calendar for the Week

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

MON OCT 7

- 9:30am 1st & 3rd Monday Morning Bible Study
- 11:30am Day Ringers
- 1:30pm Pastoral Care
- 4:30pm Personnel Committee
- 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting YB
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting YB
- 7:00pm Volleyball

TUES OCT 8

- 7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH
- 9:00am Staff Meeting
- 11:00am PW Martha Circle YB
- 1:00pm Preschool Board
- 5:30pm Environmental Stewardship
- 6:00pm Fellowship Ministry
- 7:00pm Belonging Ministry

WED OCT 9

- 5:15pm Junior Artist Ministry (JAM)
- 5:30pm MS Girls Bible Study
- 6:45pm Adult Choir
- 7:00pm Cheeses With Jesus *offsite*

THU OCT 10

- 6:00pm Fall Gathering *offsite*
- 7:00pm Cheeses With Jesus *offsite*

FRI OCT 11

- Children & Families Campout *Offsite*
- 3:00pm Our House Cook Team

SAT OCT 12

- Children & Families Campout *offsite*
- 11:30am Merry Widows *offsite*

SUN OCT 13

- Children & Families Campout *offsite*
- 8:30am and 11:00am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 4:30pm Middle School SPY YB
- 6:00pm High School SPY YB
- 6:00pm Fall Gathering *offsite*
- 6:30pm SPY Dinner

October Usher Captains

- 10/6 (8:30) Lauren Gann (11:00) Ann Owen
- 10/13 (8:30) Lauren Gann (11:00) Ken Cook
- 10/20 (8:30) Matthew Smith (11:00) Cayce Jennings