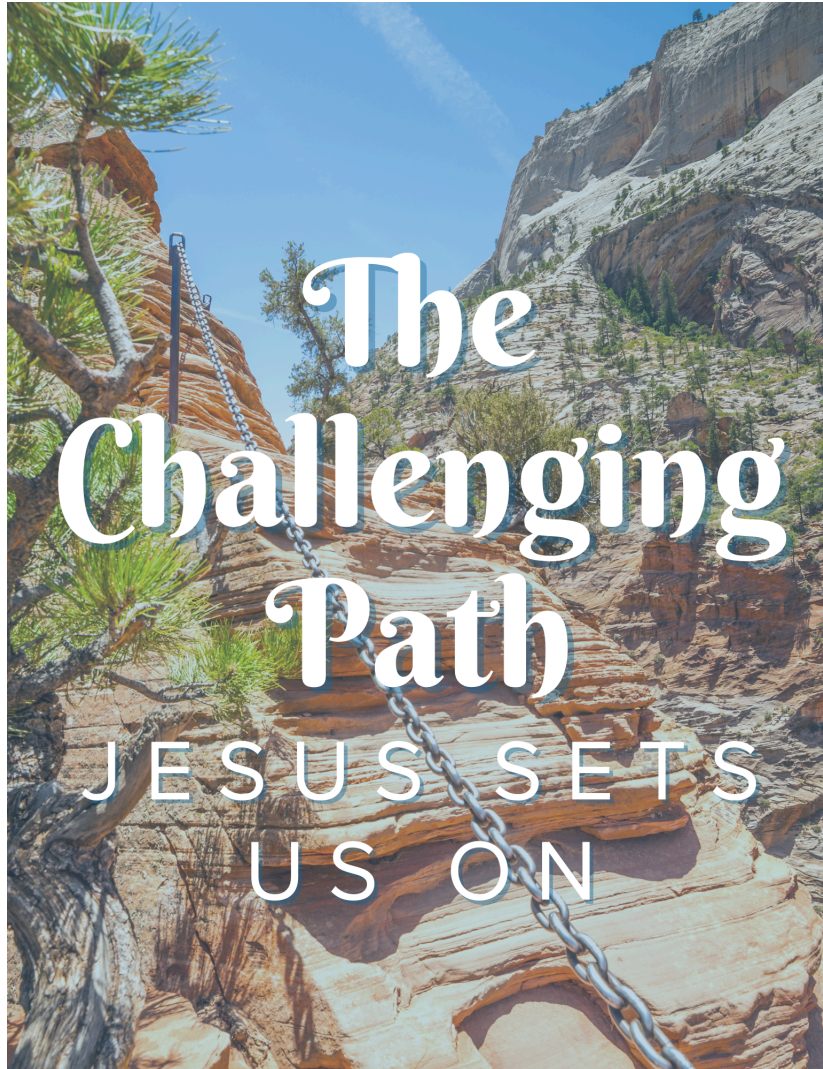


SUN
NOVEMBER 24
2024

Welcome TO WORSHIP



Reign of Christ Sunday



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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let us be put to shame;

do not let our enemies exult over us.

Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

For you, we wait all day long, and while we wait we worship.

Let us worship God.

Let us worship God indeed.

† HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

The Lord delights in our fruitfulness and offers mercy for our shortcomings.

Let us gather our voices together to share our fruits and our shortcomings.

Let us confess to our merciful and just God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

God of the young and the old, **the gifted and not so talented;**

God of the wise and unwise, **the well-off and the struggling;**

God of the traveler and the bandits, **the religious and the not-so-religious.**

Whoever we are, **we come to you to seek your guidance and grace.**

We have some things to share, **and some things we'd rather hide.**

We've fallen short of our desires, **and followed other paths.**

We've overlooked the hurt, **for fear of what it might do to us.**

We've avoided the broken, **because it would require too much of us.**

Lord, for those times we avert our eyes, **or blind ourselves to the truth;**

for those times when we've crossed the road, **or sought safer roads,**

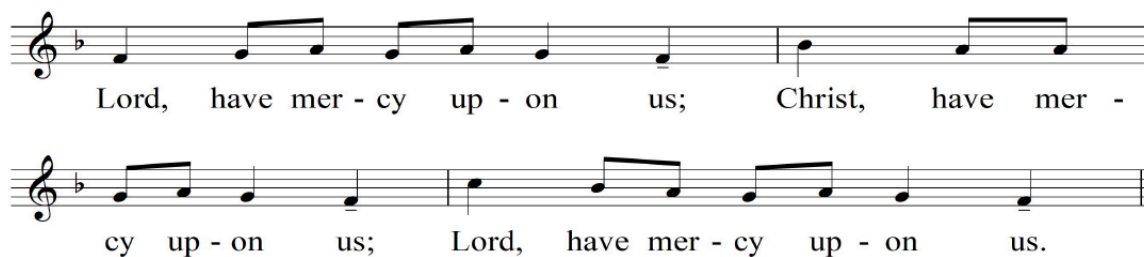
we are here to seek your grace and forgiveness.

