



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

June, 2026

Every pastor knows both the joy and the challenge of congregational singing. Hymns that move one, frustrate others. Some hymns have great theology...but are terrible musically. Other hymns are a delight to sing...but their theology is questionable...or worse.

Singing is the church's way of praying twice and of allowing the theology we sing to shape the lives we live. Music gets into our bodies in a way no other human language does. And that's why the music we sing in church matters as much as it does—because it shapes us.

I'm grateful for the ones who responded to my invitation to suggest your favorite hymns for a summer sermon series. You'll see below the plan for the series, which I'm calling *A Song to Sing, A Life to Live*. That title comes from a book by the name written by Don Salier (a professor of theology and worship) and his daughter Emily (a member of the Indigo Girls folk-rock duo you may have heard on the radio).

A Song to Sing, A Faith to Live (A summer sermon series)

June 7	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>
June 14	<i>Be Not Afraid and How Firm a Foundation</i>
June 21	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>
June 28	<i>Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God</i>
July 5	<i>Once to Every Man and Nation and This Is My Song</i>

Before we start, take note of John Wesley's rules for congregational singing. Here's what he had to say about congregational singing:

1. **Learn these tunes before you learn any others**, afterwards learn as many as you please.
2. **Sing them exactly as they are printed here**, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
3. **Sing all** – see that you join the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.
4. **Sing lustily – and with good courage**. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead or half-asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sang the songs of Satan.
5. **Sing modestly** – do not bawl so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation that you may not destroy the harmony, but strive to unite your voices together so as to make one melodious sound.
6. **Sing in time** – whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before and do not stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices and move therewith as exactly as you can and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
7. **Sing spiritually – have an eye to God in every word you sing**. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

Still singing the faith,

Pastor John

Summer Worship

June 7th - September 6th

10:00 am

Nursery * Livestream * Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

(WOW will be held all Sundays with the exception of July 5th)

Lemonade in the Courtyard will take place each Sunday (weather permitting) through September 6th following the 10:00 a.m., service. **This great way to get to know others in our church family! If you or family (or group) would like to host, please scan the QR code to sign up. Lemonade and paper products provided. Open Sundays: July 5, 12, 19 and more!**



MEMBER NEWS

Congratulation To . . .

- **Blake and Elizabeth Abner Smithson** on the birth of **Benton Lee Smithson** on May 14th. *Grandparents are Lee and Susan Abner.*

We Express our Love and Sympathy To . . .

- **Jimmie Simmons** on the death of his mother.
- **Jackie Roberts** who died on March 3rd in Florida.
- **Pat Collins** who died on May 4th in Georgia.
- **Chris, Elizabeth, Reagan and Delaney Briggs** on the death of Chris's mother, Deborah, on May 19th.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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. You can also contact Shawn Phelps (shawnp@2preslex.org or 859-254-7768) if you would like for her to place your order.



Congratulations to our **2026 Confirmation Class** on reaching this significant milestone in their faith journey and joined the church in May: **Carly Repass, Leah Leachman, Banks Wilkinson, Henry Walter, Max Walter, Claire Yeiser, David des Cognets, Reagan Briggs, Quinn Merlino, B Jones, Caroline Monohan, Sarah Kennelly, Nathan Reid, Daniel Milward, Carys Moore and Emmie Van Metre.**

A special thanks to the **Covenant Partners** who gave of their time to walk alongside these young people on their Confirmation Journey: *Jackie Graves, Judy Maxson, Sam Finley, Bill Hoyt, Greg Leopold, Julia Leopold, Carol Behr, Beth Roseland, Melanie Gabbard, Harvie Wilkinson, Nancy Kelley, Kay Harris, Shawn Caudill, Nathan Lee, Cindy Woolwine and Kathy Kluemper.*





CLASS OF
2026



Violet Harrison: Lafayette HS with plans to attend The University of Louisville majoring in communications, sciences and disorders.



Eleanor Boyd: Fredrick Douglass HS with plans to attend The University of Kentucky majoring in Elementary Education.



Tucker Lee: Henry Clay HS with plans to attend Belmont University in Nashville majoring in Music Technology.



Joe Swayze: Henry Clay HS with plans to attend UK in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering.



Charlie Leachman: Lafayette High School with plans to attend Centre College.

Congratulations!

JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

Where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also.
Matthew 6:21



One of the four **BUILD** meetings each **Justice Ministry Member** commits to attend each year, **Celebration and Investment Drive Kickoff**, will be held **Monday, June 8th at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary** school. Dinner/Fellowship at 6:30pm. Program starts promptly at **7:00 pm**.

