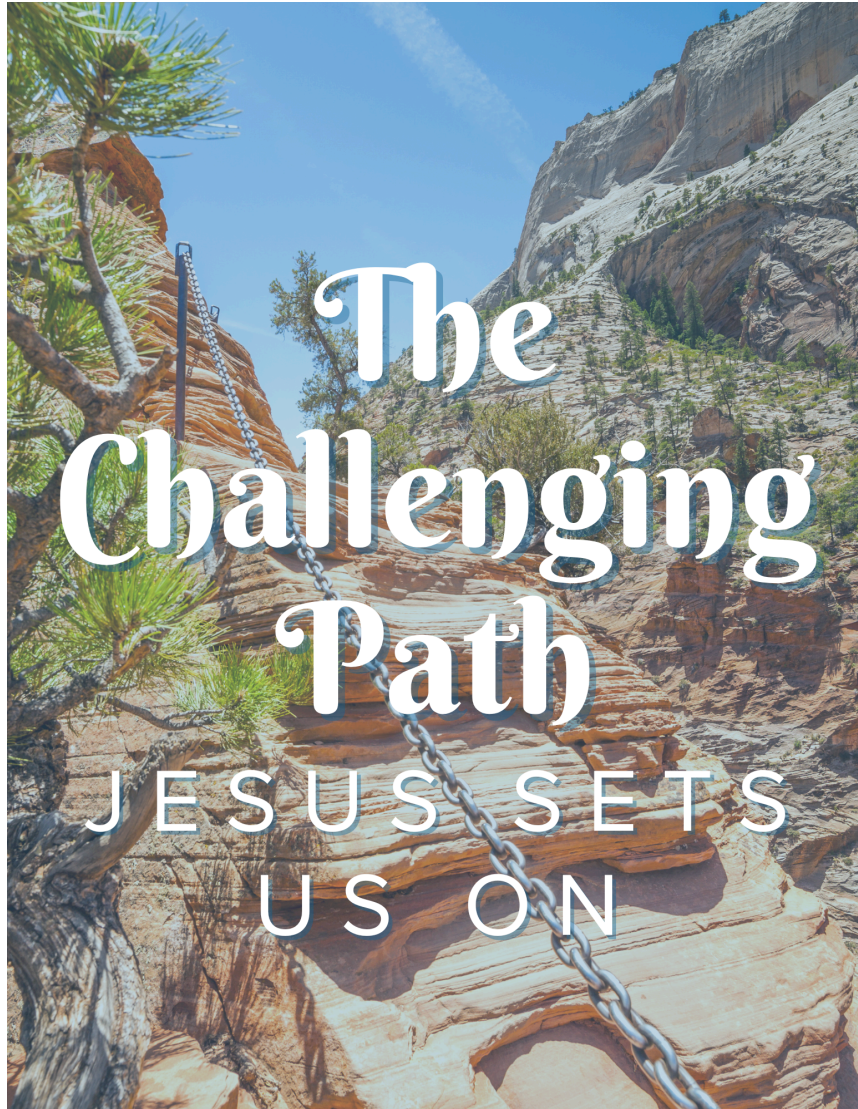


SUN
NOVEMBER 10
2024

>Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

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

In paradisum from Requiem

M. Duruflé

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

How lovely is your dwelling place, **O Lord of hosts!**

My soul longs, indeed it faints **for the courts of the Lord.**

My heart and my flesh sing for joy **to the living God.**

Happy are those who live in your house, **ever singing your praise.**

Happy are those whose strength is in you, **in whose hearts are your heart.**

Let us worship God.

Let us worship God indeed.

† HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

For a day is better in your courts, Lord than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than anywhere else.

Let us enter into this time of confession with openness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Lord so much of this week and the months leading up to it have consumed our attention. We've been glued to every form of media, wondering what will be and who will win.

In the midst of it all, we've made you a little less important; we've supplanted your Word for someone else's.

In the consistency of all that's competed for our attention, we've overlooked the call you place upon our lives.

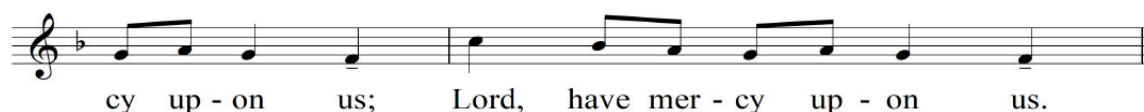
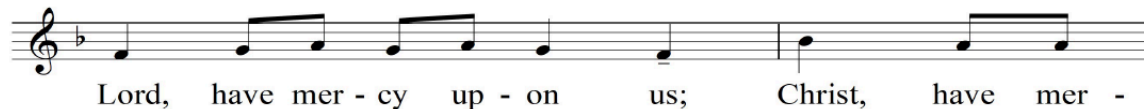
But you've always been there with us, sitting beside us to remind us of your presence and the ways that you supersede everything.

