



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

March, 2026

As I write these words, we are a couple of weeks into our Lenten journey. The invitation to keep a Holy Lent still rings in our ears and hearts. We are steadily making our way toward Jerusalem and the Cross. We know our season of Lent will end at the empty tomb, but our journey of faith will continue beyond the empty tomb—the place where the Risen Lord calls you by name.

The final Sunday of this month is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. The Covenant Choir will offer *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré in worship that morning at 11:00 am. The remainder of Holy Week will offer you a number of opportunities to gather for special services of worship. Here's a quick outline, but be watching your bulletin for more info in the coming weeks:

Mid-day Holy Week services with area downtown congregations will take place March 30, March 31, and April 1. The services will be at First United Methodist Church and will begin at Noon.

We will gather for a light meal and worship service in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 2, at 6:00 pm. The service will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Our Good Friday service is 12:30 pm, Friday, April 3.

As you continue through these holy days, I offer you a blessing written by Jan Richardson. It's called *Blessed is the One*, which she wrote for Palm Sunday:

*Blessed is the One
who comes to us
by the way of love
poured out with abandon.*

*Blessed is the One
who walks toward us
by the way of grace
that holds us fast.*

*Blessed is the One
who calls us to follow
in the way of blessing
in the path of joy.*

I will add my blessing to hers. I pray that these remaining Lenten days will lead you deeper into your life with God. Thanks for sharing the journey with me.

With hope,
Pastor John

MEMBER NEWS AND MORE

We Extend our Love and Sympathy to . . .

- **Bobbi McAllister** who passed away on February 11th.
- **Junie Roberts** who passed away on February 23rd.

Congratulations to . . .

- **Tom Eblen** who was appointed by Mayor Linda Gorton on February 3rd to represent Lexington's 3rd District. A ninth-generation Kentuckian, he was born in the 3rd District and attended Fayette County Public Schools. He is a graduate of Lafayette High School and Western Kentucky University.
- **Jackie Graves** on being the **Safe Kids Community Partner for the month of February**. Safe Kids has been a wonderful platform for her to teach health and safety promotion in our community. She has been with Safe Kids for 23 years and car seats were distributed in February and given away in honor of her. Many of which were given to students attending the parent education program at the Family Care Center. The Family Care Center holds a very special place in Jackie's heart, as she served on their board for 15 years.

FINANCE NEWS

Thank you for your continued support to maintain our on-going service to the community and each other. For questions regarding donations, please contact Scarlet Hall (scarleth@2preslex.org or 859-254-7768).

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LEXINGTON CHAMBER CHORALE CONCERT



The Lexington Chamber Chorale Presents **35 Years in Harmony**

- When: **Sunday, March 8**
- Where: **Second Presbyterian Church**
- Time: **5:00 p.m.**

In his last year as artistic director, Gary L. Anderson programs favorite selections from the past and music to be performed for the first time. Our guest artist is Swedish mallet specialist, Anders Åstrand, who will be making his third appearance with the Chorale.

Visit www.lexingtonchamberchorale.org for ticket information or you can purchase at the door the afternoon of the concert: \$25 for adults, \$20 for groups of 6 or more; Free for students Kindergarten-12th grades. For more information contact Gary L. Anderson (ganderson@transy.edu or 859-317-3353).

EASTER TULIPS!



If you would like to take part by honoring or remembering your loved ones with a **tulip or blanket** to benefit Church World Services on Easter, **scan the QR code or pick up a paper form on Sunday**.

The deadline to place your order is **March 22nd**. Cost is \$10 each and checks made payable to **Second** (notate tulips or blankets in the memo line).



SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Donating floral bouquets adds to the beauty of our worship service and gives members a chance to remember or celebrate loved ones. **We have lots of Sundays open!**

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 sign up!**





Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**March 29th
Fellowship Hall
12:00 Noon**

Join us as we celebrate what our ministries have achieved in the past year and share our hopes and vision for 2026! We will gather for lunch first, followed by the meeting.

In order for us to be sure we have enough food, please scan the QR code to RSVP!



The lunch is complimentary, but donations will be welcomed at the door for those who wish to contribute.



