

Second Presbyterian Church

August 31, 2025

10:00 am – Sanctuary

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

Malcolm Coy

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Loving Spirit arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold
Hymn Tune RESTORATION from Southern Harmony
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*Call to Worship

Angene Wilson, Worship Leader

Happy are those who love the Lord,

who delight in God's commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

Those who love God are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

They are generous, sharing freely what they have received.

It is well with those who live in justice.

Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.

Let us praise the Lord!

*Hymn 719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**we ask you to forgive us for doing things we shouldn't,
and for not doing things we should.**

**But we also need you to help us avoid a common temptation:
to focus on the lives of others while ignoring our own.**

Deepen our trust in your desire to forgive us.

**Help us to consider the ways our words and actions
separate us from you and each other.**

As those who have received mercy, teach us to show mercy.

Keep us mindful of your gracious care.

**Lead us to remember who you are,
and to give thanks for all you do among us.**

And lead us to forgive our neighbors—and ourselves.

A time of silence for personal confession.

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

If God is for us, who is against us? In Jesus Christ, we have been set free.
Let us trust that we are forgiven so that we may live at peace.

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 score is written on three staves in 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. 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. 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 2:4-13

Sermon

The Betrayal of Glory

John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one true and living God.
We acknowledge one God alone,
whose demands on us are absolute,
whose help for us is sufficient.
That One is the Lord,
whom we worship, serve, and love.
We acknowledge no other God.
We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.
We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power.
We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.
We praise and enjoy God.**

To worship God is our highest joy.
To serve God is perfect freedom.

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

*Hymn 479

Ho, All Who Thirst

JACOB'S WELL

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

John P. Leggett

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



Angene Wilson

Musical Offering

How Firm a Foundation PROTECTION

arr. Dan Forrest

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Summer Choir

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent word.
What more can He say than to you He hath said
for you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
Fear not, I am with thee O be not dismayed,
I'll give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.*

*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 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

*Postlude

Recessional on *Come, Labor On*

arr. Don Hustad

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Today's flowers are given in memory of all Presbyterian Women who have entered chapter eternal by The Beth Wachs Circle.

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 31

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

Monday, September 1

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

10:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Yoga
7:15 pm Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 3

6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)
1:00 pm Community Life Committee Meeting
5:30 pm Carillon Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 4

7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 5

No events scheduled

Saturday, September 6

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

Sunday, September 7

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School Kick-Off
 Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Alight (4th & 5th Grades)

Upcoming Events:

September 7: Return to Regular Sunday Schedule

September 7: Alight (4th & 5th Grade)

September 14: New Members Class

September 14: Youth Fellowship (6th - 12th Grades)

October 12: CROP Hunger Walk

Children & Youth Announcements

Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org

Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

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!

Alight Children's Fellowship - We are excited to continue our Sunday Fellowship Group for 4th and 5th graders! **We will gather from 12:15-2:15 pm** for recreation, mission projects, and fun ways of exploring our faith as we build friendships and learn how to follow Jesus and live out our faith. **Our first gathering will be held next Sunday, September 7th!**

Youth Fellowship - All 6th through 12th graders will meet **Sundays from 12:15-2:15 pm**. We play games, do team building, serve with mission projects, and have fun! **Our first gathering will be held Sunday, September 14th!**

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 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.

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).

Coffee & Conversation will not meet tomorrow due to the holiday. Plan to join us again on Monday, September 8th, at 9:30 am in the Gathering Place.

Presbyterian Women Beth Wachs Circle will meet Monday, September 8th at 1:00 pm, in the Forum Room. All women of the church are welcome to join us for refreshments, fellowship and bible study. Contact Sandra Harrison (859-806-1172) with questions.

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**. Scan the QR code above to RSVP.

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 **Betty Mills**, who died on August 14. *A service will be held at a later date.*

We Celebrate...

...the birth of **Jackson "JP" Powell Gray**, son of Jackson and Maitlin Gray, on August 17th. *Grandparents are Vanessa Wells-Gray and Franklin Gray.*

...the birth of **Kenzie Hope Graff**, daughter of John Paul and Erica Graff, born on August 8th. *Grandmother is Vicky Graff.*

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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