



Second Sharing

Second Presbyterian Church

Dedicated to Jesus Christ, we are committed to making a difference by caring for one another, growing in our ministries, and reaching beyond ourselves.

KAIROS CORNER

February, 2026

Ash Wednesday is a bit more than two weeks away. It falls on February 18th this year. Just as in prior years, we will hear again the call to “keep a holy Lent,” as well as the sobering truth: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

This season will stretch for forty days, ending with the joy of Easter morning. (If you’re counting by your calendar, you’ll see that it’s a bit more than 40 days. Why the difference? Sundays are not included, with the rationale being that every Sunday is a “little Easter.”)

The church has long understood this season to be a time for spiritual growth, a time to commit more fully to the way of Jesus. It’s a time for us to deepen our faith as we prepare for Easter. These days call us to practice with discipline daily repentance, our daily dying and rising in union with Christ.

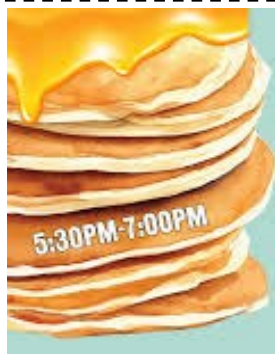
I hope that you’ll come out the night before Lent starts for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It’s always a time of great joy and wonderful food around the table. (And UK plays late that night, so you’ll still have plenty of time to eat before heading to Rupp!)

*Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth;
you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism.
Look upon us as we enter these forty days bearing the mark of ashes,
and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth.
May our fasting be the hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.
All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,
for in his cross you proclaim your love for ever and ever. Amen.*

As this new season of preparation will soon begin, I invite you to keep a holy Lent by joining with the community of dust that by God's grace becomes a community of faith alive with the breath of God.

On the way with you,
Pastor John

Lent: A Season of Renewal

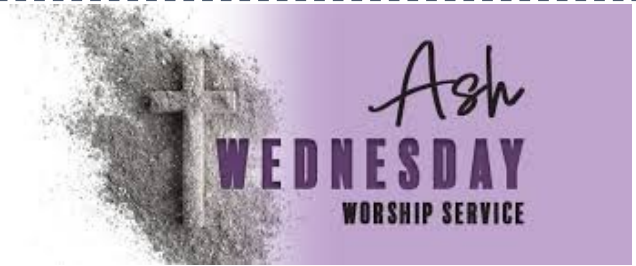


SHROVE TUESDAY &

**Pancake
FEB. 17
Supper!**

5:30PM-7:00PM

All are welcome to join from **5:30-7:00** for a pancake meal. It will be a wonderful night of celebration before the Season of Lent begins. **Scan the QR Code to sign up** to be sure we have enough food and bring a friend!



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day season of prayer and reflection for Christians leading up to Easter.

A Service of Ashes to begin the season of Lent will be held **February 18th at 6:00 p.m.**, in the sanctuary.



Join the Covenant Choir! We are preparing to present *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, a work for choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra on Palm Sunday. **Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:30 p.m.** **All voice parts are welcome.** Contact Gary L. Anderson, Director of Music, with questions (ganderson@transy.edu).

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH ASSOCIATE, REV. KATHERINE REDMOND



The Personnel Committee is delighted to introduce the newest addition to our staff, **Rev. Katherine Redmond**. Katherine is an ordained minister who will be serving closely with John as our **Parish Associate**, taking on preaching duties, providing ministerial support when John is away, presiding over weddings and funerals, and attending to other pastoral needs.

Many of you may already know Katherine and her husband, **Jim**, as they have been worshiping with us for some time. Please take a moment to welcome them both—they are truly a gift from God to our congregation.

As a church family, we are so blessed to have such a generous and dedicated staff. Katherine looks forward to serving alongside all of us as we continue to work together for God's kingdom here and now.

