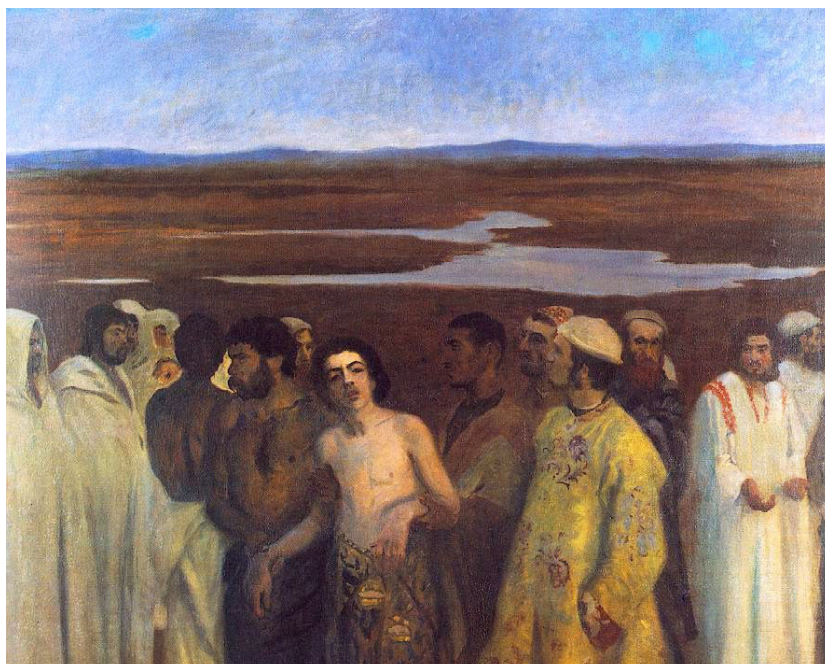




A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

10:00 am



Ferenczy, Károly, 1862-1917. Joseph Sold into Slavery by his Brothers, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.



Welcome! Your presence in the worshipping 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

"God at the center of our lives, our true life is found only in you. May we let go of all that is not life, all that is not you, that we may live in that freedom granted through the cross. Amen."

-Walter Brueggemann

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Two Settings of AMAZING GRACE

arr. Don Hustad

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*Call to Worship

Jenna Coy

Come, all who long for healing, reconciliation and peace.

We worship a God who can make a way where we see no way.

Come, for God is at work in ways seen and unseen.

We will worship God together.

*Hymn 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

Call to Confession

Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we can wound one another.

We have spoken words that cannot be unsaid

and done things that cannot be undone.

**We have allowed jealousy, fear, resentment and pride
to divide us from one another.**

The world cries out beneath the weight of sin.

Forgive us, O God.

Give us courage to tell the truth,

humility to seek forgiveness,

wisdom to make amends,

and grace to receive one another

as you have received us,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God!

Let us walk in freedom from all that has held us back.

By God's grace, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?
God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.
God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the spirit's gift?
God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.
God has changed us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?
God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.*

Psalter Reading

Psalms 126:1-8

Psalms Prayer

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.

The musical notation is for a children's song in 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple, with notes corresponding to the lyrics. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are: '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.*

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Sermon

God's Dangerous Dreaming
Sermons from Genesis: The Call of God's Promise

John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith

**God made us for life in community.
God created human beings with a need for community
and with freedom to enter into it
by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience,
and to one another with love and helpfulness.
We believe that we have been created
to relate to God and each other
in freedom and responsibility.
We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility
by trying to live without God and other people
or against God and other people.
Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,
and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.
Since every human being is made
for communion with God and others,
we must treat no one with contempt.
We are to respect and love all other people
and ourselves as well.**

(From A Declaration of Faith)

*Hymn 791

For You, My God, I Wait

SPRINGTIME

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

Katherine Redmond

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



*No matter how or where we give, our giving is an act of worship.
You may share your gifts by placing them
in one of the offering plates by each sanctuary door,
mailing them to the church office,
or through the secure online link to give electronically.
Or text 2PRESLEX and any amount to 73256 to give.*

Offertory Hymn 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

***For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

*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 300 (Vss. 1-2)

We Are One in the Spirit
THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

*Postlude

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho arr. Eugene Hancock
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Today's flowers are given in honor of **Fredda Moody's 90th birthday** on September 4th, by her husband, Bill.

