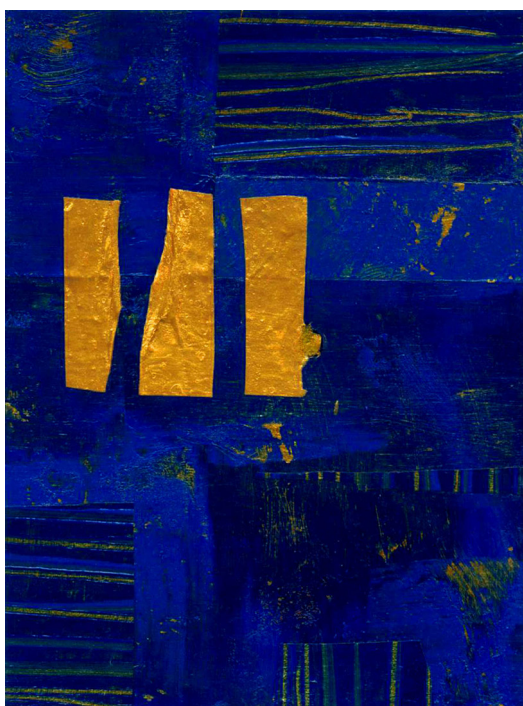




A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 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

When we know of God's love, we experience the extraordinary desire to love God back, to say thank you, to express how much the gift of God's love matters. Henri Nouwen said that "the way to love God back, the way to express gratitude to God for the blessings of God's love, is to love all that God has created and therefore also loves: creation, each other, life. And you love what God has created by being fruitful with your own life."

(By Kerry Alys Robinson in *Imagining Abundance*)

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Macy Lynne Woolwine

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Highland Cathedral

Charles Callahan

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*Call to Worship

Jenna Coy

Trust in the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We will trust in the Lord, who loves the whole world.

Trust in the Lord, who cares for those in need.

We will seek to follow the One who leads us to do the same.

Let us worship God,

who shows us the way of compassion and care.

*Hymn 363 (Vss. 1, 3-4)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Call to Confession

Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession

As those who know the generosity of God,

let us confess our sins,

especially the ways in which we take God's good gifts for granted.

Loving God, in all things you are generous towards us,

yet we have sown sparingly. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you show us the way of humility,

yet we have given reluctantly. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you show us the gift of grace,

yet we have loved grudgingly. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,

who in Jesus Christ has given us

a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,

forgive us our sins,

open our eyes to your truth,
strengthen us to do your will.
And give us the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

Trust in the generous grace of our God, who, in Jesus Christ, sets us free from all that binds. Without fear, move with joy into the future God opens before you.

Thanks be to God for forgiveness and new life! Amen!

Musical Offering

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Robert A. Hobby

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Covenant Choir

What does the Lord require of you?

Bind up the broken hearted, offering God's peace.

Strengthen the weak, seek and find the face of Christ in each of God's children.

Nurture the young and tend the old, offering God's love.

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, offering God's compassion.

Share the good news in the name of Christ.

Share the good news; with God there is welcome for all.

Children at the Chancel

Jenny 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 WOW (Worship Our Way)

Children may be picked up on the 3rd floor outside Rooms 300 and 301.

We will complete our worship by 12:00 pm.

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon

*Things to Remember
In Our Hands*

John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

(Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

*Special Music

*Until All Are Fed
(See Insert)*

Bryan Field McFarland
& Tommy Brown

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.
Or text 2PRESLEX and any amount to 73256 to give.*

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 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

*Postlude

Fanfare Postlude on ST. THOMAS

Douglas E. Wagner

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Today's flowers are given in memory of **Colby Deener** from Larry and Martha Deener.

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, October 11 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 3:00 pm CROP Hunger Walk 5:00 pm Lexington Chamber Chorale Concert (Sanctuary)	Wednesday, October 14 6:30 am Men's Book Group 1:30 pm OLLI Group (Forum Room) 5:30 pm Carillon Handbell Rehearsal
Monday, October 12 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place) 1:00 pm Beth Wachs Circle (Forum) 6:00 pm Mission Committee (202)	Thursday, October 15 10:00 am Community Life Committee (Campbell Memorial Room) 7:00 pm Covenant Choir Concert (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, October 13 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Backpack Buddies 5:30 pm Finance Committee (Zoom) 5:30 pm Needlepoint Group (Forum) 7:00 pm Children and Youth Committee (Zoom)	Friday, October 16 <i>No events scheduled.</i>
	Saturday, October 17 9:00 am Saturday Book Group (Forum)
	Sunday, October 18 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Sunday School 9:40 am Confirmation Group 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Session Meeting 5:00 pm Downtown Youth Group (Second PC)

Upcoming Events:

October 25: Trunk or Treat

November 18: Thanksgiving Dinner

Children & Youth Announcements

Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org

Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

Alight Fellowship: All 4th and 5th graders are invited to join others **TODAY from 12:00-1:30 pm**. Meet in the Fellowship Hall and come build friendships and learn how to follow Jesus and live out our faith.

Downtown Youth Group (DYG) is an ecumenical collaboration between five congregations: Central Christian, Christ Church Cathedral, Faith Lutheran, First Presbyterian and Second Presbyterian. DYG is proud to be a space where all are welcome! **All 6th - 12th graders** are invited to join us for our upcoming get-together **as Second is the host next Sunday, October 18th!** We meet from **5:00-7:00 pm**. Invite a friend!

Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, October 25th from 5:00-6:30 pm. Come in your favorite costume for some safe and spooky fun! A hotdog and chili supper will be provided. Donations accepted at the door which will go towards our Youth Mission trip. **Would you like to host a trunk, bring chili or bake cupcakes for decorating?** If so, scan the QR code on the top of page 7.

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: You're invited to come 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.

October Food Drive for Cardinal Valley Elementary: Visit the Gathering Place today for a list of items needed to stock the shelves at the food pantry at the school.

CROP Hunger Walk: Second Church will host the Greater Lexington CROP Hunger Walk **TODAY from 3:00-5:00 pm**. Come and join other churches walking, one step at a time, to raise money to end hunger at home and around the world.

The Lexington Chamber Chorale will present a concert, *The Human Touch: Music of Life, Loss and Love* **TODAY at 5:00 pm** in our sanctuary Under the leadership of the new Artistic Director, Josh Hamilton. We hope you will come and invite a friend! Tickets available at the door or visit www.lexingtonchamberchorale.org. General admission \$25.00; Students (K-12) Free

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.

Beth Wachs Circle: All ladies of the church are welcome to join us in the Forum Room for a light snack followed by the lesson on **Monday, October 12th at 1:00 pm**.

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 meet each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Forum Room. Contact Amy Palmer (859-825-8703) for details. Note: No meeting on July 4th.

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

Karen Kidd
Julia Leopold
Libby Messer
Robbie Messer
Jorene Terry

Susan Phipps (Catherine Hunt's mother)
Carol Karutz (Cathy Rogers's mother)
Dwight Carpenter
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.

We Extend Our Love and Care to...

... Vinko and Stoja Simic on the sudden death of her great-nephew, Neven Coofer, on October 1st.

...Effie and ML (Matthew) Glover on the death of Colin Glover.

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 Handbell Choir
Shawn Phelps, Administrative Assistant
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