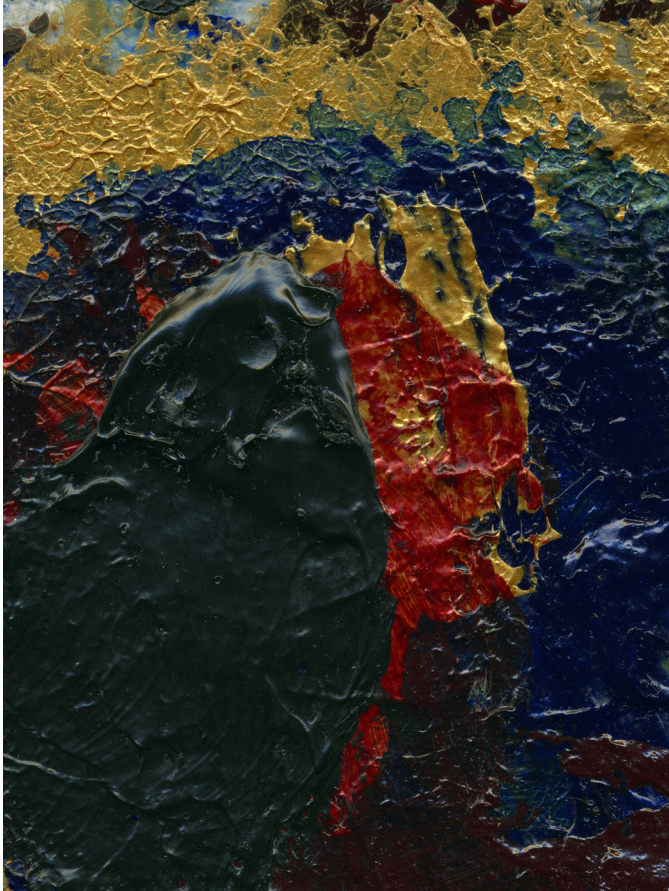


Second Presbyterian Church

August 24, 2025

10:00 am – Sanctuary

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Welcome! Your presence in the worshiping community is a gift! Please be sure to let us know you're here by using your phone's camera to scan the QR code. If you have the Connect app, you may also check in using Realm.

Large print bulletins are available at each entrance.
Hearing devices are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for children through age 5.

At the sign * you may rise in body or spirit.

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

*Please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera
at any time during worship.*

We Gather at God's Call

For Silent Meditation

"What has (the church) to offer as the basis for a moral society? There are two principles of Christian faith and discipleship that we need to form part of that basis: we are each of equal value to God, and we are all dependent on each other. We cannot do without them if we are ever to secure true justice and lasting peace and stability."

-Rowan Williams

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger
Early American Folk Hymn

arr. Don Hustad
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*Call to Worship

Kate White, Worship Leader

Now thus says the Lord, who created you:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I am with you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel.

You are precious in my sight, and I love you.

Let us worship the God, who calls us each by name.

We will worship and give thanks!

*Hymn 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

By your grace,

O God, you call us by name,

reminding us that we are your children—

precious, honored, and beloved in your sight.

But while your love for us is unfailing,

our love for you and others is not always certain.

You call to us,

but we do not always listen.

We forget the sound of our name on your lips.

You ask us to welcome the stranger,

but we turn them away.

You call us to forgive our enemies,

but we have trouble even forgiving our friends.

In so many ways,

we fall short of who you create us to be.

And yet, your love remains steady,
 and your mercy is everlasting.
 Forgive us, O God, and set us free from the past
 that we might love you with our whole hearts,
 and our neighbors as ourselves.

A time of silence for personal confession.

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The wilderness and the dry land will be glad; the desert will rejoice and blossom;
for waters will break forth in the wilderness, and streams will flow in the desert.

The captives and the lost will return to God with smiles on their faces and songs in their hearts. Friends, let us celebrate the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Children at the Chancel

Jenna Coy

Chil - dren wel - come in the name of Je - sus. Chil - dren wel - come
 in the name of love. All are wel - come in the name of
 Je - sus. All are wel - come in the name of love.

Words and Music by David L. Edwards ©2001

Children Are Invited to W.O.W. (Worship Our Way)

*Children can be picked up on the 3rd floor outside Rooms 300 and 301.
 We will complete our worship by 11:00 am. Please wait in the hallway,
 and we will dismiss children by family at 11:00 am.*

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sermon

God Hears Your "I Am Only" and Still Says "Go"

John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith

**We believe God sends us
to tell all nations
that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith, and obedience.
We are to proclaim by word and deed
that Christ gave himself to set people free
from sin and self-hatred,
from ignorance and disease,
from all forms of oppression,
and even from death.
We are to offer them in Christ's name
fullness of life now and forever.
We must not distort the gospel
by weakening its promises or demands,
by identifying it with oppressive structures,
by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.
We must not restrict our proclamation
to persons just like ourselves.
We invite people everywhere
to believe in Christ and become his followers.
We urge them to join us in telling others the good news
and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.**

