



# Second

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUN  
**March 1**  
2026

*Whoever and Wherever You Are, We Welcome You into a Life with Christ at Second Pres.*

## Today in Worship

8:30 and 11:00am

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.*

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*Prelude in B minor, BWV 544*

J.S. Bach

#### ✝ CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Be gracious to us, O Lord, for we are in need.

**Help us to put our trust in you, O Lord so we can say, "You are our God."**

Let your face shine upon each of us,

**and save us in your steadfast love today and forevermore.**

It is so good to be in this sacred space to worship God together.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ✝ HYMN 403

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

UNSER HERRSCHER

#### CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

We wonder what it takes to be one of God's people.

**Sometimes we believe it is to be perfect in all we do.**

But the Lord reminds us that our brokenness is not an issue to be solved,

**but a truth to be redeemed.**

Let us confess our sins together to our merciful and gracious Lord.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

In this Season of Lent, we find ourselves in need of all you can offer, Lord.

**Despite our best efforts, we fail more often than succeed.**

We miss the mark and find ourselves wanting to do better.

**So we seek patterns and routines that will help us.**

Often they work, but only in ways that lead us farther from you.

For all we do that leads us astray, **we seek your mercy.**

For all we do that leads us to be isolated, **we seek your love.**

For all we do that confines us to our world, **we seek your grace.**

Lord, hear our silent prayers as we approach you for forgiveness...

*(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)*

The Lord knows our afflictions and redeems us because of God's love and...  
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**  
Let us greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace.

## WORD

*Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ben Kane

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Doug Barr

### HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

OT p. 681

### ANTHEM

*He That Shall Endure to the End* from Elijah  
SPC Adult Choir

F. Mendelssohn

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:35-43

NT p. 89

### SERMON

*What It Takes to Enter Paradise*

Rev. Ben Kane

### ✦ HYMN 227

*Jesus, Remember Me*

REMEMBER ME

Verse 1: Kenneth Rich, soloist

Verse 2: Maddy Moore, soloist

Verses 3 and 4: congregation

## 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.**

You are our God, and we are creatures of your hand...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
And blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...  
Great is the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

...As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
Send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 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.*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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.**

#### OFFERTORY

*Lift Thine Eyes* from Elijah  
SPC Women's Ensemble

F. Mendelssohn

*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.*

#### ✠ 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

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*  
verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

ABBOT'S LEIGH

#### ✠ BENEDICTION

#### ✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

J. Rutter

#### ✠ POSTLUDE

*Toccata in B minor*

E. Gigout

# Lenten Preaching Series February 22-April 5

## Feb. 22

*Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they are doing.*

Luke 23:34

## March 1

*Today, you will be with me in paradise.*

Luke 23:43

## March 8

*My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?*

Mark 15:34 and Matthew 27:46

## March 15

*Woman, Behold your son!*

*And to John, Behold your mother.*

John 19:26-27

## March 22

*I am thirsty.*

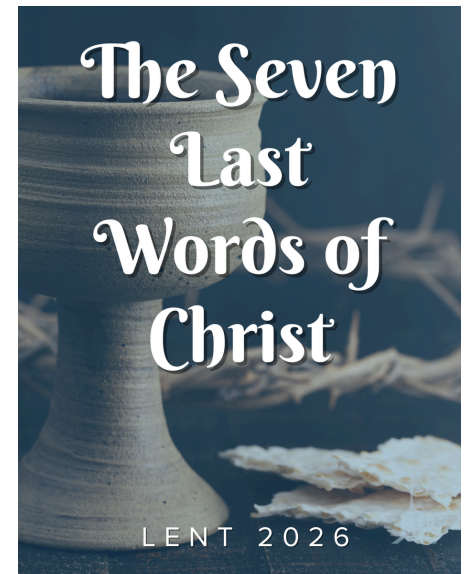
John 19:28

## March 29 (Palm Sunday)

*It is finished.*

John 19:30

## April 5 (Easter Sunday)



Learn More About Second Pres

[www.secondpreslr.org](http://www.secondpreslr.org)



## March 2026 Second Spotlight and Monthly Newsletter

Grab a copy of our monthly announcement sheet and newsletter at Second Presbyterian! These publications highlight 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 of The Spotlight!

## The Family Sandwich

NAVIGATING THE SANDWICHED GENERATION

### HOW TO DO IT ALL AT ONCE?

Learn from a panel of experts and peers.

WICH LEGAL DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO HAVE IN PLACE FOR MY CHILDREN: WILL, GUARDIANSHIP, ETC?

MILESTONES THAT HAPPEN DURING LIFE STAGES:

EDUCATION, HOUSING, CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN, HEALTHCARE, ETC.

WICH LEGAL DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED TO PRESERVE DIGNITY: POWER OF ATTORNEY, ADVANCED HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE, ETC.?

