



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

11:00 am



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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

Holy God, you sent your Son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Mary and Frazier Holbrook

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Improvisation on HUMILITY

arr. David Lasky

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*Call to Worship

MK Holbrook, Worship Leader

Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

Let us all be jubilant with joy!

*Hymn 339 (Vss. 1, 3)

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

MK Holbrook

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide,

and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us

a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image.

(Silence for personal confession)

Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

This is the good news: we are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin.

Happy are those who put their trust in God, who delight to do God's will,

for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Psalter Psalm 40:1-11

Psalm Prayer

Musical Offering *He Comes to Us as One Unknown* arr. John Ferguson
Covenant Choir ©1996 Augsburg Fortress

*He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seen in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred.
He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;
half-seen upon thee inward eye, a falling star across the sky of night within the heart.
He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam;
yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
a voice that calls us home.*

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 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Sermon *Strengthened to the End* John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith

**Christ calls us to be disciples.
In forming his people and sending them into the world,
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.
We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God’s undeserved gift to each of us.
It is also God’s demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

*Hymn 726 (Vss. 1-2, 5) *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

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.*

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 702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN
- *Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett
- *Postlude

Angels From the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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Today’s flowers are given in memory of **Jack Wilson** by Angene and daughter Miatta Wilson, and daughter Cheryl McElroy and 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 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 19

Office closed for the holiday
No events scheduled

Tuesday, January 20

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:30 pm Yoga
- 7:15 pm Lexington Chamber Chorale

Wednesday, January 21

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

Thursday, January 22

- 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 23

No events scheduled

Saturday, January 24

- 9:00 am Women's Book Discussion

Sunday, January 25

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:40 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Downtown Youth Group (Faith Lutheran)

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

Youth Fellowship is for all youth in grades 6th-12th grade. Join us TODAY from **12:15-2:15 pm** to eat lunch, play games and explore that it means to be a good steward on social media.

Downtown Youth Group for 6th-12th graders will meet next **Sunday, January 25th** from **5:00-7:00 pm** at **Faith Lutheran Church** (1000 Bates Creek Rd.). Join youth from other churches for dinner, fellowship and games!

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 Jenna (jennac@2preslex.org).

Youth Sunday is set for April 26th! If your youth is a senior this year and would like to write a senior reflection, please email Jenna.

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**, scan the QR code above to see the Sundays we have open.

The church office will be closed tomorrow for the MLK holiday.

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. *No meeting tomorrow due to the holiday. Join us for our next get-together on Monday, January 26th.*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will knit or crochet together on Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m., in room 204. Contact Kathy Blomquist with questions (kbbloomquist@gmail.com).

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.

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