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

*Hymn 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

John P. Leggett

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



Kate White

Musical Offering

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Carlton Young

Irish Folk Song

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Summer Choir

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night;
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word.
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord.
Thou my great Father and I thy true son.
O thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.*

*Doxology (A Song of Praise)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.**

God Sends Us to the World

*Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

*Postlude

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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Today's flowers are given in celebration of the **54th Wedding Anniversary of Michael and Barbara Hagen.**

Would you like to provide flowers for the chancel that beautify our worship on Sunday morning? If so, you are welcome to give flowers in memory and/or honor of loved ones, or in celebration of a milestone. **To reserve a Sunday, please scan the QR code on top of page 7** or contact Shawn Phelps (shawnp@2preslex.org or 859-254-7768) in the church office.

This Week at Second

Sunday, August 24

- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:05 am Lemonade in the Courtyard
- 11:15 am Sunday School Teacher Training
- 5:00 pm Downtown Youth Group (Jacobson Park: Shelter 4)

Monday, August 25

- 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation

Tuesday, August 26

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Yoga
- 6:30 pm CROP Walk Meeting
- 7:15 pm Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 27

- 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Backpack Buddies

Thursday, August 28

- 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Friday, August 29

No events scheduled

Saturday, August 30

- 9:00 am Women's Book Discussion (Gathering Place)

Sunday, August 31

- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:05 am Lemonade in the Courtyard

Upcoming Events:

September 7: Return to Regular Sunday Schedule

September 14: New Members Class

Children & Youth Announcements

Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org

Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

Downtown Youth Group is the collaboration between several downtown churches. They provide a diverse community of youth with opportunities for fellowship and Christian formation. **All 6th-12th Grades** are invited to join us as we kick off a new season **TODAY from 5:00-7:00 pm at Jacobson Park (Shelter #4)**. *Please RSVP through the QR code at the top of page 7.*

Sunday School Kick Off! All children, youth, and their parents are invited to join us for our annual Sunday School kick-off on September 7th at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall! We will have breakfast goodies (fruit, muffins, water and juice), parents can turn in the annual Registration and Release forms and youth and children can meet their teachers! Come join us as we begin a new year of learning and growing in faith together as followers of Jesus!

Other Announcements

Sign-ups for all events can be found by scanning the QR code.

Additional information is available on our website.



Lemonade in the Courtyard will take place today following the service. Please exit the sanctuary by the door to your left. An elevator or stairwell will take you to the lower level. *Come and get to know others from the congregation and welcome newcomers.*

The Summer Choir will sing today and August 31. Join us in the choir loft at 9:30 a.m., to prepare for the 10:00 service. All are welcome. Music and folders will be available. In preparation for our return to two services in September, **the Covenant Choir has resumed their Thursday evening rehearsals from 7:15-8:30 p.m.** *New members are very welcome!*

Coffee & Conversation: Join Pastor John and others from the congregation each Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 am. Come share the gift of fellowship!

Save the Date! Are you interested in joining Second Church? If so, join us for a one-session membership class on **Sunday, September 14th from 9:30-10:30 am.**

Would you like to serve as a worship leader for an upcoming Sunday service?

Worship is the work of the whole church, and we hope you'll share your gifts to inspire our congregation to a deeper praise. We will send you the readings, instructions, and any special information before your selected Sunday. *Scan the QR code on the top of this page and select Worship Leader* to sign up for an upcoming Sunday.

Women's Saturday Discussion Group meets each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Forum Room. Contact Amy Palmer (859-825-8703) for details.

Men's Book Group meets each Wednesday (6:30-7:30 a.m.) by Zoom. Contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu or 859-608-6662) for Zoom instructions and details.

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We invite you to take your bulletin home with you as a helpful resource concerning the life of the church. *If you choose not to, please recycle it as you exit the sanctuary.*

Prayer Concerns

In Our Church Family

David Porter

Bill McAtee

Carol Karutz

Jorene Terry

Global Concerns

You may keep up with the most recent and ongoing responses of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from the link on our church website, or by going directly to the denomination's website at www.pcusa.org. *Your gifts support good and important work.*

For updates on the current status of denominational mission partnerships, please visit www.pcusa.org.

We Extend Our Love and Care to...

...the family of **Genie Whayne**, who died last Sunday afternoon (August 17).

Church Staff

Gary L. Anderson, Director of Music and Covenant Choir

Martha Anderson, Organist

Katie Baird, Assistant Director of Children and Youth

Jenna Coy, Director of Children and Youth

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

Scarlet Hall, Director of Finance and Operations

Jerry Huddleston, Security

Evelyn Kramer, Clerk of Session

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