You've shown up in our lives, nudging us to pay better attention to you and your people. We've seen you and we are here now to turn our lives back to you.

In the silence of our hearts we offer these prayers of confession to you.

(Time for silent confession.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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

We worship a God who is more than anything we can imagine.

And so we know that we are loved by a God who is greater than anything.

Let us rest in the mercy and grace that God bestows upon each of us.

Let us know that we are forgiven by a good and gracious God.

Now 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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13

NT p. 175

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Thankful

S. Edwards

Junior Artist Ministry
Ethan Ezell, guitar
Laura Dunnagan, piano

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:46-50

NT p. 70

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

True Greatness is Whimsical

Rev. Benjamin 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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

EUCCHARIST

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

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

Prelude on BETHANY

G. Martin

† 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.**

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 12	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	ST. DENIO
✦ BENEDICTION		
✦ POSTLUDE	<i>Kyrie eleison from Messe solennelle</i>	L. Vierne

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?*

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 yet to prayerfully consider completing an Estimate of Giving card.

Don't forget to include your decade for the *Decades Challenge*! We'll celebrate the decade with the most participation with a special gift at The Hanging of the Greens (HOG) breakfast on December 1. Currently the 70s are in the lead, but it is any decades' game to win! You can use the QR code to make your 2025 Estimate of Giving, or go to the church website.



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.



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!



TODAY! Second Sunday Lunch

Today is Second Sunday Lunch in the Great Hall after the 11:00am worship service. The menu is: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and carrot cake. We hope to see you there!

Hanging of the Greens (HOG): Sunday, December 1

Welcome Advent with a festive breakfast, decorating the church, and communion worship on Sunday, December 1. Breakfast at 9:00am, decorating at 9:45am and **one** worship service at 11:00am. Please register for breakfast with the QR code or on the church website: \$10 per adult, \$5 for kids over 3 years old. Our HOG will feature Brenda's sausage breakfast casserole (with a gluten free option), cinnamon rolls, bacon, cheese grits, and fruit. Come hungry and fill up before we decorate the church for Advent.



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 and *Second Spotlight* 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 NOV 10

8:30am and 11:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
12:00pm Second Sunday Lunch
4:30pm Middle School SPY
6:00pm High School SPY
6:00pm SPY Dinner

MON NOV 11

11:30am Day Ringers
1:30pm Pastoral Care
3:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00pm Stephen Ministry
6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting YB
7:00pm Outreach Ministry
7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting YB
7:00pm Volleyball

TUES NOV 12

7:00am Men's Group Ministry SH
9:00am Staff Meeting
10:00am Presbyterian Women Gathering
1:00pm Card Making
1:00pm Preschool Board Meeting
5:30pm Environmental Stewardship Ministry
6:00pm Fellowship Ministry

WED NOV 13

5:15pm Junior Artist Ministry (JAM)
5:30pm MS Girls Bible Study
6:45pm Adult Choir

THURS NOV 14

7:00pm Cheeses with Jesus *offsite*

SAT NOV 16

11:30am Merry Widows *offsite*
1:30pm Hallie Simmins Memorial Service

SUN NOV 17

8:30am and 11:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
9:45am SPY Kids Pumpkin Bread
4:30pm Anna Circle *offsite*
4:30pm Middle School SPY
6:00pm High School SPY
6:00pm SPY Dinner

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane
Rev. Alisa Secrest
Rev. Lindy Vogado
Rev. Elizabeth Cahoon
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music
Doug Barr, Director of Children and Families Ministry
Maggie Kirchner, Assistant Director of Children and Families Ministry
Melanie Hanna Ezell, Interim Assistant Music Director
Ben Abraham and Christin Hankins, Choir Assistants
Ethan Ezell, guitar
Laura Dunnagan, accompanist
Junior Artist Ministry (JAM): Hudson Barr, June Cross, Rosie Hankins, Mary Jennings, Will Jennings, Phoebe Kane, Nora McCormack, Grace Moldoveanu, Jack Moldoveanu, Issac Poot May, Liam Poot May, Rosalie Yancey, Olivia Imhoff, Ellie Imhoff, Jon Mainard O'Connell, Helen Reasbeck, Claire Reasbeck
Adam Savacool, organist
Clint Brockway, interpreter
Liturgists: Junior Artist Ministry (JAM)
Elders of the Day: (8:30) Allison Pickell
(11:00) Steve Dunnagan

November Usher Captains

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