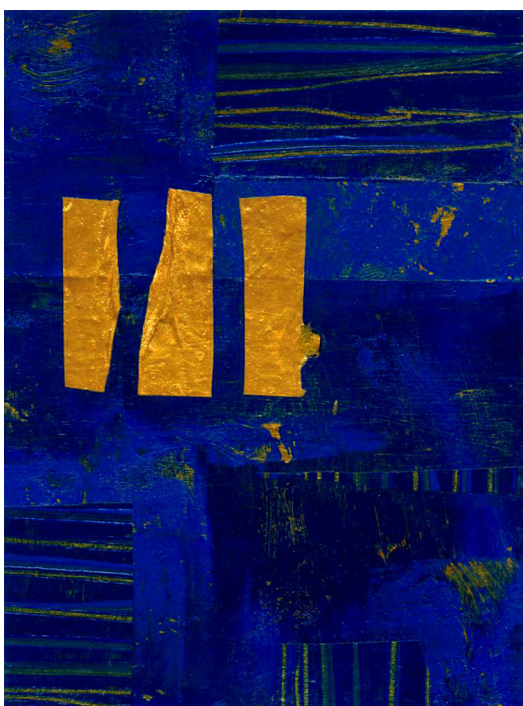




A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 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

"What keeps us going as disciples? Self-awareness, stillness, growth, and joy. Those are the building blocks of a life of discipleship that can stand up to everything around us, in the Church and the world and in ourselves, that tries to stifle our efforts to stay spiritually healthy."

-Rowan Williams

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Moment for Ministry

CROP Hunger Walk

Judy Maxson

Prelude

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

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*Call to Worship

Jenna Coy

Let us praise the God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

whose love has conquered death.

Give thanks to the God who orders our way and guides our steps,

who leads us into life.

As we gather for worship, we remember that our only purpose is to lose ourselves in wonder and praise. So let us worship God!

And let us do so with joy!

*Hymn 19

God of Great and God of Small

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

Call to Confession

Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide,

and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us

a burden on weary shoulders.

Set us free from a past we cannot change;

open us to a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us your grace,

so that we may grow more in the way of your love;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

This is how God demonstrates extravagant love for us:

**While we were still sinners, Christ died for us, making all things new.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Musical Offering

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

Charles Gabriel

arr. Paul Rardin

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Covenant Choir with Alex Thibaul, Abigail Royal, and Elpida Zavitsanou

*There are loved ones in the glory whose dear forms you often miss.
When you close your early story, will you join them in their bliss?
Will the circle be unbroken by and by? Is a better home awaiting in the sky, in the sky?
In the joyous days of childhood, oft they told of wondrous love;
pointed to the dying Savior, now they dwell with him above.
Will the circle be unbroken by and by?
Is a better home awaiting in the sky, in the sky?*

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.

The musical score is written for a choir in 3/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Chil - dren wel - come in the name of Je - sus. Chil - dren wel - come'. The second staff contains 'in the name of love. All are wel - come in the name of'. The third staff contains 'Je - sus. All are wel - come in the name of love.' The music is a simple, gentle melody with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

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 2:1-13

*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)

*Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

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 53 (Vss. 1, 3) *O God, Who Gives Us Life* NOEL

*Charge and Blessing John P. Leggett

*Postlude *Church of God, Elect and Glorious ABBOT'S LEIGH* arr. Jacob W. Weber
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Today's flowers are given in memory of my husband, **Lyle Aten**, and my son, **Dean Paul Molina**, by Joy Molina Aten.

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 27 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Downtown Youth Group (Christ Church Cathedral)	Thursday, October 1 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Monday, September 28 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place)	Friday, October 2 <i>No events scheduled.</i>
Tuesday, September 29 7:15 pm Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	Saturday, October 3 9:00 am Saturday Book Group (Forum)
Wednesday, September 30 6:30 am Men's Book Group 1:30 pm OLLI Group (Forum Room) 5:30 pm Carillon Handbell Rehearsal	Sunday, October 4 8:30 am Worship 9:40 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship

Upcoming Events:

October 11: CROP Hunger Walk
October 25: 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: 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 **TODAY at Christ Church Cathedral** (166 Market St.) 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.

Faith and Justice in the 1960s: Today is the final day for you to engage the exhibit about the role of churches in the Civil Rights Movement on display in the Forum Room. It includes banners from the Presbyterian Historical Society, as well as the Lexington Herald-Leader and church archives.

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.

CROP Hunger Walk: For the 23rd consecutive year, Second will host the Greater Lexington CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 11th from 3:00-5:00 pm**. Visit crophungerwalk.org/lexingtonky to sign up, donate or contact Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com) with questions.

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.

Our Covenant Choir will present a concert as part of the city-wide *In One-A Chord* sacred music festival on **Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 pm** in our sanctuary. The choir will sing early American Shape-Note, Shaker, and Gospel music.

The Lexington Chamber Chorale will present a concert, *The Human Touch: Music of Life, Loss and Love* next Sunday, October 11th 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.

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 Celebrate with...

...Creed Gray and Emily Dahn who were married on September 26th. *Creed is the son of Franklin and Vanessa Wells-Gray.*

Church Staff

Gary L. Anderson, Director of Music and Covenant Choir
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Jenna Coy, Director of Children and Youth
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