We will celebrate our victories and recognize ALL Justice Ministry members; notably those who brought 3 or more to the Nehemiah Action. KUDOS! to Sebastien Geroli who brought 10 guests with him to his first Action. We will welcome and covenant another 'new' faith community **Crestwood Christian Church**. Good News indeed! We will hear more about what our sacred work has meant and will mean for many of our most at-risk neighbors. This is our chance to tell God's story of justice happening in our city. Updated reports on our current issues and the work steering committees will be doing over the summer will be shared. AND, just like last year--we're having a party! Thanks again to our creative, energetic committee making plans for another engaging, exciting and fun evening for all. You don't want to miss this joyful event!

We will have the opportunity to invest at least \$200, or whatever amount is most meaningful, in the work of BUILD. We *invest* to truly own our organization; to sustain our independence, to make our own collective decisions, to do our own research focused on the concerns/problems voiced at our House Meetings. We *invest* to support the salaries of BUILD's 2 staff, to host community events and train team leaders. We have witnessed many times over these past 23 years the positive returns on our *investments for justice*.

Second's Justice Ministry Leaders, Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu) and Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com), are currently following up with our Team Members prior to the Celebration June 8th.






Sundays at 10:00 am

HABITAT HOUSE FAITH BUILD UPDATE



Faith Build Update: Second Presbyterian Church has joined with other local faith communities to build this year's Habitat for Humanity house.

As we wrap up the plumbing, electrical and other phase 2 work, **opportunities are open for phase 3!** Sign up below to help get our family closer to moving into their home:

- **Volunteer:** If you have an issue signing up to volunteer, please reach out to coordinator Jordan Amis (jordana@lexhabitat.org). 
- **Provide Lunches:** Slots are still needed to provide lunches for the crew. This is perfect for a group or family. 
- **Donate:** We are approaching our fundraising goal and any donations are appreciated! 



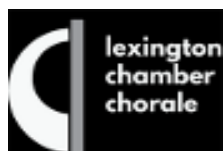
MUSIC NEWS



You are invited to join the Summer Choir! We welcome singers who need to refresh your voices; singers who love to sing in choir, but do not have time for Thursday evening rehearsals; singers who love a community of music makers.

We meet at 9:30 a.m., in the sanctuary on June 7, 14 and 21 in preparation for the 10:00 service.. Singers will receive the anthem of the day, a choir folder, and a warm welcome. Anthems are chosen to be prepared in a very short time and we will not wear robes. Bring a friend, bring your family and come and sing! **You are welcome for any or all Sundays in June!**

The Power of Singing: Celebrating Lexington



Join the Lexington Chamber Chorale on **Sunday, June 7th at 5 pm at Ashland: The Henry Clay Estate** for a free outdoor performance celebrating Kentucky's rich musical traditions.

Enjoy Shaker and shape-note hymns, plus music by John Jacob Niles and Jean Ritchie. **Bring the whole family and a picnic** to enjoy on the grounds. This is a free concert and open to the public.

In case of rain, the concert will be held on Monday, June 8th.

FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind. Psalm 26:2



Mind Matters

At a recent Mind Matters summit sponsored by Sanders-Brown Center, our keynote speaker, Dr. Shawn Caudill spoke to us about healthy lifestyles for brain health. **Here's are some of the highlights:**

- Lifestyle directly affects the aging brain. All body system need to remain healthy to work together well.
- Genetics attributes about 25% of our health issues- the rest is chosen lifestyle
- Good choices to include are regular exercise, healthy diet, regular sleep, regular relaxation, and decreased stress.
- Maintain healthy relationships & avoid isolation. Stay engaged!!
- Don't ignore symptoms- get a medical and medicine review on a regular basis.
- Pay attention to visual and hearing changes. OTC memory supplements are not tested, are expensive and don't seem to be affective.

If you are interested in joining a research study, consider Be Bright. It's a yearly 30 minute phone evaluation that is looking at understanding aging and memory in folks over 50. Call 859-323-5550 or visit medicine.uky.edu/centers/sbcoa.

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

PRECSCHOOL-END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



The Ecumenical Preschool wrapped up the school year with a fun week, including graduation for those heading to Kindergarten! **Spots are available for the 2026-2027 school year.** Contact Kim Shelton (epdirector@2preslex.org) with questions or details.

