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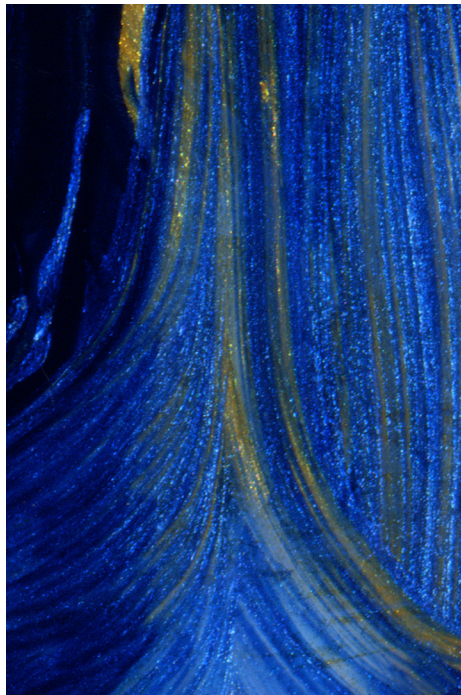
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A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
*Confirmation Sunday*

May 17, 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

*Make us one, O God, as you are one. Show us the gift of eternal life: to know you as you know us. Help us to finish the work that you have called us to do, that we may glorify you always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Sounding of the Chimes

## Pouring of the Water

Our Confirmands

*Sarah Kennelly, Leah Leachman, Quinn Merlino, Nathan Reid,  
Carly Repass, Emmie Van Metre, Henry Walter*

## Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

## Prelude

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
Carillon Handbell Choir

Larry Sue

## \*Call to Worship

Jenna Coy

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

**For the Lord is a gracious God,  
whose mercy is everlasting;  
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

## \*Hymn 246 (Vss. 1-2, 5)

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

## Call to Confession

Jackie Graves

## Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, at your Son's ascension,  
he charged us to continue in his way.  
Through him, you called us to keep the movement going,  
to witness to the ends of the earth,  
to pray, to heal,  
to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds,  
to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us.  
We have fallen short of this call.  
We have hidden ourselves in fear,  
sought our own comfort,  
and resigned ourselves to the status quo.  
Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will,  
that we may be signs of your coming reign.**

*Silence for personal reflection and confession.*

Through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Promise of Forgiveness

From God alone comes everlasting joy and peace. Let us live in response to these good gifts.

**May we be filled with the joy of God’s promises so that God may send us out to be bearers of grace in the world. 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.

*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 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

Sermon

*Faith in a World of Fiery Ordeals and Roaring Lions*

John P. Leggett

We Welcome Our 2026 Confirmands

*Sarah Kennelly, Leah Leachman, Quinn Merlino, Nathan Reid,  
 Carly Repass, Emmie Van Metre, Henry Walter*

Presentation

Renunciations and Affirmations

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Confirmation Blessings

Prayer

Welcome

\*Hymn 488

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

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## 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.*

Musical Offering

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*  
Carillon Handbell Choir

Larry Sue

\*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

Katherine Redmond



## This Week at Second

### Sunday, May 17

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:45 am Reception for Donna Phillips
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Deacons
- 12:00 pm Session

### Monday, May 18

- 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation  
(Gathering Place)

### Tuesday, May 19

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:30 pm OLLI Class (Forum Room)
- 7:15 pm Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

### Wednesday, May 20

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

### Thursday, May 21

*No Events Scheduled*

### Friday, May 22

*No Events Scheduled*

### Saturday, May 23

- 9:00 am Women's Book Discussion

### Sunday, May 24

- 9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Worship

## Upcoming Events:

**May 24:** Summer Worship Time Begins (10:00 am)

**May 31:** Senior Recognition Sunday

**June 8 — 11:** VBS (6:00-8:00 pm)

## Children & Youth Announcements

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

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

**Attention Graduating Seniors - High School and College:** You are invited to send your information to be recognized in our bulletin and in worship on **Sunday, May 31st**. Please send your high school or college from which you are graduating, along with your future plans (college you plan to attend, etc.) to Jenna Coy.

**VBS Registration Is Open!** Scan the QR code on top of page 7 to register or to sign up to volunteer June 8-11 (6:00-8:00 pm).

## Other Announcements

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

*Additional information is available on our website.*



**This morning we rejoice as seven confirmands profess their faith in Christ Jesus and commit themselves to follow in his way.** We offer profound gratitude to their families for inviting us to join with them to nurture their children in the faith. We will also renew our promises for them as a congregation and open ourselves to receiving the gifts they bring. (The previous 9 confirmands from this year's Confirmation Journey were received on May 3, 2026).

**A Farewell Reception will be held in the Gathering Place TODAY between 9:45 and 10:25 am for Donna Phillips, Director of the Carillon Handbell Choir.** We hope you will come and fellowship with others in the congregation as we give thanks for Donna's faithful ministry among us. We send her forth to pastoral ministry with deep gratitude and continuing prayers.

**Beginning next Sunday, May 24th–September 6th,** we will transition to our **summer worship schedule.** We will gather as one community in person or by livestream from the sanctuary for worship at 10:00 am. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first and third Sundays of each month. The nursery will be available. *(Please note: No WOW on May 24 or July 5.)*

**The Covenant Choir** will welcome **'summer singers'** beginning May 24th, when we move to one service at 10:00 a.m. The Summer Choir will rehearse **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the choir loft.** There are no Thursday evening rehearsals. Music will be distributed and we will learn an anthem in less than 30 minutes! Robes will not be worn and **all youth and adults** are welcome to join us!

**During the month of May,** help support our and Cardinal Valley Elementary School in collecting items needed for **stocking their pantry in the Family Resource Center.** Visit the Gathering Place to pick up a list of items most needed.

**Coffee & Conversation** - 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. If so, join Pastor John and unknown others in 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.

**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** if you aren't taking it with you.

## Prayer Concerns

### In Our Church Family

Sally Bradford

Ron and Marilyn Smedley

Jim Potts

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

### 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 des 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

**Shawn Phelps**, Administrative Assistant

**Donna Phillips**, Carillon Handbell Choir Director

**Katherine Redmond**, Parish Associate

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