



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.

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March, 2024

I shared a blessing by John O'Donohue at the close of the most recent meeting of our presbytery. It's called "For the Interim Time." The whole blessing speaks to me, but four lines in particular sound a note so true that I can't stop thinking about them:

*You are in this time of the interim
Where everything seems withheld.
The path you took to get here has washed out;
The way forward is still concealed from you.*

Have you ever been stuck in a place or time like that? When you can't figure out what's going on? When nothing feels familiar? Where you know things have changed—and you aren't sure how you got here or where to go next?

It happens to each of us, I suppose. And it happens to communities of faith like ours. The pandemic sped the pace of change for congregations like us, and it's been difficult to catch up. It seems almost cliché to say, but it remains true: nothing is the same; it's all changed.

Maybe you know the temptation of wanting to go back to the way things were, whatever that may mean in your imagination, and find that O'Donohue gives you some language for what you have discovered the hard way. "The path that took you here has washed out," which means you can't go back.

Or maybe you don't want to go back, but you are convinced that you are stuck and you're desperate to move—anywhere! If your temptation is to rush ahead to the next thing too quickly, O'Donohue has a word for you too. "The way forward is still concealed from you."

With the path that got us here gone, and the way forward still concealed from us, it feels much like what O'Donohue describes—like an interim time.

The biblical language speaks of times like this as like being in exile, or in the wilderness. And while no one seeks such moments (or rarely), times in exile, in the wilderness, have produced some of the most beautiful articulations of our faith.

The question we face, then, is whether this "interim time" will lead us to despair, or to a renewed hope, a deeper faith.

Easter reminds us of God's power to make all things new. Our task is to wait in the midst—not idly, but with prayer and other disciplines of readiness—so that when God shows up with power, the way before us will become clear once more. And we will do what we have sought to do for generations—to love God with all that we are, and our neighbors as ourselves.

In hope,

Pastor John

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March 10:	David Holden
March 17:	John P. Leggett
March 24:	<i>Requiem (Palm Sunday)</i>
March 31:	John P. Leggett (Easter)

Holy Week and Easter Services



Palm Sunday

March 24 - One Service at 11:00 a.m.

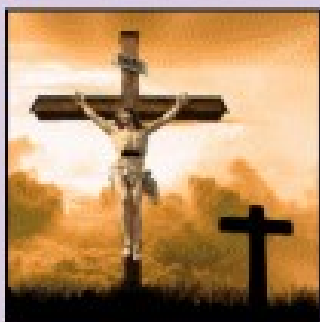
*Church School 9:30 am * Requiem * Palm Processional*



Maundy Thursday

March 28 - 7:00 p.m.

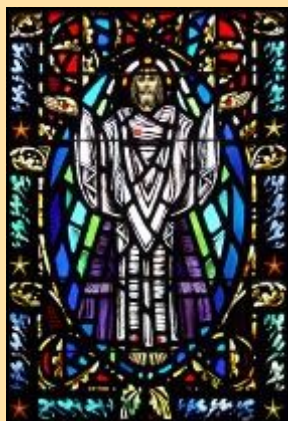
Join us for a service in the sanctuary.



Good Friday

March 29 - 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a service in the sanctuary.



We invite you and your family to join us by attending one of our **Easter Sunday** services on

March 31 at 9:00 or 11:00 a.m.

WOW (Worship Our Way) and Nursery will be held at both services. Livestream at 11:00 a.m.



Easter Egg Hunt

(between the Easter Services: 10:15 a.m.)

Youth Ministry is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt! We will divide children into 3 age groups so all children can have a fun opportunity to find age-appropriate filled eggs: **up to age 3, ages 4-7 and ages 8-11.**

Meet Our New Members



Sally Maggard and Rachel Tompkins, by Letters of Transfer from Foundry United Methodist, Washington D.C.



Harry and Mary Beth Clark, by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Robin Haden, by Letters of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Lexington.

Not Pictured:

Berkley and Melinda Reed, by Letters of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Lexington.

Lisa Hinkle, by Letters of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Lexington.

*Welcome
to our Church Family*

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP CLASS



Are you interested in joining Second Church? If so, join us for a one session membership class on **Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)**. Those wishing to join the church will meet from **9:30-10:30 a.m.**, in the Campbell Memorial Room. Following the class, you will be presented to the congregation during the 11:00 a.m. service. **Scan the QR code** to sign up or contact the church office (859-254-7768).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Join us each night from **June 23-27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, for faith-building, fellowship, and fun at Vacation Bible School! We will learn that we can trust God no matter what challenges we face in life as we spend each evening engaged in summer camp inspired fun! **VBS is for ages 3 thru completed 5th grade**. 5th graders will be Group Assistants - they help the adult/youth leaders, but also get to participate in all activities with their group. **Scan the QR code** to sign up your child(ren). **Friends are welcome!**



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Thanks to all of those who have assisted in making the start of 2024 an incredible year for our Middle and High School youth. We have grown together, shared together, worked hard together, and most importantly, had fun together!

