SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SHARING

NOVEMBER 2026

As November dawns, my mind turns to giving thanks for all the saints who from their labors rest. In worship this past Sunday, we read the names of 15 people from our congregation who died since the last All Saints' Sunday a year ago.

I thought what I've thought most All Saints' Sundays: Too many names.

I've served as the pastor here for almost eight years. In that time, more than 135 members have died, each one a tender reminder of how God shows up in the ordinary lives of those around us. There is much reason to give thanks for the ways their lives reflected their love for God, and for what they meant to our community of faith.

But November's arrival also means the end of Clergy Appreciation Month. I love that arbitrary celebration for a couple of reasons...but probably not ones you would guess.

First, it provides me an annual opportunity to remind Alayne that nurses only get one week...and not a whole month...to be appreciated. She offers replies I won't go into here...
But the second (and deeper) reason has to do with something I learned from my mother. Or at least had the opportunity to learn.

Mother's Day is a day designed to honor mothers, but my mom flipped it. She saw it as another day when she could say thanks to me and my siblings. "I wouldn't know the gift of being a mother without you," she'd remind us with words of thanksgiving and love.

That's how I've come to think about Clergy Appreciation Month.

Ministry is about call, about relationships, about the people who dare to share their lives with you...even when they know you will sometimes...or often...disappoint them. While I try to remember that each day of ministry, I'm always thankful when October arrives with its gentle call to remember...and to appreciate...what a gift it is to be able to serve as a pastor.

As your pastor, I hope you know how many ways you have made my life richer. How your faith has inspired my own. How your forgiveness when I have failed reminded me in the purest way that all of life is grace.

(A final word: I do not mean to glorify motherhood or pastoral ministry. I know well the grief and pain that are always close at hand. My hope here is nothing more than my need in this season of thanksgiving to say thanks.)

I hope to see you in worship next Sunday.

With gratitude,
Pastor John

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

Member News & More

Congratulations To . . .

- **Megan Looff and her husband Chris** on the birth of son, **Cooper John**, on October 18th. *Grandparents are John and Carolyn Looff.*

We Extend Our Love and Sympathy To. . .

- **The family of Bob Fox** who died on September 27th.
- **Vinko and Stoja Simic** on the sudden death of their great-nephew, Neven Coffer, on October 1st.
- **Harvie and Nellie Wilkinson** on the death of Nellie's sister, Selma Owens, on October 8th.
- **The family of Jody Bosomworth** who died on October 22nd.
- **Tracy and Stuart McIntosh** on the death of Tracy's brother-in-law, Ryan Powers.
- **Effie and ML (Matthew) Glover** on the death of Colin Glover.

November Birthdays

2 Tammy Copeland, Ace Applegate
3 Elaine Simpson, Shelby Kratt
4 Audrey Pugh
5 Jerry Pigman, Susan Phipps, Paige Bensing, Joe Swayze
6 Laura Kerns
7 Aimee Mesta, Claire Deitz, Perry Hauke, Pam Chesnut
8 Joyce Kermode, Jane Morriss
9 Charlie Leachman, Max Walter,Henry Walter
10 Barb Hagen, Jim Rogers
11 Michael Hagen, Scarlet Hall
13 Hilary Miller, Amber Deitz
14 Betsy Rogers
15 Nancy Cox, Aaron Leggett, B Jones
16 Jane Wallace
16 Jennifer Reid, Sally Maggard, Will Culbertson
17 Cynthia Yeiser
19 Janet Pugh, Mary Robbins, Susan Tebbs
20 Peggy Reeves, Carol Morgan, Carl Soper
21 Joanne Olson-Biglieri
22 Maggie Oakley, Clay Monohan
23 Jane Stanger, Martha Copeland
24 Creed Gray, Mason McCauley, Jeff Monohan
25 Courtney Sawyer
26 Linda Crawford, Anne Graham
27 Fred Copeland
28 Diane McLaughlin
29 Barbara Boyer, Katherine Monohan, Eloise Bell
30 Ann Sisler, John Looff, Becky DeHoag, Tandy Repass

APNC Update

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) extends our sincere gratitude to the congregation for entrusting us with the important task of searching for a new Associate Pastor. We cannot wait to share the gifts and beauty of Second Presbyterian with prospective applicants!

The committee is meeting and actively working towards completing the first stages of the search process. We will regularly update the congregation in the coming months, and are available to discuss any questions you may have along the way!