2026 Sanctuary Flowers: Donating floral bouquets adds to the beauty of our sanctuary on Sundays and gives you a chance to remember a loved one. You are also welcome to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or baptism. Scan the QR code on page 7 to see the Sundays we have open, or contact the church office (859-254-7768).

This Week at Second

Sunday, August 30 9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Lemonade in the Courtyard 11:20 am Sunday School Teacher Meeting (Campbell Memorial Room) 5:00 pm Downtown Youth Group (Faith Lutheran)	Wednesday, September 2 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)
Monday, August 31 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place)	Thursday, September 3 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 1 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm BUILD Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 pm Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	Friday, September 4 <i>No events scheduled.</i>
	Saturday, September 5 9:00 am Saturday Book Group (Forum)
	Sunday, September 6 10:00 am Worship

Upcoming Events:

September 6-27: Civil Rights Exhibit (Fellowship Hall)

September 13: Return to Regular Worship Schedule

September 13: Sunday School Kick Off (Fellowship Hall)

September 16: Communion Class

October 11: CROP Hunger Walk

Children & Youth Announcements

Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org

Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

Downtown Youth Group Kick-Off will be held **TODAY** for all 6th-12th graders at **Faith Lutheran** (100 Bates Creek Rd.) from **5:00-7:00 pm**. Join other youth from local downtown churches for fun and fellowship!

Youth and Children Sunday School Kick-Off: All children, youth, and their parents are invited to join us for our annual Sunday School kick-off on **September 13th 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!**

Middle School Fellowship – All 6th-8th graders are welcome to come for our first meeting of the year on Sunday, **September 13th from 12:00-2:00 pm**. We play games, do team building activities, mission projects and more! Lunch will be provided and invite a friend!

Other Announcements

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

Additional information is available on our website.



The final Lemonade in the Courtyard will take in 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.

Coffee & Conversation: Join Pastor John, various staff members, and unknown others from the congregation each **Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 am** (or so) in the Gathering Place.

Join the Covenant Choir! Rehearsals are held on **Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:30 pm**. You may have years of choir experience, or you may be interested in singing in a church choir for the first time. **All are welcome!** Questions? Contact Gary L. Anderson (ganderson@transy.edu or 859-317-3353)

Carillon Handbells are looking for new members! Whether you've been ringing for years or have never picked up a bell before, we would love for you to join us. **No previous experience is required**—just a willingness to learn and have fun! Our regular rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday evenings from 5:30–7:00 pm, beginning September 9th**. If you've ever been curious about handbells, this is the perfect time to give them a try.

Faith and Justice in the 1960s: an exhibit about the role of churches in the civil rights movement to be on display in the Fellowship Hall throughout the month of September. It includes banners from the Presbyterian Historical Society, as well as from the Lexington Herald-Leader and church archives. On **Sunday, September 13th**, the public is invited to an open house from **12:00 to 3:00 pm**.

Church Prayer List: Please contact the church office if you would like to add yourself or someone else to our prayer list. To keep the congregation's prayer list focused on immediate prayer concerns, we will ordinarily remove names and causes after three weeks. You may also contact the church office if you wish to have a name or cause on our prayer list for an extended period.

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.

Blue bins are available at each sanctuary exit for you to **recycle your bulletin**.

Prayer Concerns

In Our Church Family

Charles Shane (Matt Shane's father)
Pennilu Gerard
Julia Leopold
Libby Messer

Robbie Messer
Carol Karutz (Cathy Rogers's mother)
Dwight Carpenter
David Porter

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.

We Extend Our Love and Care to...

...**the family of Kenny Leatherman**, who died on August 20th.

...**Liz and Chuck Dietrich** and family on the death of Liz's mother on August 22nd.

...**Jennie and Doug Boyd** and family on the death of Jennie's mother, **Edith Bare**, on August 25th.

We Celebrate with...

...**Tom and Leigh Barker**, who were married on Friday, August 28th.

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
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