



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026

10:00 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

Loving God, our hands are open to you. Our ears are listening to you. Our eyes are watching you. Our hearts are trying to beat with yours. Live in us and love others through us today and in the days to come. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Brother James' Air

arr. Larry Shackley

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*Call to Worship

Jenna Coy

God calls us here.

May our worship reflect our devotion.

God meets us here.

May our hearts respond with joy.

God moves among us here.

May our voices show our love.

*Hymn 403

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

Call to Confession

Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession

**Loving and gracious God,
we seek your forgiveness
for all the ways we have turned from you.**

**You call us to follow you,
but we turn back.**

**You command us to love one another,
but our love falters.**

**You invite us to let go of the past,
to walk in newness of life,
but we hold onto things that hurt us.**

Forgive us.

**Help us to turn toward you so that
we may walk in your way.**

**Give us courage to follow you,
to let go of the past and its failures,
and to walk unafraid into the future of your goodness.**

Silence for personal reflection and confession.

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

Beloved, hear the good news: God knows us and forgives us and leads us in the way of everlasting life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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 first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. 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.'

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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 Readings

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon

The Weeds Aren't Leaving Soon

John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith

**Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.
Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.
He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives
in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people**

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

PROMISE

John P. Leggett



Invitation to the Offering

arr. Mark Hayes

John P. Leggett

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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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

We will come forward to receive the bread and the cup.

Please move toward the center aisle, where two lines will move toward the servers.

*Take a piece of bread and eat; then move to the outside
to take and drink the cup from the tray.*

*Place your used cups in the white bowl on your way back
and move back to your seat by the outside aisle.*

*Please raise your hand to signal you wish to be served in your seat
when the presider asks, "**Have all been fed?**"*

Feel free to sing these hymns with the choir during the serving:

525 — *Let Us Break Bread Together*

175 — *Seek Ye First, Vs. 1*

227 — *Jesus, Remember Me*

God Sends Us to the World

*Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

*Postlude

Rigaudon

André Campra

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Today's flowers are given in memory of **Tony Stallard** who would have celebrated his birthday on July 21st by Nancy and Seth Stallard.

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, July 19 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Lemonade in the Courtyard	Thursday, July 23 <i>No events scheduled</i>
Monday, July 20 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place)	Friday, July 24 <i>No events scheduled</i>
Tuesday, July 21 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:30 pm OLLI Class (Forum Room) 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 204)	Saturday, July 25 9:00 am Saturday Book Group (Forum)
Wednesday, July 22 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)	Sunday, July 26 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Lemonade in the Courtyard

Upcoming Events:

August 9: Blessing of the Backpacks
September 13: Return to Regular Worship Schedule

Children & Youth Announcements
Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org
Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

Blessing of the Backpacks: Students, teachers, administrators, coaches, staff members, and anyone involved in education are invited to bring your backpack, or other tools of your office, to worship on **Sunday, August 9th** during the 10:00 worship.

Other Announcements

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

Additional information is available on our website.



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. This is a wonderful way to get to know others in our church family! We are also looking for those who may be interested in being a host. Scan the QR code above or call the church office (859) 254-7768.

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.

Come and join the Prayer Shawl Ministry group to knit/crochet on the third Tuesday of the month (**July 21st**) at **1:00 pm** in room 204.

During the summer months, remember to bring your non-perishable food items on Sunday, or during office hours, and place them in the **God's Pantry Blue Barrel**, located at the bottom of the steps near the youth entrance.

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

Kathy Blomquist
Julia Leopold
Sally Bradford
Robbie Messer
Marilyn Smedley

Nellie Little
Jorene Terry
Dwight Carpenter
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.

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
Julianna Nitz, Carillon Hand Bell Director
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