Sam Finley (Chair), Carol Behr, Ben Crittenden, Lindsey DeMoss, Lindsay Harrell, Tom Musgrave, and Julia Shane



Restore 2026
Buckhorn Benefit Brunch

Sunday, November 8th
12:30 pm- Idle Hour CC

Restore 2026 is the theme for the annual **Brunch and Silent Auction to benefit Buckhorn Children and Family Services.**

Join Second Church members and friends and scan the **QR code today** to register! **(Deadline: November 2nd)**



Nearly 200h Hunger Fighters representing 17 diverse congregations and 5 organizations (UK's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, M.E.Britton Middle School BETA Club, ONE Campaign, Newcomers and Friends of Central KY and God's Pantry) did not let a misty rain deter them from WALK'ing with our sisters and brothers who must WALK every day for clean water, for food, for safety and for home.

For them a necessity; for us an easy experiential activity. To help alleviate the worsening hunger crisis here at home and around the world, the WALK community is continuing our fundraising through Thanksgiving week. May the collective energy we shared Oct. 11th inspire 2nd's church family and friends to Spirit Walk at crophungerwalk.org/lexingtonky OR make your check payable to CWS/CROP WALK and place in the Sunday's offering, mail to church office or give to Judy Maxson or Nathan Lee. Thank You for caring and sharing your abundance! **Gratitude to Second's family for your generous WALK gifts**! To date we've raised nearly $4,000. Our goal is what we raised last year: $10,000. Many Thanks to Joyce D. Vicki W., Becky D., Barbara H., Angene W., Louie B., David K., Nathan L. and Phil M. for your volunteer expertise! Pastor John welcomed our guests; Rev. Katherine and Jenna joined in the Walk with Lisa Hinkle, the only other Second member present. 923 lbs.of canned/boxed food, 90% from St. Peter Claver and Pi Kappa Alpha, was graciously received by God's Pantry staff. God and the nourishing rain created a very special WALK Day!

News from Malawi: Some of the congregation will remember when **Bonface Juma** spent a month at Second, contributing to music at our church and experiencing central Kentucky. He has communicated to tell us he is now proudly **Dean of Nkoma University.**

For The Health Of It

This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Proverbs 3:8



There is an epidemic of Diabetes in our country and our state. About 12-14% of adults in Kentucky have been diagnosed, with 33.8% of the population prediabetic. The burden of Diabetes here is $4.6 billion annually with another $1.8 billion in loss of productivity. **Some risk factors include:**

- Overweight/obesity
- Inactive lifestyle
- High blood pressure
- History of heart disease
- Family history
- Smoking

Preventative measures:

- Weight control: lose 5-7% of your excess weight can prevent or delay disease
- Healthy eating plan: smaller portions, reduce fats and sugars to prevent gaining weight back
- Regular exercise: aim for at least 30 minutes most days. Start slowly and work toward a goal
- DON'T smoke!!

Talk to your provider for guidance assistance. These steps can reduce the risk of other diseases, help you feel better in general, and increase your energy.

Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse

Finance News

Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year. All contributions to the church need to be postmarked **by December 31, 2026** in order to be credited towards your 2026 tax statement. Contact Scarlet Hall, our Director of Finance (scarleth@2preslex.org or 254-7768) with questions.

In Our Hands
2027 STEWARDSHIP

If you haven't already done so, please return your **2027 Committment Card**.

You can mail your card or **scan the QR code** that will take you directly to the on-line form.

Children & Youth

November Events

- **November 5:** 6:00 -7:00 p.m. - Children's Pageant Rehearsal (age 3yrs-5th Grade)
- **November 12:** 6:00 -7:00 p.m. - Children's Pageant Rehearsal (age 3yrs-5th Grade)
- **November 15:** 12:00 -1:30 p.m. - Alight Fellowship (4th-5th Grades)
- **November 15:** 5:00-7:00 p.m. - DYG (Central Christian Church: 6th-12th Grade)
- **November 19:** 6:00 -7:00 p.m. - Children's Pageant Rehearsal (age 3yrs-5th Grade)

Sunday, November 22: All youth **6th-12th grades** are invited to join us from **12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**, as we go shopping for 3 to 5 children from the **Salvation Army Angel Tree Program.**

It's important that you please RSVP to attend this event by scanning the QR code. Thank you!!



The Kids for the Kingdom choir did a wonderful job singing on October 18th during the 11:00 a.m. service.