Our annual **Youth Sunday Worship service** is scheduled for **Sunday, April 28th**. If you are interested in participating (either with a speaking role or otherwise), please be sure to contact Jen Brown-Murphy (jenb@2preslex.org).

- **March 3:** *Alight* - 4th & 5th Grades (4:00-5:30)
- **March 3:** Jammin' with Jami (4:30-5:30)
- **March 10 & 17:** Youth Fellowship (4:00-6:00)
- **March 24:** Jammin' with Jami (3:30-4:00)
- **March 31:** No Youth Activities (Easter)

Communion Class: All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders **AND their parents** are invited to come **March 13th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**, and learn about this special sacrament together. Jen, Pastor John, and Marissa will lead families in exploring why it is a sacrament and why it is so meaningful to us as Christians and followers of Jesus. **Scan the QR code to sign up your child.**



Sunday Morning Water Pourers: We are looking for children and youth to volunteer to pour the water into the baptismal font on Sunday mornings!

Participants will carry the water pitcher in from the back of the sanctuary, up the steps to the chancel, and pour the water into the font. In general, we are looking for one person each week. Siblings can carry the water together if they wish, or really young children could choose to walk in with their parent or grandparent. **Scan the QR code to sign up.**



A SEASON OF RENEWAL

March Engage: All ages are welcome to come **Wednesday, March 20th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** as we explore the themes and story of Holy Week as we put together our own **Holy Week Kits!** They will be used at home beginning the following Sunday - Palm Sunday - as you and/or your family remember the Easter Story. Join us to create, reflect, and prepare for a meaningful Holy Week for all ages!

Lent Reflection Rooms: At our February *Engage*, we participated in different ways to reflect, pray and draw near to God during Lent. These were set up as stations that walked individuals through different experiences. It was so meaningful for the group, we decided to make them available for all during Lent. **One station is set up in the Gathering Place and there are 5 more stations set up in Room 205.** We invite anyone wanting some quiet time to rest, renew, and let go of any burdens to God during this Lenten season, to visit the Lent Reflection Rooms.

MEMBER NEWS

Sympathy to:

- ♦ **Kendrick Clark** on the death of her husband, Randy, on February 20th.

EASTER TULIPS



This year we will be filling the sanctuary with tulips! If you would like to take part by honoring or remembering your loved ones with a tulip or to donate a blanket to Church World Services, please **scan the QR code** to complete the form.



*Tulips and blankets are \$10 each;
Note the amount given for lilies is not tax deductible.*

LEXINGTON CHAMBER CHORALE CONCERT



**Miniature Masterpieces II
Featuring the Talents of the
Central KY Youth Orchestra**

- When: **Sunday, March 17**
- Where: **Second Presbyterian Church**
- Time: **5:00 p.m.**

Masterpieces of the 20th century shine in the Chorale's second *Miniature Masterpieces* concert. American composer Morten Lauridsen's light-filled requiem *Lux Aeterna*, based on Renaissance musical ideas, opens the program. The Chorale continues with English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams' beautiful *Serenade to Music*.

Tickets available on the Chorale's website, www.lexingtonchamberchorale.org, or at the door the afternoon of the concert. General Admission \$25; College Students: \$10; K-12 students: Free at the door.

WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED



**Palm Sunday, March 24
One Service at 11:00 service a.m.**
Requiem by Bob Chilcott
presented by the Covenant Choir

For soprano and tenor solo, SATB chorus, and chamber orchestra. Bob Chilcott's solemn yet uplifting Requiem sets words from the Mass, giving a new slant to established texts. Chilcott's Requiem is an elegy for the modern day. Invite your friends and family!

Current members of the Alto section and Number of Years Singing in the Covenant Choir:

Nancy Brown (41), Vicki Graff (35), Catherine Hunt (33), Suellen Farraris (19), Kathleen Richrdson (15), Barb Hauke (10), Anne Keating (5), Judy Hilton (5), Ashley Patak (4 Choral Scholar), Paige Crain (2 Choral Scholar). It is an amazing alto section! *Next month: The Tenors!*

JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

Righteousness and Justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
Psalm 89:14

Believing in God's story of Abundance, Hope, Promise, Community and Love is paramount with our Lenten journey. Praying, seeking and discovering what this means for us in our relationship with God and in following Jesus' teachings are essential for *Doing Justice* with our Second Church family and our BUILD community.

