



SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

11:00 am



Anointed by Samuel ©Mike Moyers



Welcome! Your presence in the worshipping community is a gift! Please be sure to let us know you're here by using your phone's camera to scan the QR code. If you have the Connect app, you may also check in using Realm.

Large print bulletins are available at each entrance.

Hearing devices are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for children through age 5.

At the sign * you may rise in body or spirit.

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera at any time during worship.

We Gather at God's Call

For Silent Meditation

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Max Finley

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Ah, Holy Jesus
Carillon Handbell Choir

Larry Sue

*Call to Worship

Meg Swayze, Worship Leader

God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

*Hymn 41 (Vss. 1-2)

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
you know what kind of people we are.
We often judge others harshly,
and fail to see our own sin.
We look with suspicion and fear,
and neglect to show hospitality to strangers.
We treasure things that are worthless
and squander your precious gifts.
We withhold the grace and love
that you give us so freely.
Forgive us.
Pour out your grace upon us
to save us from our sin.**

(Silence for personal confession)

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

The psalmist assures us that God’s goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God’s forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

We will live as children of the light, for Christ shines on us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Psalter Reading

Psalm 23

Psalm Prayer

Musical Offering

Give Me Jesus
Carillon Handbell Choir
Annie Bolden, soprano

Larry Sue

Children at the Chancel

Jenna Coy

Chil - dren wel - come in the name of Je - sus. Chil - dren wel - come
in the name of love. All are wel - come in the name of
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Words and Music by David L. Edwards ©2001

Children Are Invited to W.O.W. (Worship Our Way)

*Children can be picked up on the 3rd floor outside Rooms 300 and 301.
Please wait in the hallway, and we will dismiss children by family at 12:00 pm.*

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Sermon

A Matter of the Heart

John P. Leggett

*The Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn 450 (Vss. 1, 3-4)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

Katherine Redmond

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



*No matter how or where we give, our giving is an act of worship.
You may share your gifts by placing them
in one of the offering plates by each sanctuary door,
mailing them to the church office,
or through the secure online link to give electronically.*

Offertory Hymn 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

***For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

*Doxology (A Song of Praise)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God Sends Us to the World

*Hymn 20 (Vss. 1, 3)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

*Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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With deep gratitude, today's flowers are given in honor of **Donna Phillips** for the abundant gifts she shares among us. We also celebrate her successful completion of all ordination exams even as we continue to pray for her during the next steps in her journey to ordination.

2026 Sanctuary Flowers: Donating floral bouquets adds to the beauty of our sanctuary on Sundays and gives you a chance to remember a loved one. You are also welcome to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or baptism. Scan the QR code on page 7 to see the Sundays we have open, or contact the church office (859-254-7768).

This Week at Second

Sunday, March 15

8:30 am Worship
9:40 am Sunday School
9:40 am Confirmation Gathering
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Session Meeting

Monday, March 16

9:00 am Coffee and Conversations
(Gathering Place)

Tuesday, March 17

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30 pm Yoga
6:00 pm Confirmation Group

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)

Thursday, March 19

7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 20

No events scheduled

Saturday, March 21

9:00 am Women's Book Discussion

Sunday, March 22

8:30 am Worship
9:40 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Downtown Youth Group
(Second Presbyterian)

Upcoming Events:

March 29: Palm Sunday Worship

March 29: Annual Meeting and Lunch

March 30 - April 1: Holy Week Services at First United Methodist (Noon)

April 2: Maundy Thursday Service and Meal (6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall)

April 3: Good Friday Service (12:30 pm in the sanctuary)

April 5: Easter Services at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Children & Youth Announcements

Jenna Coy: jennac@2preslex.org

Katie Baird: katieb@2preslex.org

Downtown Youth Group (6th-12th grades) will be held **next Sunday, March 22nd at Second Church!** Come join us from 5:00-7:00 pm for fellowship, food, and lots of fun.

Alight for 4th and 5th graders will be held **Sunday, March 29th from 12:15-1:45 pm.** We will eat lunch together, play games and explore prayer and joy of the Lord!
Scan the QR code on page 7 to let us know you're coming!

Other Announcements

Sign-ups for all events can be found by scanning the QR code.

Additional information is available on our website.



Coffee and Donuts are available in the Gathering Place between services. Come and meet others in our church family. **If you (or your family) would like to host**, please scan the QR code above to see the open Sundays.

Coffee and Conversations: Join Pastor John and 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. *Come join us!*

Annual Meeting and Lunch: Join us **Palm Sunday, March 29th**, following the 11:00 am service as we celebrate what our ministries have achieved in the past year and share our hopes and vision for 2026! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch first, followed by the meeting. In order for us to be sure we have enough food, **please scan the QR code above to RSVP** or complete the paper form at the entrances and place in the offering plate.

Easter Tulips: If you would like to honor or remember your loved ones with a tulip or blanket to benefit Church World Services on Easter, scan the QR code above or pick up a paper form at the entrances and place in the offering plate. Cost is \$10 each and checks made payable to Second (notate tulips or blankets in the memo line). **The deadline to place your order is March 22nd.**

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 pm.** All voice parts are welcome. Contact Gary L. Anderson, Director of Music, with questions (ganderson@transy.edu).

Church Prayer List: Please contact the church office if you would like to add yourself or someone else to our prayer list. To keep the congregation's prayer list focused on immediate prayer concerns, we will ordinarily remove names and causes after three weeks. You may also contact the church office if you wish to have a name or cause on our prayer list for an extended period.

Women's Saturday Discussion Group meets each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Forum Room. Contact Amy Palmer (859-825-8703) for details.

Men's Book Group meets each Wednesday (6:30-7:30 a.m.) by Zoom. Contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu or 859-608-6662 for Zoom instructions and details.

Blue bins are available at each sanctuary exit for you to recycle your bulletin if you aren't taking it with you.

Prayer Concerns

In Our Church Family

Ron and Marilyn Smedley
Jim Potts
Linda Crawford

Kenny Leatherman
David Porter

Global Concerns

You may keep up with the most recent and ongoing responses of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from the link on our church website, or by going directly to the denomination's website at www.pcusa.org. Your gifts support good and important work.

Our 2026 Confirmands and (Covenant Partners)

Carly Repass (Jackie Graves), Leah Leachman (Judy Maxson), Banks Wilkinson (Sam Finley), Henry Walter (Bill Hoyt), Max Walter (Greg Leopold), Claire Yeiser (Julia Leopold), Davis de Cognets (Carol Behr), Reagan Briggs (Beth Roseland), Quinn Merlino (Melanie Gabbard), B Jones (Harvie Wilkinson), Caroline Monohan (Nancy Kelley), Sarah Kennelly (Kay Harris), Nathan Reid (Shawn Caudill), Daniel Milward (Nathan Lee), Carys Moore (Cindy Woolwine), Emmie Van Metre (Kathy Kluemper)

Church Staff

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