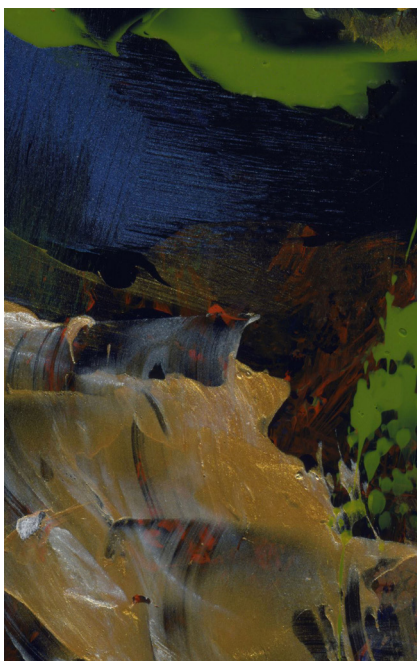




A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 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

O God, we long to take hold of the life that really is life. Grant us your grace that we may become rich in good works, generous, and ready to share in your abundant future. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Charlotte and Warren Chaney

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Moment for Ministry

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Angene Wilson

Prelude

Beside Still Waters (Psalm 23)

Joe Utterback
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*Call to Worship

Katherine Redmond, Worship Leader

Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*Hymn 712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

forgive us for turning from you.

You call, but we ignore your voice.

You ask us to show mercy, but we choose judgment.

You show us that your love is for the whole world,

but we seek to limit its reach.

You remind us to be careful how we speak,

but we use our words in ways that divide.

You lavish us with gifts of grace,

but we fail to give you thanks with all our heart.

Help us to turn back to you now.

Lead us once more to your welcoming embrace.

Set us free from anything that keeps us from you.

And help us to forgive ourselves.

A time of silence for personal confession.

Through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Promising the forgiveness we need to change our lives, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness.

We give thanks that we have been known and forgiven, and we are set free to live the new life in Christ. Thanks be to god. Amen.

Psalter

Psalm 96:1-6, 14-16

Psalm Prayer

Musical Offering

Let Your Light Shine
Men of the Choir

Mary McDonald
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*Let your light shine, shine, for Jesus all the time, time, time.
Walk in the light, beautiful light of his love. Let your voices praise.
Let your love for Jesus raise. Walk in the light, beautiful light of his love.
Come to the light, heavenly light, Jesus is the light of the world.
Shine every day, let your spirit say: Jesus is the light of the world.
Come to the one; glory in the Son. All the debt for sin is paid.
Let your voices sing, for we know the King: Jesus is the truth and the way.*

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

1 Timothy 6:6-19

*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 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.
It is part of our discipline
to observe a day of worship and rest,
setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,
celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.**

(From A Declaration of Faith)

*Hymn 708

We Give Thee But Thine Own

SCHUMANN

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



Katherine Redmond

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 697 (Vss. 1, 3, 6)	<i>Take My Life</i>	HENDON
*Charge and Blessing		John P. Leggett
*Postlude	<i>I Want to Be Ready</i>	arr. Charlie Callahan
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Today’s flowers are given by **Laura Ladd and family** in memory of her mother, **Jeanne Johnson Brewer**.

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 28

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

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

- 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Backpack Buddies

Thursday, October 2

- 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearal

Friday, October 3

No events scheduled

Saturday, October 4

- 9:00 am Women's Book Discussion
(Gathering Place)
- 2:00 pm Wedding (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 5

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:40 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Alight

Upcoming Events:

October 12: CROP Hunger Walk

October 26: Trunk or Treat

November 19: Thanksgiving Dinner (It's returning!)

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 today from 5:00-7:00 pm, at the Lexington Ice Center.** DYG is proud to be a space where all are welcome!

Alight Children's Fellowship – Our monthly Sunday Fellowship Group for **4th and 5th Graders** will be held **Sunday, October 5th from 12:15-2:15 pm**, in Room 303. Our theme for that day is Known by Name. We will be learning all about being called by God and diving into the story of Samuel using art and games. *Invite a friend.*

Trunk or Treat will be held **Sunday, October 25th from 5:00-6:30 pm**. Come for a chili and hot dog dinner, costume contest, and more! **Visit the Gathering Place today** for ways you can get involved and volunteer!

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.

CROP Hunger Walk: Second Church will host the Greater Lexington CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 12th from 3:00-5:00 pm.** Second Presbyterian Team is 'up and ready' at crophungerwalk.org/lexingtonky. Contact Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com) with your questions or to volunteer.

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
Mac Lambing

Bill McAtee
Carol Karutz
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.*

For updates on the current status of denominational mission partnerships, please visit www.pcusa.org.

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