Sunday, March 3rd, Noon (lunch provided)-1:30 pm., in the Forum Room we will explore together Biblical Justice; 'Why' Justice Ministry is integral in our faith journey, 'How' we do this sacred 'heart' work and 'Who' from the Old Testament is our example of doing justice successfully. You will want to hear the most recent updates on **Elder Care, Micro-Transit and Affordable Housing**. The stories shared at our Fall House Meetings will reveal how all three of these problems are interrelated and most profound, how one or all of these issues will, if not already, impact each one of us. During the first hour, Pastor John will open with prayer and reflection. After Rev. David's closing charge and blessing at 1 PM, Justice Ministry Network Members will gather for 30 min. with their respective Team Leader, Shawn Caudill, Daryl Privott or Judy Maxson to begin preparing for the **RALLY, April 9th and Nehemiah Action, April 30th**. *All guests are encouraged to join one of these Teams to see how we do what we do.*

To make sure everyone desiring lunch receives one, **PLEASE** email Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com) **before on March 2nd**. Thank You!

Upcoming Justice Ministry Events: Sunday, March 17th Matt Huffman, BUILD staff, will be Forum's guest speaker. Commissioning of all Justice Ministry Network Members will occur during the 11:00 a.m., service.



On February 9th, **Ruth Webb Kelly, Linda Levstik, Kay Harris and Judy Maxson** prepared and served dinner to guests of the Ronald McDonald House whose children are patients at UK Children's Hospital.

Contact Jeanette Coufal (jcoufal@gmail.com) to volunteer for this monthly mission event.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT



The **Alabare' Honduras Mission Team** has been traveling to Honduras for more than thirty years. It was intended to be a single mission trip, but it became an annual expression of love, faith and an appreciation for God's boundless Grace.

Second Church will again be taking a trip to the village of San Luis. We have a wonderful working relationship with the community and are excited to go back **June 15-25**. We need providers of all types, workers, helpers and any with a heart for service.

Why Participate:

- you feel called to serve people in great need
- to build bridges of faith and love

What We Do:

- set up and operate a medical and dental clinic
- provide dental and health education
- dispense medications
- partner with the community and local providers
- show the community residents they are seen and loved
- provide educational and practical experience to youth participants and medical/dental students
- hear devotions, sing songs of praise, work hard, laugh, make memories and friends.

Who Can Come:

- all with a heart to serve and heal; providers, helpers and workers.

If you're interested in going, or have questions, please contact Scott Walz (scott@studiowalz.com) You can also visit their website for more details (www.alabarehonduras.com).





Sunday Adult Pathways 9:40-10:40 a.m.

- **Bible Explorers (Room 202):** Explore a new way to tell an ancient story via the Bible Project. Short videos prompt conversation about the Bible that leads to a crucial question: Where is Jesus leading me? This semester, we will start with the Gospel of Matthew, followed by a series covering topics from Jesus' ministry through Easter. Then we will discuss some Easter-flavored topics followed by Paul's first four letters following Acts.
- **Women's Sunday Gathering (Room 201A)** - We are continuing to read *Dynamite Prayer* in 2024. This class meets both in-person and online. Contact Catherine Hunt (859-327-9388 or chowehunt@gmail.com) for details.
- **Forum Program (1st Floor)** - Below is the upcoming schedule:

March 3: Dr. Graham D. Rowles, Professor Emeritus of the Graduate Center of Gerontology. He and others will speak about a new program called Homes Reimagined.

March 10: Diane Vance from the Alzheimer's Association will talk about signs and symptom of Alzheimer's and techniques to help facilitate communication with those affected. Diane retired from Eastern Kentucky University's Chemistry Department and has been an Alzheimer's Association volunteer since 2015. She did research on the disease as part of her PhD. Work at UK and the Sanders-Brown Center of Aging.

March 17: Matt Huffman is the Executive Director and Lead Organizer at BUILD – Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action. He will talk about BUILD's initiative focusing on elder care and other projects for the year.

