



# 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

December 2023/January 2024

**December 3**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19  
*The Spell of Hope*

**December 10**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Psalm 85:1, 2, 8-13  
*Hope in the Meantime*

**December 17**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
***One Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.***

*The Covenant Choir will sing their Cantata **Magnificat** by Taylor Scott Davis during the service.*

**Morning of December 24**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
***One Service at 10:00 a.m.***  
***(Nursery Available; No Church School or WOW)***

Luke 1:46-55  
*Mary's Song of Hope*

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## **Christmas Eve Services**

**5:00 p.m.**  
*(Nursery Available)*  
*A Service of Carols and Candlelight*

**11:00 p.m.**  
*(No Nursery Available)*  
*A Service of Carols, Candlelight, and Communion*

### Upcoming Preaching Schedule

**December 3:** John P. Leggett

**December 10:** John P. Leggett

**December 17:** Christmas Cantata ➡  
**One Service at 11:00 a.m.**  
(Church School & Nursery will be held)

**December 24:** John P. Leggett  
**One Service at 10:00 a.m.**  
(Nursery will be held)

**December 31:** David Holden  
**One Service at 10:00 a.m.**  
(No Church School or Nursery)

### ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS!



It's time to order Poinsettias (\$10) for Christmas Eve Services in memory/honor of a loved one. **Pick up a form on Sunday at the entrances or scan the QR code.** You are also welcome to call Shawn Phelps (859-254-7768) in the church office.

A complete listing of all donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins. *Please note, however, that the amount given for poinsettias is not tax deductible.*



### 2024 SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Donating floral bouquets adds to the beauty of our sanctuary on Sundays and gives members a chance to remember a loved one. You are also welcome to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, wedding or baptism.

Scan the QR code to see the **Sundays in 2024 we have open** or contact the church office (859-254-7768). A local florist will provide the flowers at a cost of \$100.



*Note the amount given for flowers is not tax deductible.*

## Christmas CANTATA SERVICE

### MAGNIFICAT

by Taylor Scott Davis

**Sunday, December 17th**  
**One Service at 11:00 a.m.**

Scored for choir, soprano soloist, and chamber orchestra, this fresh entry into the field of multi-movement *Magnificats* will be performed in worship on **Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m.**

This work incorporates the texts from Luke 1:46-56 and a new text, *Shall I Rejoice for Christ in Me* for Mary, which begins with a declaration of joy but which also foreshadows the trouble ahead for her son.

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**December 3rd Forum Program:** Join the Covenant Choir as they present a preview of the above Cantata from 9:40-10:40 a.m.



## Children's Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

All are invited to come enjoy the Christmas story shared by the children of Second on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm!

Our pageant this year, **Love Came Down to Bethlehem**, is a musical retelling of the birth of Jesus Christ from all the people - and animals - who experienced it. **Everyone is welcome to join us** for this beloved evening as the children lead us in the joy and anticipation of the Advent season!

*Nursery will be available for children ages birth to 5 years.*

## MEMBER AND OTHER NEWS

### Sympathy:

- **Susan Harper** on the passing of her mother, Dorothy Friend, on November 16th.
- **Barb Hauke** on the passing of her husband, Bill, on November 18th.
- **Mac Lambing** on the passing of his brother.



**Congratulations to Gale Reece** who received the Isabel Yates Community Service Award from Women Leading Kentucky. *She is pictured above with Mayor Linda Gorton.*

**Thanks to all who attended our Pace-Warren Sunday** and Fellowship lunch on November 5th. Our speakers, John and Winn, shared their gifts which gave us an opportunity to grow together in our faith. *Below is a note they wanted to share to the congregation:*

To God's beloved in Lexington, specifically the Saints of Second Presbyterian Church,

I thank God when I remember you, which has been most every day now since being with you for the Pace-Warren Lectures. *Humbled* and *thrilled* are the words to name my response to your initial invitation to be a part of such a rich legacy, and to share the day alongside my dear friend Winn Collier was icing on an already delicious cake. I kept telling my wife afterwards, "I wish we could get to know those people more—they seemed so very kind." And each time she said, "Me too."

Thank you again for your grace-filled hospitality. Stay hopeful. Do not be afraid, be ready.

Sincerely,  
**John and Meredith Blase**

Dear Community of Second Presbyterian,

Thank you for your warm welcome, your wide-open hearts, and for leaning forward in hope toward whatever God has for you in your future. We need churches willing to roll up their sleeves, step into the painful realities of our world, and trust that Jesus' good news really is true and really is good news. Thank you for pursuing this Jesus way. And thank you for the laughter, as well as the astounding green beans, appropriately drowning in bacon.

