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

November 30, 2025

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

*During these days of Advent, O God, may you help us to be watchful for the ways that you are turning this world around. And give us courage to sing even in the dark, because we know your promised day is near. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Sounding of the Chimes

## Pouring of the Water

## Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

## Prelude

*O Holy Spirit, Root of Life* PUER NOBIS

Roberta Rowland Raybold  
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## Advent Reading

Romans 13:11-12

## Advent Refrain

KINGSFOLD

*O let God's light now shine on us  
as we rise up to pray,  
to work for justice and for peace,  
both signs of God's new day.  
We light this candle as we wait  
in hope the day will dawn  
when all the sadness and the grief  
that haunt this world are gone.*

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?

**We see hope when we look to the next generation.**

**We feel hopeful when we gather together.**

**We know hope, deep in our bones,**

**when we dream of a better world.**

You are right. Even in a fearful world, hope is all around us.

Today we light the candle of hope as a reminder of this good news.

May this flicker of light help us remember that we have reason to hope.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Advent Refrain

KINGSFOLD

*There is good news for us today  
so let your heart rejoice.  
God's light is shining in the dark  
now raise your joyful voice.  
We know the darkness will not win—  
fear not its mournful way.  
Keep walking in the light of God  
that shines on you today.*

\*Call to Worship

Avery Gabbard, Worship Leader

On Sundays and Mondays,

**on good days and bad days,**

early in the morning and very late at night,

**here in this room, and out in the world, God, we long for you to break in.**

Meet us in this space.

**Surprise us with your presence.**

Fill this room with your good news.

**With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen!**

\*Hymn 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Ever-present God,**

**we long to feel you close.**

**We long to feel your presence in our lives.**

**We long for you to break through the chaos and suffering of this world.**

**However, if we're honest,**

**we rarely stand still long enough to feel you in our midst.**

**Forgive our rushing and distractions.**

**Forgive our wandering hearts, and center us in this space.**

**Remind us that even in the time of Herod,**

**even on the longest nights, you are always there.**

**Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Promise of Forgiveness

Family of faith,

even when we doubt God's presence,

even when we fail to notice God's fingerprints in this world,

God is always moving closer to us.

Hear and believe the good news this Advent season:

**Nothing can keep God's love away. We are seen. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Amen.**

Psalter

Psalm 122

Psalm Prayer

Musical Offering

*Advent Processional (Come, O Rose)*

Daniel Greig

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Covenant Choir

*We will keep our eyes fixed on Jesus till he comes again.*

*We will wait on him, wait with hope till he comes again.*

*Come, O Rose of Sharon, come, O Prince of Peace,*

*O Rose of Sharon, come, Emmanuel.*

*We will reach our hands out in service till he comes again.*

*We will dry the tears of one another till he comes again.*

*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 2:1-5
Sermon	<i>Walking in the Light of the Lord</i> John P. Leggett

\*An Affirmation of Faith  
**We have seen the valley.  
We have seen a sky without stars.  
We have seen the longest night,  
and still we believe.  
We believe in a with-us God.  
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.  
We believe that good news is louder than fear.  
We believe this good news is for all people.  
So even when our knees shake,  
even when our voice trembles,  
even when fear is all around us,  
we will hold onto that good news.  
We will reach for each other.  
We will look for God in our midst.  
We will sing songs of joy.  
We will proclaim:  
Unto us, love is born.  
We have seen the longest night,  
and we have seen unimaginable love.  
So still, we believe.  
Amen.**

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*Hymn 87 (Vss. 1, 3)	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>	GENEVAN 42
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# We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



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 93

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

\*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

\*Postlude

*Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*

Philipp Nicolai,  
arr. Stephen P. Johnson

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**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 30

- 8:30 am   Worship
- 9:40 am   Sunday School
- 11:00 am   Worship
- 5:00 pm   Lexington Chamber Chorale Concert

## Monday, December 1

- 9:30 am   Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place)
- 7:00 pm   Mission Committee

## Tuesday, December 2

- 10:00 am   Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm   Yoga

## Wednesday, December 3

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

## Thursday, December 4

- 6:00 pm   Advent Workshop Setup
- 6:00 pm   Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 7:15 pm   Covenant Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, December 5

*No events scheduled*

## Saturday, December 6

- 9:00 am   Women's Book Discussion

## Sunday, December 7

- 8:30 am   Worship
- 9:40 am   Sunday School
- 11:00 am   Worship
- 3:00 pm   Advent Workshop

# Upcoming Events:

**December 7:** Advent Workshop

**December 14:** Christmas Cantata

**December 21:** Children's Christmas Pageant

**January 11, 2026:** Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

# Children & Youth Announcements

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

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

All youth are invited to our Christmas Party and Westminster Basket Delivery on December 14th following the 11:00 am service. Scan the QR code on page 7 for more info. RSVP by Dec. 13.

Central Christian Church is hosting DYG's Christmas Party on December 13th from 5-7:00 pm. All youth are invited for food, fun & games!

**Children's Christmas Pageant!** This year, our Pageant will be held during the 11:00 worship on December 21st. Rehearsal are underway with the next being held Thursday, December 4th from 6:00-7:00 pm.



## Other Announcements

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

*Additional information is available on our website.*



**It's time to order Poinsettias or Blankets for Christmas Eve Services** in memory/honor of a loved one. Pick up a form at the entrances or scan the QR code. You are also welcome to call Shawn Phelps (859-254-7768) in the church office. Cost is \$10 and a complete listing of all donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

**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.

**The Lexington Chamber Chorale** presents *Sounds of the Seasons* today 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](http://www.lexingtonchamberchorale.org) – General Admission: \$25.00; Students (K-12) Free.

**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

**Stop by the Gathering Place next Sunday, December 7th,** for Second's Alternative Gift Fair. You may purchase fair trade items as gifts or contribute to girl education in Malawi through the Tambu Chirwa Scholarship. Give a blanket to the Hope Center in honor of someone, donate to the Mountain of Coffee, or look for items to purchase and place under the Christmas Tree.

**We are looking for a few more volunteers to help set up the Fellowship Hall for Advent Workshop, as well as volunteers for the event.** Join us on Thursday, December 4th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm for set-up or at the event on Sunday, December 7th from 3:00-5:00 pm.

**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.

**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.**

## Prayer Concerns

### In Our Church Family

Kenny Leatherman  
Barb Hauke

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](http://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](http://www.pcusa.org).

## Church Staff

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