

*Welcome to*



A Container for Hope

Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard

Sunday, July 14, 2024

9:00 AM

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**PRELUDE**

Nocturne in E-flat, op. 9 no. 2 Frédéric Chopin

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

**WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER**

Jamie Kaiser

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

Elder Sara Palmgren

Who is the King of glory?  
 The LORD, strong and mighty,  
 the LORD, mighty in battle.

**Lift up your heads, O gates!  
 and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
 that the King of glory may come in.**

**We welcome You, Lord, into our hearts.**

**\*CALL to CONFESSION****\*PRAYER of CONFESSION**

**Loving God, like a traveler on the wrong road, or running out of gas, we lose direction, or energy, in this life of faith. Sometimes we wonder how far we've traveled from You? We confess our lostness.**

**We confess our desire to be on the path with You, wherever that might take us. Like the prodigal returning from far off lands, help us find the road back to You.**

**\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

God is the great "I am." God arrived in human form to communicate to us, we are not so lost, that we cannot be found. Help us hear and believe.

We are beloved, chosen, held.

**Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
 In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Congregational Singing

**\*PASSING of the PEACE**

Jamie Kaiser

**\*SONG of the DAY**

Congregational Singing

Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place No. 211

**FOUNDATIONS**

Jamie Kaiser

————— *Children invited to attend Sunday School* —————

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Kathy Frank

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 pp. 280-281

**WORD IN SONG**

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

"If with all your hearts" from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

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Ephesians 1:3-14 p. 192

**MESSAGE**

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**\*HYMN**

Congregational Singing

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past No. 210

**OFFERING**

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Offertory "Méditation" from *Symphonie* no. 1 Charles-Marie Widor

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard

*Ending with Lord's Prayer***\*HYMN**

Congregational Singing

I Danced in the Morning No. 302

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard

**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

Praise Him! Praise Him! arr. Chester G. Allen

*\*Please stand*

# UPCOMING at SECONDPRES

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST REV. SUSAN BALLER-SHEPARD!

Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard is no stranger to our church. After college graduation, she worked as a youth director at Second Pres, before working at the Glebe Centre in Walsall, England, as a Time for God volunteer, with the Volunteer in Mission program of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Susan was ordained in 1991 to serve First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL, and has served on committees and permanent judicial commissions in the Presbytery of Great Rivers (PGR) and the Synod of Lincoln Trails. She attended General Assembly as a delegate and she worked as an interim pastor at both Arcadia Avenue Presbyterian Church, and Rochester, Illinois new church development. She served as parish associate pastor at both St Luke Union Church and First Presbyterian Church Normal. For over twenty years, Susan led Spiritual Book Club, a group that, along with meeting as a book club, made meals at a local homeless shelter and collected books for women in prison. Susan was also a founding board member in starting the Community Health Care Clinic in Bloomington, a free health care clinic for those slipping through the cracks in terms of healthcare.

## ACE CLASSES

The next ACE class will be led by Family Ministry Director Jamie Kaiser! This ACE class series will be structured for families and aims to offer advice on strengthening the family unit through the Lord. Participants will explore four values that are woven throughout Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home by Traci Smith. Class will be held on:

- July 14
- July 21
- July 28

To ensure there are enough materials, contact [ministryadmin@secondpres.com](mailto:ministryadmin@secondpres.com).

## FRESH GROUNDED FAITH WOMEN'S EVENT

Join featured Bible teacher Jennifer Rothschild, Margaret Feinberg and Michael O'Brien for the perfect girls weekend on Nov. 15 & 16! Get ready to experience a time of refreshment, learn practical truths from Scripture, and laugh out loud with other women in your area. If you would like to know more about volunteering or attending, contact Ellen Wylie or visit <https://bit.ly/FreshGroundFaith2PC>.

## GROUP SALE YARD SIGNS

If you are interested in displaying a yard sign regarding Group Sale, please see Janet Frankeberger at the Connection Point before or after worship service.

## EVERY SUNDAY

8:45 am: Sunday Morning Brunch  
 9:00 am: Worship Service  
 10:15 am: ACE (Adult Christian Education)  
 10:15 am: High School Brunch  
 3:00 pm: Lego League Robotics (Grades 4-8)

## EVERY TUESDAY

7:00 pm: Scouts Troops 903 and 9903  
 6:00-8:00 pm: First Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics (Grades 7-12)

## HELPFUL REMINDER

Before the service begins, please check in using your pew pad (located in each pew) or via the Second Pres church app. To download the app, search "Second Pres" in your phone's app store.

Alternatively, you may click on the person icon at the bottom of our website homepage.

If you missed a service and would like to view the bulletin or announcements from this year, visit [secondpres.com/weekly2024](http://secondpres.com/weekly2024)

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00-7:30 pm: K-5th KidsMin (90 min.)  
 6:00-7:30 pm: 6-8th YOUthMin (90 min.)  
*Resumes August*  
 6:30-8:00 pm: Chapel Choir Rehearsal  
*Resumes September*

## EVERY THURSDAY

11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch

## BIBLE STUDIES

### EVERY TUESDAY

8:30 am: Morning Men's Bible Study (Wylie)

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00-7:45 p.m. The Gathering Bible Study (Jennings)  
*On break, resume date TBD*

### EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

11:30 am: Bible Study (Jones)

For more information on Bible studies visit: [secondpres.com/biblestudy](http://secondpres.com/biblestudy)