March 24 (Palm Sunday) & March 31 (Easter): No Forum

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Becky Edwins, Caroline Scott, Church Dietrich
- 2 Libby Mattmiller
- 3 Lindsay DeMoss, Deb Moody
- 4 Charlie Gorton, Pat Collins, Ray Davis
- 5 Ann Turhune, Mark Pennington
- 6 Perry Mains
- 7 Glenn Blomquist, Beth Roseland, Ulalo Chirwa, Darrell Heckman
- 9 Jen Walker, Charley Seelbach, Will Graham
- 10 Louis Seelbach, Mollie Eblen, Liz Dietrich
- 11 Melanie Bowser, Eric Wilson, Melinda Stewart
- 12 Doug Boyd, Libby Farmer
- 13 Lewis Bosworth
- 14 Gail Hoyt, Suzanne Humphreys, Stephen Graham, Brenda Smith, Anna McCalla
- 15 Nancy Kelley
- 16 Tim Preston
- 17 Glenn Brown, John Robert Pike, Jonathan Irwin, David Deitz, Carl Walter
- 18 Bob Kirkland, Jorene Terry
- 19 Amy Smith
- 20 Stan Kramer
- 21 Carson Evans
- 23 Cissie Patton
- 24 Don Bayer, Sydney Garrett
- 25 Chris Reid
- 26 Valorie Walz, Melissa Kirtley, Meggan Graham
- 27 Susan Abner, Louie Bosworth, Kathryn Hill
- 29 Valerie Caudill, Kendrick Clark
- 30 Laura Gardner, Allison Bishop, Jeanne Osborne
- 31 Lowell Bush, Jack Wilkinson, Kim Garmer, Alex Brannon

FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. Proverbs 4:13



From UK Health Care: 6 Tips to poison-proof your home It's not uncommon for kids to get their hands on potentially dangerous stuff around the house. Make up, personal care products, pesticides, art supplies, and of course medicines can be a threat if ingested. This danger also applies if an adult with cognitive issues lives in the home or even just visits, so being mindful of how we store things is important.

1. Store all cleaning solutions out of sight and reach. Under the sink is eye level for children.
2. Poisonous items should be stored in the original containers with safety locks in place. This includes liquid packets for laundry and dishwasher.
3. Dangerous household items include health and beauty products, plants, cleaning and gardening supplies, alcohol and lead. Keep them out of sight.
4. Make sure all medicines and vitamins are not left out, on a bedside stand or in a purse.
5. Post the Poison Help Number in a clear place that is visible to all 800-222-1222.
6. If you suspect any lead based paint, remove any peeling paint strips.

Take a walk around your home and look through the lens of a child what might be a danger that can be prevented.

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

Calendar

Friday, March 1

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, March 2

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Retreat

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

Sunday, March 3

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Justice Ministry Network (Forum)

4:00 p.m. Alight Fellowship (4th-5th grades)

4:30 p.m. Jammin' with Jami

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:00 p.m. Backpack Buddies

5:45 p.m. Yoga Class

7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 6

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

12:00 p.m. Black Church Coalition Meeting

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Adult Lent Study (Zoom)

Thursday, March 7

2:00 p.m. OLLI Class

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

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (202)

4:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 11

1:00 p.m. Beth Wachs Circle (Forum Room)

Tuesday, March 12

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

5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (202)

5:45 p.m. Yoga

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (202)

7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 13

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

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Communion Class

7:00 p.m. Adult Lent Study (Zoom)

Thursday, March 15

2:00 p.m. OLLI Class

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

Saturday, March 16

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

10:00 a.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship (6th-12th Grades)

5:00 p.m. Chamber Chorale Concert

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

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

2:00 p.m. OLLI Class

5:45 p.m. Yoga Class

7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 20

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

11:30 a.m. Lexington Directions (Forum)

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Engage

Thursday, March 21

2:00 p.m. OLLI Class

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

Saturday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:30 A.M. Membership Class

11:00 a.m. Worship

3:30 p.m. Jammin' With Jami

4:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades)

Tuesday, March 26

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

1:00 p.m. OLLI Class

5:45 p.m. Yoga Class

7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 27

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

5:00 p.m. Backpack Buddies

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Adult Lent Study (Zoom)

Thursday, March 28

2:00 p.m. OLLI Class

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

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

Friday, March 29

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31 (Easter)

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. Worship

⇒ Beth Wachs Monday Circle

All ladies of the church are welcome to join our next Beth Wachs Monday Circle on **March 11th at 1:00 p.m.**, in the Forum Room. Please come and enjoy refreshments followed by discussion. Contact Sandra Harrison (859-806-1172) for details.

⇒ Women's Saturday Discussion

Women's Saturday discussion group meet each Saturday 9:00 a.m., at Second. Contact Amy Palmer (859-825-8703) for details.

⇒ Men's Breakfast (Book Study by Zoom)

Men's Breakfast meets each **Wednesday (6:30-7:30 a.m.)** by zoom. Questions or to received the zoom link, contact Shawn Caudill (859-219-1249).

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**Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 10th!**

*Be sure you set your clocks ahead one hour
before you go to bed Saturday night!*

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Thanks to all who came to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 15th. As you can see, the pancake flipping contest was the highlight! Look for ways you can come and connect with others in the coming months.

