



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

11:00 am



Commitment Sunday



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

"Stewardship is not a program or campaign, and it is not about raising money for the church budget—it is a way of life, a way of life that issues forth naturally from Christian faith and spiritual life. Once we have all grown in our relationship with God and therefore in faith, hope, and love,...the economics of God will make sense, and stewardship will become a natural dimension of our Christian life of faith."

(By John H. Westerhoff in *Grateful and Generous Hearts*)

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach, arr. Tedd Smith

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Piano duet by Nancy Brown and Martha Anderson

*Call to Worship

MK Holbrook, worship leader

We gather to worship God to become more like Jesus. How then shall we live?

With joy and justice, we will carry the light of Jesus.

We come from diverse backgrounds, we don't all think alike, we have differing gifts and needs. How then shall we live?

With gratitude and generosity of spirit, we will bear Christ's light.

We pledge to love what God loves, to serve those for whom God cares. How then shall we live?

Believing in, caring for, proclaiming, and bearing the love Jesus has for all people, let us prosper the work of God's heart in all we do!

*Hymn 757 (Vss. 1, 4) *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Ever-faithful God,
how often we turn away from you,
yet you remain constant in your love for us.
We run from you, but you call us back.
In our words and our deeds we dishonor you,
yet you still profess your love for us.
We cut ourselves off from you and from others,
but you will not let us go.
Forgive our waywardness
and increase our gratitude,
that we might grow in faithfulness to you.**

(Silence for personal confession)

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! When you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God.

By that power we are made clean and set free to live in gratitude and to love extravagantly.

As you have received Christ Jesus, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and abounding in thanksgiving.

Psalter

Psalm 98

Psalm Prayer

Musical Offering

And I Saw a New Heaven

Eric Nelson

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Covenant Choir

with Madison Jones, violin and Clyde Beavers, cello

*And I saw a new heav'n and I saw a new earth;
for the first heav'n and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.
And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God and out of heav'n,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a great voice out of heav'n saying,
"Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them,
and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

Sacrament of Baptism for Henry Harvie Renfroe

Presentation

Renunciations and Affirmations

Baptism

Blessing

Children at the Chancel

Jenna Coy and Pamela Rucker

***Children, welcome in the name of Jesus.
Children, welcome in the name of love.
All are welcome in the name of Jesus.
All are welcome in the name of love.***

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

Isaiah 65:17-25

Sermon

The Promise God Gives...for the Living of These Days... John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith

**Christ calls us to live in the presence of God.
Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence.
He put God's claim on his life above all else.
He joined others in God's worship and praise.
He drew strength from the Scriptures.
He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.
Christ teaches us to put obedience to God
above the interests of self, family, race, or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.**

(From A Declaration of Faith)

*Hymn 711

Lord of All Good

TOULON

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Call to Generosity (responsively)

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this place, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people, because we have been touched by the living Lord and cannot remain the same. Ask much from us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

(You are invited to bring your commitment card forward as we sing together.)

***Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



MK Holbrook

*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 353 (Vss. 1, 4)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

*Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

Henry Purcell

arr. Tedd Smith

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Today's flowers are given by the Personnel Committee in honor of **Stojanka Simic** for her **30 years** of caring and nurturing our children in the nursery on Sundays.

Would you like to provide flowers for the chancel that beautify our worship on Sunday morning? If so, you are welcome to give flowers in memory and/or honor of loved ones, or in celebration of a milestone. **To reserve a Sunday, please scan the QR code on top of page 7** or contact Shawn Phelps (shawnp@2preslex.org or 859-254-7768) in the church office.

This Week at Second

Sunday, November 16

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:40 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Youth Fellowship

Monday, November 17

- 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation
 (Gathering Place)
- 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Setup

Tuesday, November 18

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:15 pm Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 19

- 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 20

- 5:00 pm ITN Gathering (Forum)
- 6:00 pm Pageant Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearal

Friday, November 21

No events scheduled

Saturday, November 22

- 9:00 am Women's Book Discussion

Sunday, November 23

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

Upcoming Events:

November 19: Thanksgiving Dinner

December 7: Advent Workshop

December 21: Children's Christmas Pageant

January 11, 2026: Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

Children & Youth Announcements

Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org

Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

Youth Fellowship will be held **TODAY** for 6th-12th graders. Join us for lunch and fellowship together then go shopping for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program.

Children's Christmas Pageant will be held during the 11:00 worship on December 21st. Rehearsal are underway with the next being held **Thursday, November 20th from 6:00-7:00 pm.**

Advent Workshop: All are welcome to join us for this family event on **Sunday, December 7th from 3:00-5:00 pm.** This is a great way to kick-off the Advent season. We have 12 crafts, a music station, and a Christmas-themed photo booth. We are currently recruiting volunteers as craft leaders, assistants, craft prep help, set-up, and clean-up. **Scan the QR code on top of page 7 to sign up.**

Other Announcements

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

Additional information is available on our website.



Today is *For the Living of These Days* Commitment Sunday! During the service, you are invited to come forward and place your Commitment Card in the baskets as an act of worship in response to God's goodness and love. *Extra cards are available on the tables at the sanctuary entrances.*

Today is the deadline to sign up for the Thanksgiving Dinner held Wednesday, November 19th at 6:00 pm. Scan the QR code at the top of the page to RSVP or pick up a paper form at the entrances.

Coffee and Donuts: You're invited to come today and meet others in our church for fellowship and a time to connect with one another in the Gathering Place. **We are looking for hosts.** If this is something you or your family could help with, please scan the QR code above to sign up.

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 thing of your life. If so, join unknown others in the congregation **each Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 am (or so) in the Gathering Place.** Hope to see you there.

Would you like to serve as a worship leader for an upcoming Sunday service? Worship is the work of the whole church, and we hope you'll share your gifts to inspire our congregation to a deeper praise. We will send you the readings, instructions, and any special information before your selected Sunday. Scan the QR code above to sign up.

Salvation Army Red Kettle: We will once again ring for the Salvation Army this Christmas at the Kroger Beaumont. *Scan the QR code above to sign up for one-hour blocks.*

The Lexington Chamber Chorale presents *Sounds of the Seasons* on Sunday, November 30th at 5:00 pm in our sanctuary. Come welcome the holiday season as we perform new and familiar tunes celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah, featuring an audience sing-along. **This is the perfect concert to get your entire family in the holiday spirit.** Tickets available at the door or visit www.lexingtonchamberchorale.org – General Admission: \$25.00; Students (K-12) Free.

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

Kenny Leatherman
Karen May

Bill McAtee
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...

...**Franklin Gray** and his family on the death of his brother, **Howard**.

We Celebrate with...

...the family of **Henry Harvie Wilkinson** on his baptism today during the 11:00 am service. Parents are **Del and Martha Renfroe**.

Church Staff

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