Second was the host for the Downtown Youth Group (DYG) on October 18th! **All 6th-12 grades** are invited to come to our next gathering on **Sunday, November 15th at Central Christian Church** from **5:00-7:00 p.m**.

Our Trunk or Treat and Chili Cookoff was held on October 25th and thanks to all who came out and enjoyed a night of wonderful fellowship! **A special thanks to our volunteers . . . we couldn't do this without you!!**











Below are various opportunities where **we could use your gifts of time and talent!** Scan the QR code and visit our LinkTree to sign up. Please contact the church office with questions (859-254-7768).

Water Pourers

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

Host Coffee/Donuts

- We need you (or your family) to host between services on Sundays. **Donuts are delivered to the church on Sunday mornings**...all we need is your smile! **Open Sundays: November 8, 22, 29 and more!**

Provide a Meal for Alight & Youth Fellowship

- We are looking for members of our congregation to provide lunch after the 11am worship service for our **Alight, Middle and High School Youth Fellowship.**

Advent Workshop

- The Advent Workshop will take place on **Sunday, December 6th from 3:00-5:00 p.m.** We need volunteers to make it run smoothly. *Youth are invited to sign up too!*

Children's Christmas Pageant

- We need adult volunteers to help at our dress rehearsal on **December 19th** (9:30-11:00) and on the day of the pageant **December 20th** (9:30-12:00) to put on and off the costumes and more.

Sunday Ushers Needed: Church ushers play a vital role in creating a welcoming environment by greeting members, visitors, handing out bulletins, provide directions and guide congregants in the event of emergencies.

If you're interested in joining one of our teams, please call or email Shawn in the church office. (shawnp@2preslex.org) for details.



Adult Pathways: Sundays (9:40-10:40 am)

- **Bible Explorers** (Room 202)
- **Women's Gathering** (Room 205)
- **Forum Program** (Forum Room-1st Floor)

November 1: Findings from the Congregational Survey presented by Gail Hoyt
November 8: London, Paris, Normandy & Geneva Trip by Stuart and Tracy McIntosh
November 15: China Trip by Gail and Bill Hoyt
November 22: Second Church Budget Update presented by George Woolwine and Lynn Reynolds
November 29: No Forum

- **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 event 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!

- **Monday Beth Wachs Circle - All Presbyterian Women of the church** are welcome to join us for a light snack followed by the lesson on **November 9th at 1:00 pm (Forum Room)**. Contact Sandra Harrison (lsharr64@gmail.com) with questions.

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Join others in our church on the **3rd Tuesday of the month** to knit and crochet. We meet at the church in **room 204 at 1:00 p.m.** If you know of someone who would like a prayer shawl, please contact Jackie Graves (jacqgraves@live.com) or call the church office.

- **Women's Saturday Book 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** - The Men's Book Study group has been meeting weekly for over 25 years. The format is an open discussion of a book, including theological scholars, historians and other authorities on religious topics and experiences. Open forum discussion is welcome and we provide everyone with respect appreciation of differences and commonalities. **We meet virtually via Zoom on Wednesday morning from 6:30-7:30 a.m.** Contact Shawn Caudill for zoom link (859-608-6662 or timothy.caudill@uky.edu).

Music Ministry



SINGING THROUGH ADVENT

The Covenant Choir has begun rehearsing music for Christmas, including anthems for Advent and a Christmas cantata.

This is an invitation to join us for this joyous season! We rehearse on Thursday evenings, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Please contact Director Music, Gary Anderson, with any questions (ganderson@transy.edu or 859-317-3353).

The Lexington Chamber Chorale will present a concert *What Sweeter Music: Carols of Hope and Wonder.*

What Sweeter Music invites audiences into the beauty and wonder of the holiday season. This program offers an evening that inspires hope, wonder, and connections during this special time of year. **We hope you will come and invite a friend!**

- **When:** Sunday, November 29
- **Where:** Second Church (Sanctuary)
- **Time:** 5:00 pm

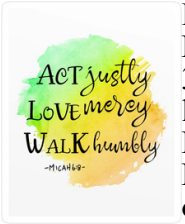
Tickets available at the door or visit www.lexingtonchamberchorale.org.

General admission $25.00; Students (K-12) Free

Mission News

Justice Ministry

Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up! Galatians 6:9



Fantastic News! The microtransit pilot BUILD pushed for and won (an arduous 3+ year process!), Lextran Connect, was launched Tuesday, October 27th at Lextran's press conference held at Gatton Park! You will hear the specific details at our upcoming November 5th Community Problems Assembly.

