



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

September 21, 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

Loving God, open the eyes of my heart as I worship you. Let my focus on the wideness of your love enlarge my vision of the world. Beyond myself. Beyond my family. Beyond my nation. Deepen my trust in you as I wait for the day you promise, the day when every tear will be wiped from every eye. As I lose myself in worship, help me to hear your call to join in your work that heals the world. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Elliott Crittenden

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Abide with Me

arr. William H. Monk

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*Call to Worship

Linda Levstik, Worship Leader

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

If we live, we live to the Lord.

And if we die, we die to the Lord.

So then, whether we live or whether we die,

we are the Lord's.

*Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

forgive our foolish ways:

for taking paths that leave us far from you;

for limiting the breadth of your love for others;

for using words that create hatred within and among us;

for neglecting to be good stewards of the earth;

for wasting your gifts;

for ignoring your call to reflect your grace in the world;

for pettiness that belittles the identity you've given us.

Help us to come to our senses,

to come home to your welcoming embrace.

Set us free from anything that keeps us from loving our neighbor.

And help us to forgive ourselves.

A time of silence for personal confession.

Through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Let your heart rejoice, for God's mercy is new every morning. No matter how far we wander, God's grace will find us and lead us home.

**Set free by God's forgiveness, we may live without fear. Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

Psalter

Psalm 79:1-9

Psalm Prayer

Musical Offering

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Covenant Choir ©1980 Oxford University Press

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

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
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.

*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

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Sermon

100 Tears Away

John P. Leggett

*An Affirmation of Faith

**All things will be renewed in Christ.
In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
God has already begun and will surely finish.
We do not know when the final day will come.
In our time, we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.
We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.
But we see Jesus as Lord.
As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.
He will judge all people and nations.
Evil will be condemned
and rooted out of God's good creation.
There will be no more tears or pain.
All things will be made new.
The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected.**

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

*Hymn 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Ordination and Installation of Our Officers

Concerns and Celebrations

John P. Leggett

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



Linda Levstik

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

John P. Leggett

*The Lord's Prayer

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 804 (Vss. 1, 3)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

*Postlude

Rondo in G

arr. Richard Ellsasser

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Today's flowers are given by the Personnel Committee in honor of and thanksgiving for **Scarlet Hall** on her 10th Anniversary as our Director of Finance and Operations.

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 21

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:40 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Session Meeting (Forum)

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Yoga
- 7:15 pm Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 25

- 5:00 pm BUILD Meeting (Campbell
 Memorial Room)
- 7:00 pm Hymn Sing

Friday, September 26

No events scheduled

Saturday, September 27

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

Sunday, September 28

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:40 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Downtown Youth Group
 (Lexington Ice Center)

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

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 **next 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.



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.

Second Presbyterian Church is honored to be invited to participate in Lexington's 250th Celebration. Our church will host a **Heritage Hymn Sing this Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 pm**, featuring our Covenant Choir, with narration by Pastor John, and under the leadership of Gary and Martha 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

Kenny Leatherman

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.

We Extend Our Love and Care to...

...**Scott and Valorie Walz**, on the death of Scott's mother, Shirley Walz, on September 12.

...**Pamela and Jim Rucker**, on the death of Pamela's father.

We Celebrate with...

...**Bill McAtee**, who turned 91 this past Thursday, September 18.

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

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