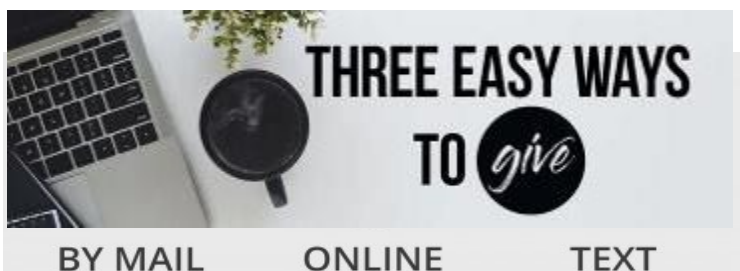
Katherine and her high school sweetheart, Jim, have spent most of their lives in and around Lexington. They have two children—**Allison**, who lives in Asheville, and **Mark**, who lives in Lexington—and are proud grandparents of three. (Fun fact: Mark once served as a youth ministry intern with Holly Fuqua!) Recently, Jim and Katherine purchased a second home in Florida and enjoy dividing their time between Kentucky and the Sunshine State.

Katherine's journey to ordained ministry began later in life. After spending her early years raising their children and teaching Sunday School, her love for Scripture inspired her to seek deeper theological understanding. In her 40s, she enrolled at **Lexington Theological Seminary**, intending to focus on Christian Education. However, during seminary she felt called to broader parish ministry—and so, the Spirit led her into pastoral ministry. Katherine's first call was in Wilmore, and she went on to serve several small congregations throughout central Kentucky.

We are excited that Katherine will be joining John for **Coffee and Conversations on Mondays**, offering another wonderful opportunity to connect and get to know her better.

FINANCE NEWS

Thank you for your continued support to maintain our on-going service to the community and each other. **2025 End of Year Statements** were emailed in January. If you didn't receive yours, or would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office (859-254-7768).



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MEMBER NEWS AND MORE

We Extend our Love and Sympathy to. . .

- **Bobbie Brown and family** on the death of her husband, Ron, on December 26th in Minnesota.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Donating floral bouquets adds to the beauty of our worship service and gives members a chance to remember or celebrate loved ones.



A birthday, anniversary, wedding or baptism offers the perfect opportunity to express your love and concern for others, and to beautify the chancel during Sunday worship. **Scan the QR code to see the Sundays we have open** and sign up.



Our Adult Pathways have resumed
and meet each **Sunday from 9:40-10:40 a.m.**

- **Bible Explorers (Room 202):** Interested in studying the Bible with others searching for more depth in interpreting the scriptures? The Bible Explorers class offers that each week during the Sunday school hour. Using The Bible Project, we review short videos that prompt conversation about the Bible that leads to a crucial question for class discussion: What wisdom can I find in the Biblical stories that is applicable to my daily life? This year, we'll be studying the Prophets, taking an in-depth look at the Gospel of Matthew and several of the Epistles of Paul. Join us and dive deeper into theological concepts and rediscover the Bible as it speaks to you today! Contact Shawn Caudill for more information. So grab a cup of coffee and a donut and join us!
- **Women's Sunday Gathering (Room 201A)** - Women's Sunday Gathering meets hybrid-- **both in-person and online**. They are studying the book *A Song for Nagasaki: The Story of Takashi Nagai - Scientist, Convert, and Survivor of the Atomic Bomb*. For more information, contact Catherine Hunt (chowehunt@gmail.com).
- **Forum Program (1st Floor)** - A variety of topics and guest speakers. **Below is the upcoming schedule:**

February 8: Doris Settles, who penned the book "Kentucky and the War of 1812," will tell us about the state's large role in that war and how much more important the war was than most people realize. Dressed in period clothing, Doris will take you on a journey with the brave Kentucky soldiers and one porcine pal.

February 15: TBD

February 22: Mizari Suarez, Executive Director of **Neighbors Immigration Clinic**, will speak about this Lexington non-profit law office, which provides high-quality, low-cost immigration representation to the city's migrant community. Suarez's deep local and national connections to the migrant rights movement help her to reach out competently to our migrant communities in ways that support the diversity that keeps our Commonwealth flourishing.

March 1: Mary Cobb, the Lexington Director of **Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc.**, will discuss the current situation of refugees and immigrants. KRM is a nonprofit that opened in 1990 and employs more than 140 full- and part-time staff members in Lexington, Louisville, and Northern Kentucky. The organization is dedicated to providing resettlement services to refugees through faith- and agency-based co-sponsorship in order to promote self-sufficiency and successful integration in our communities.



