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A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
*First Sunday in Lent*

February 22, 2026

11:00 am

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*Desert of the Beloved* ©Jan Richardson. janrichardson.com



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 of holiness and truth, many voices claim to know what is right and good and clamor for our attention. We pray that you will silence in us any voice but yours until we are compelled to act with justice, to speak with clarity, kindness, and honesty, and to walk humbly in the way of Jesus. Keep his example always before us and stir us out of complacency, making us like children again as we worship with astonished joy. Amen.*

## Sounding of the Chimes

## Pouring of the Water

Nora Wynn

## Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

## Prelude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. Joel Raney

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Nancy Brown and Martha Anderson, piano duet

## \*Call to Worship

Nathan Lee, Worship Leader

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**The journey begins in the wilderness.**

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

**For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

Let us worship God!

## \*Hymn 166

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess  
that we have not always sought your face.**

**We adore the high and mighty,  
and ignore your humble servant.**

**We sometimes act with prejudice and partiality,  
failing to share your love for all.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Pour out the power of your Spirit  
and renew us in our calling  
to show the wonder of your love.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

**Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Promise of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, and this is the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.**

Psalter

Psalm 32

Psalm Prayer

Musical Offering

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

arr. Alice Parker

Covenant Choir ©2005 Birnamwood Publications

*I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.*

*When my head is bowed in sorrows, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me.*

*When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

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.*

*Please wait in the hallway, and we will dismiss children by family at 12:00 pm.*

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

*A Question of Identity*

John P. Leggett

\*An Affirmation of Faith

Who are you?

**I am a child of God.**

What does it mean to be a child of God?

**That I belong to God, who loves me.**

What makes you a child of God?

**Grace—God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.**

Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

**No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.**

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

**I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

How do you love God?

**By worshiping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.**

(From *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

\*Hymn 460

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

BREAD OF LIFE

## We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

John P. Leggett

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.*

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 757 (Vss. 1, 4) *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD
- \*Charge and Blessing John P. Leggett
- \*Postlude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Richard Ellsasser  
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Today's flowers are given in memory of my parents, **Paul and Sandy Master**, by Randy Master.

**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, February 22

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:40 am Sunday School
- 9:40 am Confirmation Group (Campbell Memorial Room)
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Downtown Youth Group (Christ Church)

### Monday, February 23

- 9:00 am Coffee and Conversations (Gathering Place)

### Tuesday, February 24

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:00 pm Preschool Art Night (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm Yoga
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Group (202)
- 7:15 pm Lexington Chamber Chorale

### Wednesday, February 25

- 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Backpack Buddies
- 5:30 pm Handbells

### Thursday, February 26

- 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, February 27

*No events scheduled*

### Saturday, February 28

- 9:00 am Women's Book Discussion

### Sunday, March 1

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:40 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 pm Justice Ministry Assembly (Forum Room)

## Upcoming Events:

**March 1:** Congregational Meeting

**March 12:** Communion Class

**March 29:** Palm Sunday Worship

**March 29:** Annual Meeting and Lunch

## Children & Youth Announcements

**Jenna Coy:** [jennac@2preslex.org](mailto:jennac@2preslex.org)

**Katie Baird:** [katieb@2preslex.org](mailto:katieb@2preslex.org)

**Downtown Youth Group** for 6th-12th graders are invited to join other youth for food, fun and fellowship **TODAY from 5:00-7:00 pm at Christ Church Cathedral** (166 Market St.).

**Communion Class for you and your 3rd, 4th, 5th grader(s) or older will be held Thursday, March 12th from 6:00-7:15 pm.** Led by Pastor John and Jenna, the class will include learning about this sacrament together and why it is so meaningful to us as followers of Jesus. If you and your family can come join us for this great class, please scan the QR code at the top of page 7 to RSVP.

**Youth Sunday is set for April 26th!** If your youth would like to participate, please email Jenna.

**Do you have a senior in high school or college that will be a 2026 graduate?** If so, please send their name, school they attend and what their plans are after they graduate to Jenna Coy. We look forward to celebrating with them in May!

## Other Announcements

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

*Additional information is available on our website.*



**Coffee and Donuts** are available in the Gathering Place between services. Come and meet others in our church family. **If you (or your family) would like to host**, please scan the QR code above to see the open Sundays.

**Coffee and Conversations:** Join Pastor John and others from the congregation each **Monday morning from 9:30—10:30 am (or so) in the Gathering Place**. There is no agenda, other than talking together and sharing life. *Come join us!*

**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting** for next Sunday, March 1st, following the 11:00 am service. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the report of the Nominating Committee and vote on changes for Pastor John's terms of call.

**All Second Church members and guests** are invited to join **Second's Justice Ministry Congregational Assembly** next Sunday, **March 1st from 12:15 (lunch provided)-1:30 pm** in the Forum Room. Please contact Shawn Caudill ([timothy.caudill@uky.edu](mailto:timothy.caudill@uky.edu)) or Judy Maxson ([jke659@gmail.com](mailto:jke659@gmail.com)) with your questions or concerns....and pre-order your lunch before February 27th.

**The Lexington Chamber Chorale** presents **35 Years in Harmony** on Sunday, **March 8 at 5:00 pm**. In his last year as artistic director, Gary L. Anderson programs favorite selections from the past and music to be performed for the first time. Our guest artist is Swedish mallet specialist, Anders Åstrand, who will be making his third appearance with the Chorale. Tickets will be available at the door the afternoon of the concert. They are available now on the website [lexingtonchamberchorale.org](http://lexingtonchamberchorale.org). General admission, \$25; Group (6 or more, \$20); Students Free. For more information contact Gary L. Anderson at [ganderson@transy.edu](mailto:ganderson@transy.edu) or at 859-317-3353.

**Join the Covenant Choir!** We are preparing to present *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, a work for choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra on Palm Sunday. **Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:30 pm**. All voice parts are welcome. Contact Gary L. Anderson, Director of Music, with questions ([ganderson@transy.edu](mailto:ganderson@transy.edu)).

**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](mailto: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** if you aren't taking it with you.

## Prayer Concerns

### In Our Church Family

Ron and Marilyn Smedley

Jim Potts

Junie Roberts

Kenny Leatherman

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](http://www.pcusa.org). Your gifts support good and important work.

### In Our Presbytery

Keep the Buckhorn School at Dessie Scott and their community in your prayers following the recent fire. For information about how to help, visit [buckhorn.org](http://buckhorn.org).

### Our 2026 Confirmands and (Covenant Partners)

Carly Repass (Jackie Graves), Leah Leachman (Judy Maxson), Banks Wilkinson (Sam Finley), Henry Walter (Bill Hoyt), Max Walter (Greg Leopold), Claire Yeiser (Julia Leopold), Davis de Cognets (Carol Behr), Reagan Briggs (Beth Roseland), Quinn Merlino (Melanie Gabbard), B Jones (Harvie Wilkinson), Caroline Monohan (Nancy Kelley), Sarah Kennelly (Kay Harris), Nathan Reid (Shawn Caudill), Daniel Milward (Nathan Lee), Carys Moore (Cindy Woolwine), Emmie Van Metre (Kathy Kluemper)

## 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

**John P. Leggett**, Pastor

**Robert Lockard**, Maintenance/Security

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