Hear our prayers, both spoken and silent.

For all we've done and for all we've left undone, **we confess 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 PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Responsive)*

Lord of the broken and whole, **you greet us with open arms and a full heart.**
Let us feel your love and grace, **as we welcome your forgiveness.**
Hear these words with renewed hearts: We are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**
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

Doug Barr

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

OT pp. 185-6

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine
SPC Adult Choir

G. Fauré

*Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us!
Spread over us the fire of your powerful grace,
that all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul, That drives us to forget your laws.
O Christ, show favor to this faithful people now assembled In order to bless (thank) you now.
Accept the songs they offer to your immortal glory; And may they go forth overjoyed with your gifts.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:37-50

NT p. 72

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

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.*

† HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

E U C H A R I S T

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.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

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

✠ 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

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 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERRN

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

J. Rutter

✠ POSTLUDE

A Ministry Only Christ Could Build

Our 2025 Stewardship Appeal continues, 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.



Advent Preaching Series December 1-29

Claiming A New Story in Advent: How God Reorients Our Lives

God's Advent and Christmas stories reorient our lives around the truth that God wishes to be with us and to save us. The scriptures for Advent and Christmas will reveal how God prepares God's people to reorient their lives to welcome a child that will further reorient our lives. Our call this Advent and Christmas Season is to claim a different story and we've got a preaching series that will offer guidance on how best to claim God's story – but beware, it'll completely change your life!

Dec. 1: Luke 21: 25-36 *This Story Will Change Everything* – Rev. Ben

Dec. 8: Luke 3:1-6 *The Localness of God's Transformative Story* – Rev. Ben

Dec. 15: Luke 3:7-18 *Pointing to the Author of Our Story* (Big Music Sunday) – Rev. Ben

Dec. 22: Luke 1: 39-56 *Why? The Question of Advent* – Children and Doug Barr Leading

Dec. 24: Luke 2:1-20 *Expectations Meet Reality* – Rev. Ben

Dec. 29: Luke 2:41-52 *They All Grow Up, Even Jesus* – Rev. Alisa

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!



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 will be 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 breakfast 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.



Big Music Sunday December 15

A favorite Advent tradition at Second Presbyterian Church is *Big Music Sunday*. On Sunday morning, December 15, our sanctuary will be filled with the joyous music of the season. Alexandra Rose Vigil will be our featured harp soloist, and will also accompany various ensembles and soloists from the Adult and Youth choirs. Blythe Keating, soprano, and Lila Cross, mezzo soprano, will offer solos and duets from Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*. The Jubilant Ringers will present a special Christmas program beginning at 8:20am and 10:50am, preceding our traditional worship services and of course, we will hear amazing organ music from Adam Savacool. Please come be part of this special worship experience that will help us all prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

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

Nov and Dec Usher Captains

11/24 (8:30) Matthew Smith (11:00) Judy Johnson
12/1 (11:00) Zachary Ward
12/8 (8:30) David Eifling (11:00) Ken Cook
12/15 (8:30) Dan Voth (11:00) Judy Johnson
12/22 (8:30) David Eifling (11:00) Judy Johnson

Calendar for the Week

SUN NOV 24

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

MON NOV 25

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

TUES NOV 26

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

WED NOV 27

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

THU NOV 28

Thanksgiving Day
Church Office closed

FRI NOV 29

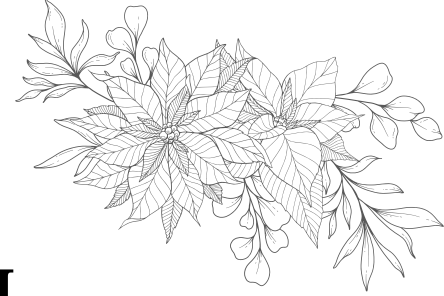
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Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane
Rev. Alisa Secrest
Rev. Lindy Vogado
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music
Doug Barr, Director of Children and Families Ministry
Adam Savacool, organist
Clint Brockway, interpreter
Liturgist: Alfred Williams
Elder of the Day: (11:00) Vernon Markham



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias are used to decorate the Sanctuary and Second Hall during Advent. You are invited to place a poinsettia in honor and/or memory of a loved one. Funds received in excess of those purchased will be used in benevolent ways to help others during the holidays. A list of those being honored and remembered and their donors will be printed as a special insert in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The deadline to order a poinsettia is Monday, December 16. The cost is \$15.00. You may either fill out the form below and return to the church office, fill out the form online at www.secondpreslr.org or use the QR Code.

**I/We would like to purchase _____ poinsettia(s).
Enclosed is a check for \$_____.**



PLEASE PRINT

In memory of

In honor of

Name(s) of donor(s)

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