We hope you all have had an amazing start to the year! **Youth Fellowship** is for all youth in grades 6th-12th grade. We meet on Sundays from **12:15-2:15 p.m.** to play games, do team building activities, mission projects, and learn about different people in the bible. **Lunch will be provided!** See the schedule below and reach out to Jenna Coy (jennac@2preslex.org) if you have questions.

February 15: Sky Zone (1:30-3:30)

February 22: DYG (5:00-7:00) ➡

March 8: Justice Journey (12:15- 2:15)

April 19: Creativity, Art & Faith (12:15-2:15)



Downtown Youth Group (DYG) is an ecumenical collaboration between five congregations in Lexington: Central Christian, Christ Church Cathedral, Faith Lutheran, First Presbyterian and Second Presbyterian. DYG is proud to be a space where everyone are welcome!

All 6th-12th grades are invited to our next get-together on **Sunday, February 22nd from 5:00 -7:00 p.m., at Christ Church Cathedral** (166 Market St.) Come and share a meal and meet other youth in our community: We hope to see you there!



Alight is a monthly children's fellowship group for **4th and 5th graders**. Our next get-together is **Sunday, February 1st from 12:15-1:45pm**.

We will learn about the good Samaritan and what it means to love others through our actions. ***Please note the ending time. The remainder of our Alight fellowships this semester will end at 1:45 p.m.**

- **March 29:** Joy in the Lord
- **May 3:** (End of Year Party)



Alight had a great time working as a group at the Rise Against Hunger event.



Sunday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m.
Join us for a combined worship service led by our youth!

If your youth would like to be a part of Youth Sunday, please email Jenna Coy (jennac@2preslex.org). **There are many ways to be involved, even if they won't be available that Sunday.**



Do you have a **senior in high school or college** that will be a **2026 graduate?**

If so, please send their name, school they attend and what their plans are after they graduate to Jenna Coy (jennac@2preslex.org). We look forward to celebrating with them in May!

JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

*...and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly,
to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.' Micah 6:8*



Second Church welcomed 54 Justice Ministry Network Members and guests (13 from Second) at BUILD's Research to Action Kickoff on December 9th. Abundant thanks to Pastor John for his affirming Micah 6:8 message. The prophet "Micah's call isn't abstract. It names the kind of people we must choose to be: people who

refuse to accept the world as it is when we know what it could be. People who believe that dignity, safety and opportunity aren't privileges for a few, but rights for all." Micah and leaders of all traditions remind us this sacred work is "a shared calling....it demands courage and asks us to bring others with us." Our collective energy leads to systemic change. BUILD exists as a "community willing to listen deeply, research thoroughly and act boldly; reflecting the best of who we are when we stand side by side."

Renter Concerns, Villages (Eldercare) and Microtransit updates, along with an informative overview of the research process: understanding the problem, identifying a solution and power analysis steps, were shared before we joined break-out sessions of our interest. To date: BUILD secured funding for a one- year Microtransit pilot, starting this Fall, making transportation more accessible, reliable and affordable for hundreds of our neighbors living in NW Lex. One of many supporting partners making Villages (Eldercare) a reality for all of Lex, BUILD is now monitoring the implementation and early success of the Beaumont/Gardenside/Headley HOA pilot Village/social hub program. The Renter committee is meeting with councilmembers, local legal and national healthy housing and immigration experts to learn more about possible approaches in knowing what to 'ask for'--as in rental registries, right to counsel, regular rental inspections. An evidenced based solution addressing our neighbors 'stuck' in unsafe housing along with our code enforcement system not having strong tools to hold derelict landlords accountable to 'right the wrongs' will be identified before the Nehemiah Action, April 14th.

All Second Church members and visitors are invited to join the **Second's Justice Ministry Congregational Assembly on Sunday, March 1st from Noon (lunch provided)-1:30** in the Forum Room. At our annual gathering we will reflect more on Biblical justice, issue updates and prepare for a robust Nehemiah Action turn-out.

Please contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu) or Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com) with your questions or concerns....and **pre-order your lunch before February 27th**.