Thanks to all the teachers who make this school a wonderful place for children to learn!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Vicky Graff, Matt Shane, Rachel Thompkins
- 2 Harvie Wilkinson, Tom Polites
- 3 Nancy Stallard, Charlotte Boyd, Field Costich
- 4 MK Holbrook, Kate Boardman
- 5 Richard Hunt, Elizabeth Shainfeld
- 6 Mark Sanders, Callie Baesler, Chris Pedersen
- 8 Kathy Hall, Kate DeHoag
- 9 John Phillips
- 10 Wayne Littrell, Michael Dickson
- 11 Ruth Berry, Susan Leemhuis
- 12 Ariel Gobert
- 13 Peggy Blake, Franklin Gray, Bryan Reid
- 14 Barbara Underwood, Robin Haden
- 15 Linda Gorton, Evelyn Kramer
- 16 Lilly Polly
- 18 Nancy Brown, Elizabeth Deener
- 19 Beverly Harris
- 20 Laurel Wilson, Erin Maloney, Bethany Clark
- 21 Mason Kratt, Malissa Kilgore
- 23 Catherine Hunt, Cameron Coyle
- 25 Phil Maxson, Carolyn Preston, John Leggett
- 26 Michael Garrett, Christina James, Daryl Privott, MacKenzie Walter, Julia White
- 27 Becky Stull
- 28 Ricky Chelvarajan, Lindsay Harrell
- 29 D. Clark
- 30 E Barr, Penny Weldon, Dave Carr



Vacation Bible School

June 9-12 * 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**REGISTER TODAY!
Don't Miss Out!**



Challenge Accepted! Join us for **Snowball Mountain Challenge!** Children ages 3 yrs (*must be fully potty trained*) - 5th grade will explore a winter wonderland while discovering they can find strength in God to overcome any challenge. With Ollie the Arctic Seal cheering them on, kids will engage in high-energy games, creative crafts, and unforgettable Bible lessons.

- ⇒ **June 3:** VBS Decorating Day in the Fellowship Hall (9:00-2:00)
- ⇒ **June 7:** VBS Volunteer Meeting in the Fellowship Hall (9:30 am)
- ⇒ **June 14:** Children Sing During Worship (10:00 am)



On Sunday, May 3rd, **Alight (4th and 5th graders)** took a trip to Dahllus Fudge! This was a perfect ending to a wonderful year and we look forward to seeing new faces in September!



On Sunday, May 3rd the **Downtown Youth Group** ended the year with a get-together at Main Event! Be sure you join us in September as we welcome our upcoming 6th graders to the group!

YOUTH MISSION WEEK

Drop off and Pick up at 2nd Pres
Lunch Provided
RSVP here>>>>>



JUNE 22, 9:30AM-2PM

10:00-12pm-Shillito Park Clean-Up

12pm-Lunch

1-2-Clean and organize Sunday School Rooms

JUNE 24, 9AM-3:30PM

9:30-11:30-Lexington Rescue Mission Donation sorting

12pm-Lunch

1-3pm- Ronald McDonald House Baking

JUNE 25, 12-3:30PM

12pm-Lunch & Prep for Youth Mission Sharing

1-3pm-God's Food Pantry sorting

Calendar

Monday, June 1

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, June 2

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (202)

7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 3

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)

9:00 a.m. VBS Prep (FH)

Saturday, June 6

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

10:00 a.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Sunday, June 7

9:30 a.m. Summer Choir

9:30 a.m. VBS Volunteer Meeting (FH)

10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

11:15 a.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

5:00 p.m. Chorale Concert (Ashland: Henry Clay Estate)

Monday, June 8

9:00 a.m. Preschool Camp

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

6:00 p.m. Mission Committee

6:00 p.m. VBS

Tuesday, June 9

9:00 a.m. Preschool Camp

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting

6:00 p.m. VBS

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, June 10

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Camp

6:00 p.m. VBS

Thursday, June 11

9:30 a.m. Preschool Camp

6:00 p.m. VBS

Friday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Preschool Camp

Saturday, June 13

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

Sunday, June 14

9:30 a.m. Summer Choir

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

11:15 a.m. Deacons

Monday, June 15

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, June 16

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (zoom)

5:00 p.m. Needlepoint (Forum)

Wednesday, June 17

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)

Saturday, June 20

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

Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day)

9:30 a.m. Summer Choir

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

Monday, June 22

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, June 23

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)

Wednesday, June 24

6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)

Saturday, June 27

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

Sunday, June 28

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade in the Courtyard

11:15 a.m. Session

Monday, June 29

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, June 30

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day



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, various staff members and unknown others from 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.

⇒**Congregation Meeting** - The session has called a congregational meeting to act on the report of the Nominating Committee following the 10:00 am service on **Sunday, June 7th**.

⇒**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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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



- **Water Pourers:** Looking for children and/or youth to pour the water into the baptismal font on **Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Host Lemonade in the Courtyard:** Beginning May 31st through September 6th following the 10:00 a.m., service. **This great way to get to know others in our church family!**
- **Vacation Bible School:** We are currently needing additional volunteers to help **June 8-11 (6:00-8:00 pm).**