



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

September 13, 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

God of goodness, when we gather, we are with you. Bind us together in your promise, that our dark nights will soon be over, and the brightness of day will be near. The hour has come. Salvation is here. Let us be your light. Let us be your love. Amen.

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Moment for Ministry

Justice Ministry House Meetings

Judy Maxson

Prelude

Processional (LOBE DEN HERREN)

Martin Shaw
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*Call to Worship

Jenna Coy

We bow with the rolling rocks.

God is our strength and our salvation.

We sing with the roaring rivers.

God is our justice and our joy.

We will never stop telling God's story.

God is the hope of our ancestors.

With all that we have and all that we are, we say:

God is worthy of our praise!

*Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession

Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

you have made your law clear:

Love. Love one another.

Owe one another nothing but love.

Do no wrong to a neighbor.

But we have not mastered what it is to love.

We have fallen short,

causing harm to others

through careless action

and thoughtless lack of action.

Forgive us.

Teach us how to love more fully,

more perfectly,

as generously as you love,

following your law and fulfilling your will.

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

Christ does not judge us harshly, but forgives all our sin and leads us into new life.
We will not take this forgiveness for granted, but will let it transform how we live and love.

Musical Offering

God Is Seen (Tune: CAPTAIN KIDD)
Covenant Choir

arr. Alice Parker

*Through all the world below God is seen all around,
search hills and valleys through, there He's found.
The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn,
the pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there,
in meadows dressed in green, God is seen.
See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run.
The mist that veils the sky hides the sun.
Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean it doth roar,
and beat upon the shore and all praise.
The God who ne'er declines His designs.*

Presentation for Our 3rd & 4th Graders

Jenna Coy

Commissioning of Our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Sponsors

Children Are Invited to W.O.W. (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

Hebrews 10:23-25

Sermon

To Hold God's Promises
The Promises We Make

John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
God kept his promises.
All that we can ever hope for
was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence**

**that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

(From A Declaration of Faith)

*Hymn 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

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 435	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	IN BABILONE
*Charge and Blessing		John P. Leggett
*Postlude	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Clay Christiansen
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Today's flowers are given by the Beth Wachs Circle in memory of **all Presbyterian Women** who have entered chapter eternal.

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, September 13 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Youth and Families Sunday School Kickoff (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Civil Rights Exhibit Open House (Forum) 12:00 pm Deacons Meeting 12:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship	Wednesday, September 16 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom) 5:30 pm Carillon Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Communion Class
Monday, September 14 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place) 1:00 pm Beth Wachs Circle (Forum Room) 6:00 pm Mission Committee (Offsite)	Thursday, September 17 5:30 pm Habitat House Dedication (785 Harrison Trace) 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 15 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30 pm Finance Committee (202) 6:30 pm Trustees (202) 7:15 pm Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	Friday, September 18 <i>No events scheduled.</i>
	Saturday, September 19 9:00 am Saturday Book Group (Forum) 11:00 am Memorial Service for Edith Bare (Sanctuary)
	Sunday, September 20 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Sunday School 9:40 am Confirmation Group Gathering 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm High School Youth Fellowship 12:00 pm Session Meeting (Forum Room)

Upcoming Events:

September 16: Communion Class
October 11: CROP Hunger Walk

Children & Youth Announcements

Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org
Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

Middle School Fellowship – All 6th-8th graders are welcome to come for our first meeting of the year **TODAY from 12:00-2:00 pm**. We play games, do team building activities, mission projects and more! Lunch will be provided and invite a friend!

Communion Class: All children age **3rd grade and above** are invited to our Communion Class **THIS Wednesday, September 16th, from 6:00-7:15 pm** to learn about communion and then participate in taking communion with one another. On Communion Sundays, a WOW volunteer will bring the children back to the sanctuary to take part in communion during worship. Email Jenna Coy to sign up (jennac@2preslex.org).

Other Announcements

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

Additional information is available on our website.



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.

Faith and Justice in the 1960s: an exhibit about the role of churches in the Civil Rights Movement to be on display in the Forum Room throughout the month of September. It includes banners from the Presbyterian Historical Society, as well as the Lexington Herald-Leader and church archives. **You are invited to attend the open house today from 12:00 to 3:00 pm.**

Presbyterian Women Beth Wachs Circle will meet **tomorrow, September 14th at 1:00 pm** in the Forum Room. All women of the church are welcome to join us for refreshments, fellowship and bible study. Contact Sandra Harrison (859-806-1172) with questions or to purchase a study book.

Join the Covenant Choir! Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:30 pm**. You may have years of choir experience, or you may be interested in singing in a church choir for the first time. **All are welcome!** Questions? Contact Gary L. Anderson (ganderson@transy.edu or 859-317-3353).

Today's anthem continues a 6-week series of early American music. We will sing early American hymns, Shaker tunes, and gospel hymns. The entire series of anthems will be given in a concert on Thursday, October 8, at 7:00 pm as part of *In One-A Chord: Lexington Sacred Music Festival*. Details about the festival, and our concert, will be in the October newsletter.

Carillon Handbells are looking for new members! Whether you've been ringing for years or have never picked up a bell before, we would love for you to join us. **No previous experience is required**—just a willingness to learn and have fun! Our regular rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday evenings from 5:30–7:00 pm beginning September 9th**. If you've ever been curious about handbells, this is the perfect time to give them a try. Send an email with any questions or to express your interest to director Julianna Nitz (julianna.nitz@gmail.com).

Habitat for Humanity House Dedication! Charysia and her three daughters are excited to move in and encourage you to come and celebrate with them **this Thursday, September 17th, at 5:30 pm at 785 Harrison Trace**. The house is the first one on the left as you turn down the street. We expect sufficient street parking, though carpooling is always encouraged.

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**.

Prayer Concerns

In Our Church Family

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...

- ...**Cindy and George Woolwine** on the death of Cindy's father, Robert Campbell.
- ...**Ben and Amy Crittenden and family** on the death of Ben's father, Roger L. Crittenden.
- ...**Jorene Terry** on the death of her father.

We Celebrate with...

...**Jo Anne Haga** as she celebrated her 90th birthday on September 11th!

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
- Katherine Redmond**, Parish Associate
- Abigail Royal**, Director of Children's Choir
- Carl Soper**, Building Manager

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