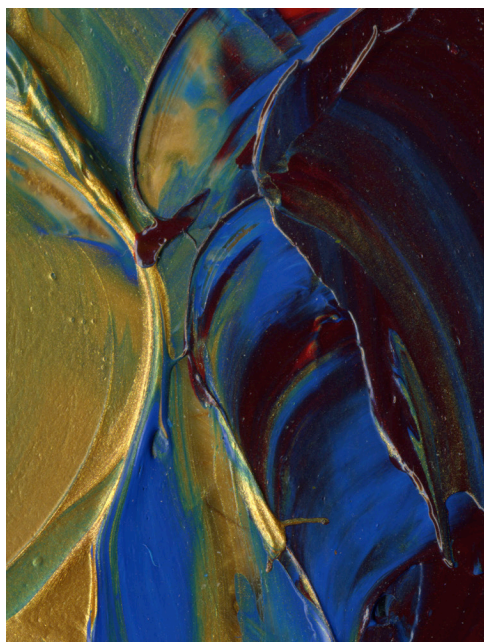




A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14, 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

Tune our hearts, O God, to sing your praise. Immerse us in the depths of your love; feed us with your grace; restore within us a desire to give ourselves away for the sake of your gospel. But most of all, receive the glory we gather to give. Amen.

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Charlotte and Max Finley

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Moment for Ministry

BUILD/House Meetings

Judy Maxson

Prelude

AGINCOURT HYMN (Deo Gracias)

Charles Callahan

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*Call to Worship

Jackie Graves, Worship Leader

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today there is joy in the presence of the angels.

*Hymn 12 (Vss. 1-3)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Searching and forgiving God,
grant us your forgiveness.**

**We have been heedless in our thoughts,
cruel in our words,
shameful in our actions.**

**We are indifferent to a world made sad
by want and wastefulness.**

We ignore neighbors in need.

**We wonder from the way that leads to peace
in paths of our own pleasing.**

**God of life,
search us out with your grace,
restore us to life,
and increase our joy.**

A time of silence for personal confession.

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Let us celebrate together the good news of the gospel:
When we are lost, God has the power to find us and bring us home rejoicing.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Psalter

Psalm 14

Psalm Prayer

Musical Offering

How Can I Keep from Singing
Covenant Choir

arr. Jeffrey Honoré
©1991 Choristers Guild

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
Though all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;
it sounds an echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing?*

Presentation of Bibles to Our 7th Graders

Jenna Coy

Children at the Chancel

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 W.O.W. (Worship Our Way)

*Children can be picked up on the 3rd floor outside Rooms 300 and 301.
We will complete our worship by 11:00 am. 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

*An Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

*Hymn 722 (Vss. 1-2, 5) *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

John P. Leggett

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



Jackie Graves

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.*

God Sends Us to the World

*Hymn 436	<i>God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us</i>	O QUANTA QUALIA
*Charge and Blessing		John P. Leggett
*Postlude	<i>Rigaudon</i>	Andre Campra OneLicense #A-70283



Today’s flowers are given in memory of **Jim Combs**, whose birthday is September 19th, by Tom Wardell.

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, September 14

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:40 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Deacons Meeting
- 12:15 pm Youth Fellowship (6th - 12th Grades)

Monday, September 15

- 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place)

Tuesday, September 16

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Yoga
- 7:15 pm Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 17

- 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)
- 11:30 am Lexington Directions (Forum)
- 5:30 pm Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, September 18

- 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 19

No events scheduled

Saturday, September 20

- 9:00 am Women's Book Discussion (Gathering Place)

Sunday, September 21

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:40 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Session (Forum Room)
- 12:15 pm Youth Fellowship (6th - 12th Grades)

Upcoming Events:

October 12: CROP Hunger Walk

October 26: Trunk or Treat

Children & Youth Announcements

Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org

Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

Youth Fellowship - All 6th through 12th graders will meet **TODAY from 12:15-2:15 pm**. Join us for lunch, games, team building, serve with mission projects, and have fun!

Downtown Youth Group (DYG) is an ecumenical collaboration between five congregations in Lexington KY: Central Christian, Christ Church Cathedral, Faith Lutheran, First Presbyterian, and Second Presbyterian. All youth 6th-12th are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 28th at the Lexington Ice Center**. DYG is proud to be a space where all are welcome! Email Jenna to let her know you'll be coming.

Other Announcements

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

Additional information is available on our website.



Our Community Life Committee is excited to again offer **Coffee and Donuts** in the Gathering Place. You're invited to come and meet others in our church for fellowship and a time to connect with one another. **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.

Attention Seniors (and Young at Heart)! We are going to the Thomas Clark Museum in Frankfort September 18th. Gather at the church by 10:30. **We will first have lunch at Staxx BBQ , then on to the museum for a guided tour (\$6).**

Second Presbyterian Church is excited to be invited to participate in Lexington's 250th Celebration. Our church will host a **Heritage Hymn Sing on Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 pm**, featuring our own Covenant Choir, with narration by Pastor John, and under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Anderson. Come and sing with your heart, mind, and spirit!

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 Pastor John and 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!

Join the Covenant Choir! Rehearsals are held on 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).

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 on the top of this page and select Worship Leader* to sign up for an upcoming Sunday.

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

Jim Hall
David Porter
Bill McAtee

Carol Karutz
Jorene Terry

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.

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