BLANKETS OF HOPE

Gifts made to Blankets of Hope during the Alternative Gift Market provide new, warm blankets for the Hope Center's HopeMobile to distribute to those living on the streets of Lexington. **Thank you to all those who purchased blankets:**

Gifts in Honor of

2 Dudes Moving
Mason Kratt
Shelby Kratt & Kylan Ames
Evelyn & Stan Kramer
For those in need of warmth for their body and spirit

Given by

2nd Pres Backpack Buddies
Laurel & Mason Kratt
Laurel & David Kratt
Nellie & Harvie Wilkinson
Anonymous

Gifts in Memory of

The Strnad Family
Colby Deener
Jim Goff
James A. Goff
Parents, Jim & Nancy Kratt
Parents, Prewitt & Elaine Paynter
Gertrude Carigan
Paul David Nelson

Given by

Martha, Larry & Elizabeth Deener
Martha, Larry & Elizabeth Deener
Mimi Dawahare Dildilian
The Kramer Family
Laurel & David Kratt
Laurel & David Kratt
Ruth Webb Kelly
Rebecca Nelson

Undesignated Donations for Blankets of Hope:

Jody Bosomworth; Andrew, Kirsten & Rhodes Carey;
Jackie Graves; Nancy Hanna; Mary McGaha;
Jim & Katherine Redmond; Angene Wilson

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

- From your gifts of time spent manning the loading dock, transporting or unloading/carrying bags of food up or down stairs to residents, to your amazingly generous monetary gifts in excess of \$8,000 was collected to help cover the costs of the baskets for the residents of Westminster Village and Lakeside Manor.
- For the number of items purchased and left under the Giving Tree benefitting Canaan House, the Hope Center, the Nest, Westminster Village and ITN of the Bluegrass. For those who chose to "adopt" a senior citizen or a family at Westminster Village for Christmas, thank you!
- From building a Mountain of Coffee to providing new, warm blankets for distribution by the HopeMobile to beautifully knitted hats, white socks and warm gloves to be given out to those in need of them at the Hope Center.
- For your donations of 53 2-liters of soft drinks and the gift of your time in serving a meal for Second's HOPE for the Holidays dinner at the Hope Center to over 254 individuals.
- For meals provided to the residents of Canaan House, for the use of the church van for monthly outings, for those who provide care, remember the residents on their birthday and offer friendship to them, thank you!
- For your support of the Family Resource Center at Cardinal Valley Elementary School, (our Backpack Buddies partner), in providing items for the Emergency food pantry. A BIG THANK YOU to 2 Dudes Moving who donate their services to pick up our monthly distribution of food items at God's Pantry and deliver them to Second. For volunteers who pack and deliver 100 bags of food to the school, each week, to insure at risk children have food for the weekend
- For support of the FRC Coordinator. whether that be with a verbal thank you or a note of appreciation

One simple **THANK YOU** cannot possibly convey the heartfelt appreciation from those whose lives have been touched and enriched due to the concern and generosity of members of our congregation!



FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

To everything there is a season.....

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Flu activity in Fayette County is outpacing last year's numbers, having arrived earlier than expected, according to the Health Department. Symptoms vary but typically include

runny nose, cough, fever, shortness of breath, and aches. Currently 1 in 4 ER visits are tied to respiratory illnesses. In addition to staying home when you feel ill, hydration, and rest are essential. There are effective OTC medicines that will help but be sure to study what they contain. Some may be in conflict with your regular medicines, such as for hypertension, and some may be double dosing you on NSAIDs.

When should you contact your doctor? Keep these in mind:

- Fever lasting more than 2-3 days
- Trouble staying hydrated or loss of appetite
- Persistent dizziness, especially when standing
- Shortness of breath or worsening symptoms
- Thick discolored mucus that doesn't improve
- Symptoms lasting more than 7-10 days

Trust your instinct. If something doesn't feel right, especially with children or older adults, it's better to get checked.