SUNDAY, MARCH 15  
SECOND HALL AT 12:15PM  
SANDWICHES WILL BE SERVED

To make a reservation, use the QR Code or call (501)-227-0000. Childcare is available by reservation.



## Statement of Welcome and 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.

# Calendar for the Week

## SUN MARCH 1

8:30 and 11:00am Worship  
 9:45pm Sunday School  
 3:00pm Basketball Practice  
 4:30pm Middle School SPY  
 5:30pm SPY Dinner  
 5:30pm Sunday Night Speaker Series  
 6:00pm High School SPY

## MON MARCH 2

9:30am First and Third Bible Study  
 11:30am Jubilant Ringers  
 1:30pm Monday Pastoral Care  
 4:45pm Personnel Committee  
 6:00pm Stephen Ministry  
 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting  
 7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting  
 7:00pm Volleyball

## TUES MARCH 3

7:00am Men's Group Ministry  
 9:00am Staff Meeting  
 5:00pm Pastoral Care Ministry  
 5:30pm Adult Ed Ministry  
 5:30pm Property Ministry  
 6:15pm Fellowship Ministry  
 7:00pm Outreach Ministry  
 7:00pm Worship Ministry

## WED MARCH 4

11:30am Planned Giving  
 5:15pm Junior Artist Ministry (JAM)  
 5:15pm SPY Boys' Bible Study  
 5:15pm SPY Girls' Bible Study  
 6:25pm Youth Choir  
 6:30pm Basketball Practice  
 6:45pm Enneagram Class  
 7:15pm Adult Choir

## FRI MARCH 6

SPY Kids Lock In

## SAT MARCH 7

SPY Kids Lock In

## SUN MARCH 8

8:30 and 11:00am Worship  
 9:45pm Sunday School  
 12:00pm Second Sunday Lunch  
 3:00pm Basketball Practice  
 4:30pm Middle School SPY  
 5:30pm SPY Dinner  
 5:30pm Sunday Night Speaker Series  
 6:00pm High School SPY

# Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane  
 Rev. Alisa Secrest  
 Doug Barr, Director of Family Ministry  
 Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts  
 Adam Savacool, organist  
 Liturgists: (8:30) Chris McDaniel (11:00) Jay Mitchell  
 Communion Servers: (8:30) Jean Kohler, Eugene Jones, Becky and Jackson Farrow (11:00) Bob Burnside, Judy Johnson, Elaine Eubank, Cathy and Kevin Crass, Amara Yancey, Justin Villines, Graham Catlett  
 Elder of the Day: (11:00) Mary Helen Henry

## March Usher Captains

3/1 (8:30) Matt Lindsey (11:00) Barrett Feltus  
 3/8 (8:30) Randy Bear (11:00) Doug Barton  
 3/15 (8:30) LB Vaught (11:00) Judy Johnson  
 3/22 (8:30) (11:00)  
 3/29 (11:00) Barrett Feltus

## Usher and Greeter Volunteer Sign Up

Use the QR code, or if you prefer to be on a list to be called from time to time as needed, please contact Alisa Secrest or Tracy May in the church office.



## 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 *Second Spotlight* for more on Second Pres and things that may be of interest to you. We're glad you're here.

## 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)

# Church Officers

## Session

**Moderator: Rev. Dr. Ben Kane**

**Clerk: Kate Franks**

**Assistant Clerk: George Keck**

**Treasurer: Kenneth Rich**

### **Class of 2026**

Mary Helen Henry  
Leslie McCormack  
Ruth Shepherd  
Alan Solomon  
Justin Villines

### **Class of 2027**

Laura Connor  
Elaine Eubank  
Steve Dunnagan  
Edwin Hankins  
Allison Pickell

### **Class of 2028**

Bob Burnside  
Cathy Crass  
Julie Font  
Beth Sigler  
Ralph Wilcox

### **Youth**

Beckett Wright

### **Diaconate**

**Moderator: Amy Lloyd**

**Vice Moderator: Houston Downes**

**Secretary: Amara Yancey**

### **Class of 2026**

Matt Christenson  
Cindy Downs  
David Eifling  
Judy Johnson  
Amy Lloyd  
Ann Owen  
Emma Ryall  
Matthew Smith  
L.B. Vaught  
Zachary Ward

### **Class of 2027**

Doug Barton  
Randy Bear  
Claire Brown  
Ken Cook  
Cayce Jennings  
Matt Lindsey  
Jane Mages  
Lindsey Taylor  
Amara Yancey

### **Class of 2028**

Gy Alexander-Dickens  
Sam Byrd  
Catherine Caldwell  
Julia Dorchester  
Houston Downes  
Barrett Feltus  
Nancy Hamlin  
Keith Ivey  
Mary Carole Polk  
Jeremy Rigsby  
Lindsay Tabor