Adult Pathways Sundays 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:**
 - March 8: Kathryn Riley**, the associate for emotional and spiritual care for **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, will talk to us about the organizations mission, efforts, and challenges. PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and enables congregations and mission partners of the Church to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. She is also a member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church.
 - March 15: Devine Carama** director of **One Lexington**, will talk about the group's new initiatives to forward its mission of reducing youth gun violence in our city. Recently, featured on Good Morning American and the Jennifer Hudson Show, Carama is a nationally renowned and Emmy Award-winning hip-hop artist, motivational speaker, author, activist, and founder and director of a youth-focused nonprofit called Believing in Forever, Inc.
 - March 22: Move More, Live Better: Three Tests for a Longer Life** - Join us for an interactive session with **Rob Swayze PT, DPT**. He will go over three simple tests to screen your musculoskeletal health and function and see if you are at risk of frailty. Rob will also discuss risk factors. **Please bring a pair of walking shoes.**
 - March 29: Palm Sunday - Stephanie Spires**, Second Presbyterian member, founder and owner of Stephanie Spires Strategies, and executive director of KORE Academy (Kids Obtaining Real Education), will talk to us about how to better interact with neurodivergent people and how to make our church more neurodivergent-friendly. KORE is a neurodiverse affirming school founded in 2003 Stephanie has also served on the Fayette County Public School board.
- **April 5: Easter (No Forum or Sunday School)**



Our youth had a great time at SkyZone on February 15th (see pictures below).

Our next gathering for youth in grades 6th-12th will be held **Sunday, March 8th** from **12:15-2:15 p.m.** We will eat lunch, learn about biblical justice, play game and pack bags for Backpack Buddies. We will also work on plans for Youth Sunday.

Email Jenna Coy (jennac@2preslex.org) to let her know you'll be coming and invite a friend!



COMMUNION CLASS



We invite you and your **3rd, 4th, 5th grader (s) or older** to join us for our **Communion Class on Thursday, March 12** from **6:00-7:15pm.**

The class is led by Pastor John and Jenna and will include learning about this special sacrament together and why it is so meaningful to us as Christians and followers of Jesus. We will share with one another our past experiences and memories of communion. We will also answer parent and child questions about taking communion. We will finish our time with the experience of communion in the sanctuary together.

Once children have attended this class, they have the opportunity to come to WOW (children's worship) and be brought back to the sanctuary by one of our volunteers or staff to join their family in taking communion the first Sunday of each month! **If you and your family can come join us for this great class, please scan the QR code to RSVP!**



Alight is a monthly children's fellowship group for **4th and 5th graders.** Our next get-together is **Sunday, March 29th** from **12:15-1:45 p.m.**

We will learn about Love in Action and having Joy in the Lord! Join us for lunch, learning, art and games! **Invite a friend!**



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

*Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27*



Preparing for a robust **Nehemiah Action** turn-out with our church family and friends was the essence of our breakout sessions at our Justice Ministry Congregational Assembly March 1st.

In addition to Second's Justice Ministry Members calling to personally invite you, your family and friends to **BUILD's Nehemiah Action on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m., at Central Bank Center**. We will also present two tabling events Sunday March 22nd and April 12th in the Gathering Place. Justice Members will share information regarding campaign issues, what to expect at the **Action** and share why your presence will truly make a difference in the power of our community gathering. Stop by to sign-up and/or reserve your seat on the bus! Many Thanks, Lakshman, for providing transportation! May we stand in solidarity with our neighbors **April 14th** to proclaim God's story of *abundance, hope, promise and love* for ALL people in our beloved community.

Day of the Child Volunteers are needed to assist at Cardinal Valley Elementary School on **Saturday, April 18 from 10:45 to 2:00 p.m.** Our role that day is to serve in the refreshment area, wrapping and distributing the snacks and/or drinks, keeping the food station and tables, for the families attending, clean and picked up.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Evelyn Kramer (Ebkramer55@yahoo.com). **Day of the Child** is a special day to appreciate children's roles in society, emphasizing the importance of nurturing, protecting and ensuring their well being. Celebrating Day of the Child fosters a sense of community and belonging among children, making them feel valued and appreciated within their families, school community and society at large. Over 90 countries around the world have a dedicated national holiday to honor children, being celebrated at various times in different countries.

Camp Burnamwood is dedicated to forging connections with God, learning about ourselves, building relationships, and serving others. **Registration is now open this summer for children and youth** to experience God while in nature and have fun through music, small group, recreation and worship! Visit burnamwood.net to sign up!

- **3rd-5th Grades: June 8-10**
- **6th-8th Grades: June 10-13**
- **9th-12th Grades: June 15-20**



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Mission of the Ronald McDonald House of the Bluegrass is to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare.

As part of Second's Mission we **provide a meal on the third Sunday evening once a month** for families staying at the RMH while their children are hospitalized. Volunteers, consisting of a group of 4-5 people, **are needed to purchase the food and prepare the meal for approximately 50 people**. The meal is prepared by the group in the RMH kitchen, located near KET and the UK football stadium.

