



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

11:00 am



In Our Hands

2027 STEWARDSHIP



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

Hark the Glad Sound (CHESTERFIELD)
Carillon Handbell Choir

arr. Ron Mallory
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*Call to Worship

Jenna Coy

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 697 (Vss. 1, 3-4)

Take My Life

HENDON

Call to Confession

Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we know that you created us in love
to enjoy this world and you,
to honor your creation and your children.
And we know that we do not always do your will.
With clenched hands, we can neither give nor receive.
With eyes shut tight, we cannot see pain or beauty.
With feet of clay, we cannot dance in joy or run to help.
We ask for your help and your power to change.
Open our hands and eyes,
move our feet toward grace and hope and trust in you.**

(Silence for personal confession)

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Siblings in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed.

Musical Offering

The Gift of Love English Folk Song

arr. Hal H. Hobson

Carillon Handbell Choir

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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

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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

Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon

God's Love to Give

John P. Leggett

In Our Hands

*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)

John P. Leggett

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

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

Katherine Redmond

*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 720 (Vss. 1-2, 4)

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

*Postlude

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

arr. Greg Sewell

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Today's flowers are given in loving memory of **Gaige R. Paulsen** by Sue Paulsen.

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 25 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat	Thursday, October 29 6:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Monday, October 26 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place)	Friday, October 30 <i>No events scheduled.</i>
Tuesday, October 27 10:00 am Staff Meeting 7:15 pm Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	Saturday, October 31 9:00 am Saturday Book Group (Forum)
Wednesday, October 28 6:30 am Men's Book Group 1:30 pm OLLI Group (Forum Room) 5:30 pm Carillon Handbell Rehearsal	Sunday, November 1 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:30 pm Advent Workshop Planning

Upcoming Events:

- November 8:** Buckhorn Brunch (Idle Hour CC)
- November 18:** Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 6:** Advent Workshop

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

Trunk or Treat is TODAY 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.

Middle School Fellowship will be held **next Sunday, November 1st from 12:00-2:00 pm.** All **6th-8th graders** are welcome to come for lunch followed by games, team building and fun!

Advent Workshop Crafts Planning: You are encouraged to meet in the Fellowship Hall **next Sunday, November 1st from 2:30-4:00 pm** to help get our crafts together for our Advent Workshop.

Other Announcements

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

Additional information is available on our website.



The Carillon Handbell Choir will be led today by Julianna Nitz, the new director. Welcome Julianna!

We also welcome Ann Stanchina as guest organist.

Today is *In Our Hands* 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.*

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.

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.

Buckhorn Children & Family Services benefit brunch will be held Sunday, **November 8th from 12:30-2:30 pm** at Idle Hour Country Club. Join us for fun, to see friends, and support Buckhorn! They are changing lives in Eastern Kentucky and restoring hope to so many. Email Nellie Wilkinson (nellie.d.wilkinson@gmail.com) or **visit the Gathering Place today to sign up!**

Thanksgiving Dinner! Join us for this wonderful tradition on **Wednesday, November 18th 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.

Sunday Ushers Needed: Church ushers play a vital role in creating a welcoming environment by greeting members, visitors, handing out bulletins, provide directions and guide congregants in the event of emergencies. If you're interested in joining one of our teams, please call or email Shawn in the church office. (shawnp@2preslex.org)

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.

Men's Book Group meet each Wednesday (6:30-7:30 am) by Zoom. Contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu or 859-608-6662) for zoom instructions.

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

Jim Ducharme (Alayne Leggett's father)
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 Celebrate with...

...Megan Looff and her husband Chris on the birth of son **Cooper John** on October 18th. *Grandparents are John and Carolyn Looff.*

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
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Katherine Redmond, Parish Associate
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