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Derby Derbyshire, Betty Lewis
- 2 Dal Harper, Bev Carr, Betty Huffman, Marilyn Smedley
- 3 Lisa Shainfeld, Tom Brieske
- 4 Ginny Hoyt, Jennie Boyd, Sarah Blair, Kenneth Kalu
- 5 Joyce DeAeth, Lida Hinkle, Caitlin Kine
- 6 Brian McLaughlin
- 7 Todd Stockwell, Judy Tarr, Mike Wynn
- 8 Dave Patton
- 9 Joan Bush
- 10 Martha Trent, John Pike
- 11 Sandra Harrison
- 12 Betty Downing, Barbary Taylor
- 13 Jim Drahovzal, Laura DesCognets
- 14 Shawn Caudill, Lynn Robbins, Kirsten Carey, Nayda Reinhardt
- 15 Palmer Lee, Wess Coffman, Mary Ashmun-Wilson, C.J. Leopold
- 16 Lisa Blackadar, Robin Reid, Steven Reid
- 17 Cindy White
- 19 John Spires, Ike Van Meter, Nate Letton
- 21 Bob Fox
- 22 Trey Mesta
- 23 Judy Maxson, Gale Reece, Todd Harrison, Katherine Culbertson
- 25 Bo Phillips, Shirley Caldwell
- 27 John Sisler
- 28 Karen Kidd, B.W. Thornton

**SERVING
OPPORTUNITIES
EVERYONE HAS A PLACE**

Below are opportunities where we could use your gifts of time and talent! **Scan the QR code** and visit our LinkTree to sign up today!



• Host Coffee/Donuts

We need you (or your family) to host between services. The donuts are delivered to the church on Sunday mornings...all we need is your smile! **We have lots of open Sundays in 2026!**

• Worship Leader (11:00 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.

• Water Pourers

Looking for children and/or youth to pour the water into the baptismal font on Sunday mornings.

• Provide Meals for Alight

We are looking for members of our congregation to provide lunch after the 11am worship service for our Alight Fellowship (4th & 5th graders).

Calendar

Tuesday, February 3

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
5:45 p.m. Yoga
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel)

Saturday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group

Sunday, February 8

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (202)
5:00 p.m. DYG (First Pres)

Monday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
1:00 p.m. Beth Wachs Circle (Forum Room)
7:00 p.m. Mission Committee

Tuesday, February 10

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)
5:30 p.m. Needlepoint Group (Forum Room)
5:30 p.m. Yoga
5:30 p.m. Finance
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 11

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, February 12

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel)

Saturday, February 14

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum)

Sunday, February 15

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Session Meeting
1:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship at Sky Zone

Monday, February 16

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversations

Tuesday, February 17

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group
5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 18

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 19

6:30 p.m. BUILD Meeting
7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel)

Saturday, February 21

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum Room)

Sunday, February 22

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:40 a.m. Confirmation Group
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. DYG (Christ Church)

Monday, February 23

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversations

Tuesday, February 24

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
5:00 p.m. Preschool Art Night
5:30 p.m. Yoga Class
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Group
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 25

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
12:00 p.m. Backpack Buddies
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, February 26

7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Practice (Chapel)

Saturday, February 28

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group



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 things 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.** There is no agenda, other than talking together and sharing life. Hope to see you there!

⇒ **Beth Wachs Monday Circle** - All ladies in the church are welcome to join us on **Monday, February 9th at 1:00 p.m., in the Forum Room** for refreshments and Bible study.

⇒ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Come and join others who knit and crochet together on the **Third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at church in room 204.** Questions? Contact Kathy Blomquist (kbbloomquist@gmail.com).

⇒ **Women's Saturday Discussion** - Women's Saturday discussion group meet **each Saturday at 9:00 a.m., in the Forum Room.** Contact Amy Palmer (859-825-8703) for details.

⇒ **Men's Book Study** - Meet virtually via Zoom on **Wednesday morning from 6:30-7:30 a.m.** Contact Shawn Caudill for more information and the zoom link (859-608-6662 or timothy.caudill@ky.edu).

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Winter Weather Policy Reminder: In the event of inclement weather, your safety is our priority. Please use caution when deciding whether to travel to church. We encourage you to check the church website and social media pages for updates on cancellations or schedule changes before heading out. We will attempt to communicate our decisions as early as possible, including listing on the WLEX news closings page. **Stay safe and take care!**

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On January 11th, Second Presbyterian Church participated in its seconded **Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event!** Over 100 members and friends participate and packed 15,000 meals! What a wonderful day of fellowship and helping to end hunger around the world! Don't miss other opportunities throughout the year to get involved. **Together, we can make a difference!**

