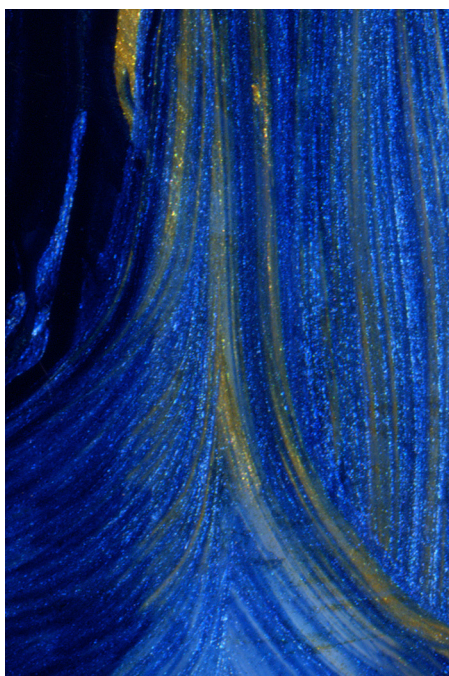




A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 11, 2026

11:00 am



Blessing the Baptism ©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

Baptism came to be seen “as a kind of restoration of what it means to be truly human. To be baptized is to recover the humanity that God first intended. What did God intend? He intended that human beings should grow into such love for him and such confidence in him that they could rightly be called God’s sons and daughters.”

(Rowan Williams, Being Christian)

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Nora Wynn

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Moment for Ministry

Second Hands

Joe Swayze

Prelude

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

arr. Gordon Young

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*Call to Worship

Kyle Phillips, Worship Leader

The God who created us says, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.”

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders.

A voice from heaven speaks,

you are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

Baptized into Christ Jesus, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,

and the promise of our God to call us by name.

*Hymn 610 (Vss. 1-2, 4) *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

In the waters of baptism, O God,

you drench us in your grace.

You call us your beloved children,

making us your own forever.

You send us to be vessels of your love and grace in the world,

and to let our lives point to your glory.

But even though you have named us, we forget who we are.

We fail to remember your call to forgive, welcome, and love.

Forgive us.

Remind us once more that we are your beloved children.

Open us to a deeper love for you and others,

that your goodness would be made known in all the earth.

(Silence for personal confession)

Through Jesus Christ, who was baptized by John. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness
The love of God flows ceaselessly.
The mercy of God never ends.
This is the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Psalter Psalm 29

Psalm Prayer

Musical Offering *Walk in the Light* arr. André Thomas
Covenant Choir ©2005 Choristers Guild

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.
Hark the herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world;
Glory to the newborn King, Jesus the light of the world.*

Sacrament of Baptism for Isla Ward Blair

Presentation

Renunciations and Affirmations

Baptism

Blessing

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 3:13-17

Sermon

Remember Your Baptism

Katherine Redmond

*An Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that in baptism
the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise
to include us and our children in his gracious covenant,
cleansing us from sin,
and giving us newness of life,
as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.
Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ's people
and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.
In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to be the Lord's.
For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder
that God loves us long before we can love him.
For both, God's grace and our response to it
are not tied to the moment of baptism,
but continue and deepen throughout life.**

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

*Hymn 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

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 318	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>	MCKEE
*Charge and Blessing		Katherine Redmond
*Postlude	<i>Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day</i> arr. Douglas E. Wagner ©1999 Hope Publishing Company OneLicense #A-70283	



Today’s flowers are given in memory of **Dorothy Friend's** many January birthdays by her family.

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, January 11 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Rise Against Hunger Event (Fellowship Hall) 12:15 pm Deacons	Wednesday, January 14 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom) 5:30 pm Handbells Thursday, January 15 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal Friday, January 16 <i>No events scheduled</i> Saturday, January 17 9:00 am Women's Book Discussion Sunday, January 18 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Session (Forum) 12:15 pm Youth Fellowship
Monday, January 12 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place) 1:00 pm Beth Wachs Circle (Forum) 7:00 pm Mission Committee	
Tuesday, January 13 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Needlepoint Group 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Finance Committee (Zoom)	

Upcoming Events:

February 17: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 18: Ash Wednesday Service

Children & Youth Announcements

Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org

Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

Alight is for all those in 4th and 5th grade. Join us as we participate in the Rise Against Hunger Mission event today. We will meet as a group following the 11:00 service.

Note: Alight will end when the event is over.

Youth Fellowship is for all youth in grades 6th-12th grade. We meet on Sundays from 12:15-2:15 pm to play games, do team building activities, mission projects, and learn about different people in the Bible. **Lunch will be provided!** Join us for our next meeting on January 18th as our theme will be *Social Media Challenge*.

The Confirmation Journey of 2026 is about to begin! If you have an 8th grader (or older youth) who would like to participate, please email jennac@2preslex.org.

Other Announcements

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

Additional information is available on our website.



Rise Against Hunger: Join us following the 11:00 am service TODAY in Fellowship Hall for an opportunity to participate in a global movement to end hunger by helping us pack at least 15,000 meals to be shared with people across the globe. **If you have not signed up, please stop by the Forum Room. Light pizza meal provided.**

Star Words and Candles: At each entrance to the sanctuary, you should find a basket of Star Words that were part of our service for Epiphany Sunday (when the magi followed the star to Bethlehem). With them are candles that were used in our services on Christmas Eve. Please take a star and candle with you today as a reminder that "God's light still shines and always will." The hope is that you will light your candle somewhere in the course of your day and center on that good news. Take a picture of that light shining wherever you are, and send it to the church. We're creating a collage of all the places our live reflect God's light in the world.

Coffee and Conversations: Do you need any of these things? A chance to connect with others. A safe place to talk about your faith or your fears—or even the mundane things of your life. A time to unwind with others as you begin your week. If so, then join Pastor John and unknown others from the congregation each **Monday morning from 9:30—10:30 am (or so) in the Gathering Place**. There will be no agenda, other than talking together and sharing life. Hope to see you there!

Join the Presbyterian Women Beth Wachs Circle on January 12th at 1:00 pm. All the women of the church are invited to this group. Please come and enjoy fellowship and discussion. Questions? Please contact Sandra Harrison (859-806-1172).

Join the Covenant Choir! Rehearsals have resumed and we will soon be practicing on a major work to be presented 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).

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

Ron and Marilyn Smedley
Sherrill Thomas
Jim Potts
Linda Levstik

Barb Hauke
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. *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...

...**Bobbie Brown and family** on the death of her husband, Ron, on December 26th in Arden Hills, Minnesota.

We Celebrate with...

...the family of **Isla Ward Blair** on her baptism today during the 11:00 am service. Parents are **Klinton and Sarah Blair**.

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