

PRELUDE Little Prelude & Fugue in <i>b</i> <i>Bach</i> God Is My Sure Salvation <i>based on Psalm 27</i> <i>Karg-Elert</i>	Faye Bartley
WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER	Rev. Trey Haddon & Rev. Nicole Wegele
*CALL to WORSHIP Come, all who need help! Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth. Come, all who desire blessing! Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages. Come, all who long for salvation! Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.	Rev. Nicole Wegele
CALL to CONFESSION	
PRAYER of CONFESSION God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we often turn away from your blessing. Our problems pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes too much for us to handle. Free us from our distractions, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities of your love. Focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.	
ASSURANCE of PARDON God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved through him. Through the saving love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and blessed! Thanks be to God. Amen!	
GLORIA PATRI	Congregational Singing
PASSING of the PEACE	Rev. Nicole Wegele
*SONG of the DAY God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand, No. 262	Congregational Singing
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 13 New Living Translation	Jamie Bishop
<i>Children invited to attend Sunday School</i>	
WORD in SONG El Shaddai	Aidan Morris
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12:1-9	Rev. Nicole Wegele
MESSAGE Calling on the Impossible	Rev. Nicole Wegele
*HYMN God of Our Life, No. 275	Congregational Singing
OFFERING Offertory Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Doxology Prayer of Thanksgiving	Aidan Morris
PRAYERS of the PEOPLE	Rev. Trey Haddon
*HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, No. 281	Congregational Singing
*BENEDICTION	Rev. Nicole Wegele
POSTLUDE I'll Praise My Maker Kerr	Faye Bartley

Psalm 13

- ¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- ³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- ⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.



Christianity and World Religions

The next Adult Christian Education (ACE) class will be, Christianity and World Religions. The classes will be held from 10:15 to 11:00 following the 9:00 AM worship service, September 24 to October 29. The class compares the beliefs of four major religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism – with those of Christianity. More than just a survey of world religions, this class seeks to ask how we understand our Christian faith in light of other world religions.

The class will include an approximately 15-minute video from pastor and best-selling author, Rev. Adam Hamilton as well as discussion led by members of the ACE committee. Each class is a stand-alone class that you can easily join, even if you are unable to attend all classes in the series.

Books may be purchased from Kim Pare for \$15.00 and may be picked up at her desk during the week or at Connection Point on Sundays.

CLASS SCHEDULE

September 24 - Christianity and World Religions, The Wise Men

October 1 - Christianity and World Religions: Hinduism

October 8 - Christianity and World Religions: Buddhism

October 15 - Christianity and World Religions: Judaism

October 22 - Christianity and World Religions: Islam

October 29 - Christianity and World Religions: Christianity

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.

We're happy you're here with us!

COMING UP at SECONDPRES

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING

introducing our fall Bible Study:

Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight

Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00 PM

Open to all Second Presbyterian women

The cost is \$10 per person. RSVP with Kim at 309-828-6297

MISSION HIGHLIGHT:

Little Children of the Philippines

Sunday, September 17 at 9:00 AM

FALL FAMILY RETREAT

What: Our Family Fall Retreat is a time to spend resting and recentering. What better place to accomplish all of that than being in nature! Timber Pointe Outdoor Center activities during the retreat will include: ziplining, waterfront activities, and barnyard walks through the hiking trails.

When: September 22, Arrival 5-6pm Departure September 24 around 12 noon

Where: Timber Pointe Outdoor Center, 20 Timber Point Lane Hudson, IL 61748

Fee: \$50 per person over the age of 8.
\$40 per child under 8.

To register, scan the QR code with your phone, or visit secondpres.com/familyretreat.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 AM

Fellowship Hall F100A

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: SEMINARY OF CAIRO

Sunday, November 5 at 9:00 AM

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Returns in September

Date and location TBA

COFFEE OR TEA, AND THEOLOGY

Thursday, September 21 at 10AM

Denny's Doughnuts

107 S Main St, Bloomington, IL

EVERY SUNDAY

8:30 am: Sunday Morning Brunch

9:00 am: Worship Service

10:15 am: ACE (Adult Christian Education)

Returns September 24 in F100A

10:15 am: High School Brunch

Begins September 10 in South Entrance

3:00 pm: FTC Robotics

Lego League Robotics

EVERY TUESDAY

7:00 pm: Scouts Troops 903 and 9903

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm: K-5th Kid's Min (90 minutes)

6:00 pm: 6-8th YOUth Min (90 minutes)

EVERY THURSDAY

11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch

BIBLE STUDIES

EVERY TUESDAY

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

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

11:30 am: Bible Study
(Jones)

For more information on Bible studies, please visit: secondpres.com/biblestudy

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CALLING *on the* IMPOSSIBLE

Rev. Nicole Wegele
Sunday, September 3, 2023
9:00 AM Service