Second's Justice Ministry Team Leaders, Shawn Caudill and Judy Maxson, appreciate all who attended our recent House Meetings. We are pleased to welcome Katherine Redmond, Barbara Hagen and Jeff Oldham to Second's Justice Ministry. We are honored to do this sacred, heart work with 29 (and growing) Justice Ministry Network Members and our BUILD community.

BUILD's first large gathering, Community Problems Assembly (CPA) is **Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m., at Consolidated Baptist.** Many of the concerns shared at 2nd's House Meetings were lifted up at BUILD's Team Leader Assembly on October 22nd. The three themes with the most votes each Justice Ministry Network Member will decide which one BUILD will research and take Action are: affordability/cost of living, violence and healthcare. A Biblical Justice reflection, moving personal testimonies, updates on the 3 ongoing issues, election of Executive Board officers and Commissioning of all Justice Ministry Network Members will be included in our Assembly. Each congregation will cast their votes during the 20 min 'breakout' caucus. It will be an exciting Roll Call finale! Second church members/visitors interested in seeing and hearing more about BUILD are encouraged to join us! Come be our guests! Many Thanks! Lakshman for providing bus transportation; 6:30 PM departure. Please contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu) or Judy Maxson (jke659@gmail.com) before Noon on November 5th to reserve your seat. Thank You!

Cardinal Valley Elementary Food Drive: To each of you who brought in a donation to stock the shelves of the food pantry in the Family Resource office our Backpack Buddies partner, Cardinal Valley Elementary, **THANK YOU!**

The food was delivered to the school at the end of October....thank you for your support and willingness to share of your resources.

Calendar

Tuesday, November 3
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 4
6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
1:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday, November 5
6:00 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 6
11:00 a.m. Jody Bosomworth Memorial Service
Saturday, November 7
8:30 a.m. KY Federation Music Club
9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group
Sunday, November 8
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:40 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Buckhorn Benefit Lunch (Idlehour)
Monday, November 9
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
1:00 p.m. Beth Wach Circle (Forum)
6:00 p.m. Mission Committee (Room 202)
Tuesday, November 10
9:00 a.m. Preschool Thanksgiving Lunch (FH)
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
5:00 p.m. Backpack Buddies
5:30 p.m. APNC (204)
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee (202)
5:30 p.m. Needlepoint Group (Forum Room)
6:30 p.m. Trustees (202)
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 11
6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
1:30 p.m. OLLI Class (Forum Room)
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday, November 12
6:00 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 14
9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum Room)
11:00 a.m. Bob Fox Memorial Service



All-Church Meal Packing Event!
Look for details coming soon.

Sunday, November 15
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Confirmation Group
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Alight
12:00 p.m. Session/Deacon Joint Meeting (Forum)
5:00 p.m. DYG (Central Christian Church)
Monday, November 16
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
Tuesday, November 17
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner Set Up
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 18
6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
10:30 a.m. Lee Webber Memorial Service
5:30 p.m. Carillon Handbell Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner (FH)
Thursday, November 19
6:00 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 21
9:00 a.m. Buckhorn Board Meeting
9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum Room)
Sunday, November 22
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:40 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
Monday, November 23
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
Tuesday, November 24
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CMR)
7:15 p.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 25
6:30 a.m. Men's Book Study (Zoom)
Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving)
Office Closed
Saturday, November 27
9:00 a.m. Saturday Book Group (Forum Room)
10:00 a.m. Chamber Chorale Rehearsal
Sunday, November 28
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Chamber Chorale Concert
Monday, November 29
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation



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Mark your calendar for our annual **Advent Workshop on Sunday, December 6th from 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

This is a free family event that gives church members (and friends) of all ages a great way to kick-off the Advent season. We have 12 crafts, a music station, and a Christmas-themed photo booth. It is such a delight for adults and youth to help our children make wonderful Christmas crafts to mark the season and share with others.

We are currently recruiting volunteers as craft leaders and assistants, craft prep help, set-up, and clean-up. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, **please scan the QR code** or email Jenna Coy (jennac@2preslex.org).

Craft Prep & Set-Up: Thursday, December 3rd from **5:30-7:00 p.m.,** in the Fellowship Hall.
All are invited to come as they are able to help prepare for this beloved event!