We have a few groups that volunteer on a regular basis. **The Men's Breakfast Group** provides four meals a year (one per quarter). Thank you to the men of this group: Bob Boldrey, Shawn Caudill, Jim Drahovzal, Russ Green, Lenn Harrison, Craig Irwin, Jim Leadingham, John Loeff, Dale Meenach, Dick Shore, Harold Weidner, Jay Wheeler, and George Woolwine. *For years Jack Wilson was a very active member of this group and the RMH meals. Jack passed in early January, 2025.*

The following Sunday dates are available:

- ⇒ **April 19**
- ⇒ **May 17**
- ⇒ **July 19**
- ⇒ **August 16**
- ⇒ **October 18**
- ⇒ **November 22**

Please contact Robin Haden (robinhaden14@gmail.com or 859-361-0545) for more information or to volunteer. We welcome groups of friends, families, choir members, Sunday School teachers, couples, and all members of Second Pres!



Thank you to the fun ladies below who had a great time preparing the February meal. L-R: **Cindy Woolwine, Ruth Webb Kelly, Judy Maxson, Lisa Blackadar, and Kay Harris.**

FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

Guard what has been entrusted to your care.
1 Timothy 6:20



The alarming news is out: the new leading cause of death among children is gunshot injuries!!

It is estimated 4.6 million children live in homes where loaded and unlocked guns are stored. Children as young as toddlers have been known to pull the trigger on a loaded gun.

It is vital to keep your kids from accessing guns by storing them securely. **Safety suggestions from SafeKids Fayette County include:**

- **Secure** all firearms in home or vehicle
- **Model** responsible behaviors toward firearms
- **Ask** about the presence of guns in homes you and your children visit
- **Recognize** the role guns have in violence and suicide, and as a family and have discussions about it
- **Tell** your children and peers about S-M-A-R-T

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Becky Edwins, Caroline Scott, Chuck Dietrich
- 2 Libby Mattmiller
- 3 Lindsay DeMoss, Deb Moody
- 4 Charlie Gorton, Pat Collins, Ray Davis
- 5 Ann Terhune, 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 Bowzer, Eric Wilson, Spencer Van Metre, 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, David Deitz, Carl Walter
- 18 Jorene Terry, Catherine Kenneally
- 19 Amy Smith
- 20 Stan Kramer, Raylee Spires
- 21 Carson Evans
- 23 Cissie Patton
- 24 Don Bayer, Sydney Garrett
- 25 Chris Reid
- 26 Valorie Walz, Melissa Kirtley, Meggan Graham
- 27 Susan Abner, Kathryn Hill
- 29 Valerie Caudill, Kendrick Clark
- 30 Allison Bishop, Jeanne Osborne
- 31 Lowell Bush, Jack Wilkinson, Kim Garmer, Alex Brannon

**Opportunities
to
serve**

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!

Open Sundays: March 8, March 15 and more!

• **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.

Open Sundays: March 8, March 22, March 29 and more!

• **Water Pourers**

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

Open Sundays: March 8 (8:30), March 15 (8:30), March 22 and more!

Calendar

Monday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversations

Tuesday, March 3

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

7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 4

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

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

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

Saturday, March 7

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group

10:00 a.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal

Sunday, March 8

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship

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

12:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship

12:15 p.m. Community Life Committee (CMR)

5:00 p.m. Chamber Chorale Concert

6:00 p.m. Chamber Chorale Reception (FH)

Monday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

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

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee

Tuesday, March 10

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

5:30 p.m. Needlepoint Group (Forum Room)

5:30 p.m. Yoga

5:30 p.m. Finance (202)

6:30 p.m. Trustees (202)

Wednesday, March 11

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

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

10:00 a.m. PEO Meeting (Forum)

6:00 p.m. Communion Class

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

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:40 a.m. Confirmation Group

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:15 p.m. Session

Monday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversations

Tuesday, March 17

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

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group

5:30 p.m. Yoga Class

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Group

Wednesday, March 18

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

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

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

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. DYG (Second)

Monday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversations

Tuesday, March 24

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

5:30 p.m. Yoga Class

Wednesday, March 25

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

12:00 p.m. Backpack Buddies

5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

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

Saturday, March 28

9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group

Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting & Lunch

12:15 p.m. Alight

Monday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, March 31

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

5:30 p.m. Yoga



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, March 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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Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 8th!

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

Palm Sunday

March 29 at 11 am (Sanctuary)
Requiem by Gabriel Fauré

Noon Holy Week Services

March 30-April 1 at Noon
(at First United Methodist Church)

Maundy Thursday

April 2 at 6:00 pm (Fellowship
Hall)

Good Friday

April 3 at 12:30 pm (Sanctuary)



Lent 2026