It was a joy to be with you.  
peace,

**Winn and Miska Collier**

## FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

*If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask. Matthew 7:11 b*

**TOY SAFETY TIPS** Toys and games are such fun and a great way for families to enjoy time together. Christmas always sends our thinking toward gifts of toys for children.



Safe Kids Fayette County has recommendations to ensure good purchases. In 2021 nearly 122,000 children under the age of 15 were seen in ERs for toy-related injuries, with 60% of that children under 5! **Below are a few things to think about:**

- Read the instructions and warning labels to be sure it is right for the child's age and development level.
- Don't forget a helmet for all riding toys. Keep them safe while they are having fun.
- Check to be sure there are no small parts or potential choking hazards.
- Store toys away in containers with no holes or hinges that could catch little fingers.

Sign up to receive products recalls or go to [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov) for information.

**Jackie Graves Parish Nurse**



**Buckhorn Children & Family Services** is located deep in the mountains of Appalachia, where it works tirelessly to provide a sanctuary of health, healing, and hope for at-risk children, youth, and families.

On Pace Warren Sunday, three youth from their program for those who are developmentally and intellectually delayed, visited Second Presbyterian Church. The youth and their chaperones worshipped with us and then joined us for our all church meal. If you're interested in looking for ways to support our mission partner, visit <https://www.2preslex.org/buckhorn>.





## December Engage Pathway Blue Christmas Service

**Wednesday, December 20  
6:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Hunter Presbyterian Church**

Sometimes the holidays bring up the joy of the season and sometimes they bring up memories that weigh heavy on our hearts. Perhaps our hearts grow heavy with loss, with broken relationships, or with the stress of such a busy season.

If you are looking for the space this holiday season to grieve, and breathe, and just be, join us for this service of lament and hope. **We will gather with the congregation of Hunter Presbyterian** to bring all of these feelings before God through prayer, song, lighting of candles, and scripture.



## Children & Youth

This is the season all about giving and volunteering to share the Christmas joy with others! Below is our upcoming scheduled for Children and Youth:

### Children

- 12/3:** Advent Workshop, 3-5 pm
- 12/6:** Pageant Rehearsal with mics, 6-7:15 pm
- 12/8:** Pageant: Full Dress Rehearsal, 6-8 pm
- 12/10:** Children's Christmas Pageant, 5 pm

### Youth

- 12/3:** Youth Christmas Party: 6:00-7:30 pm
- 12/8:** Help w/ Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal, 6-8 pm
- 12/10:** Help with Christmas Pageant, 4-6 pm
- 12/17:** Westminster Basket Delivery: 1:30-3:30 pm

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### 2023

- 1/7** All Church Event: Rise Against Hunger, 12-2 pm
- 1/14** 4th-5th: *Alight*, 4-5:30 pm
- 1/17** All Church Engage Pathway, 6:30-7:30 pm
- 1/21:** 6th-12th: Youth Fellowship, 4-6 pm
- 1/28:** 6th-12th: Youth Fellowship, 4-6 pm

## GROW YOUR FAITH AND MORE

### ⇒ **Women's Saturday Discussion**

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

### ⇒ **Men's Breakfast (Book Discussion)**

Men's Breakfast meets each **Wednesday (6:30-7:30 a.m.)** by zoom. Contact Shawn Caudill ([timothy.caudill@uky.edu](mailto:timothy.caudill@uky.edu) or 859-219-1249) for zoom instructions and details on the book they are discussing.

### ⇒ **Monday Beth Wachs Circle**

Join the Presbyterian Women Beth Wachs Circle on **January 8th at 1:00 p.m.** All the women of the church are invited to this group. Please come and enjoy fellowship and discussion. Questions? Please contact Sandra Harrison (859-806-1172).

### ⇒ **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**We meet via zoom** the third Tuesday of the month (**January 16th**) at **1:00 p.m.** Contact Kathy Blomquist for zoom details (859-940-8667). If you would like a prayer shawl for a congregation member or yourself, contact our Parish Nurse, Jackie Graves (254-7768).



## January Engage Pathway

**Wednesday, January 17  
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Embark on a joyous journey with "Engage," our monthly intergenerational Wednesday evening gathering.

Join us for fun activities and meaningful discussions as we explore the *Fruit of the Spirit* together. This is a unique chance to deepen connections, build community, and celebrate our shared faith. Don't miss out on the camaraderie and growth—**come, Engage with us!**

## December Birthdays

- 1 Cole Privott
- 2 Jack Pedersen
- 4 Judy Kirkland
- 6 Will Milward
- 9 Lisa Turner
- 10 Cooper Hartley, Carol Lee, Lydia Van Metre
- 11 Linda Van Meter, Andrew Weidner
- 13 Linda Levstik, Helen Hague, Matt Thornton, Sally Bradford
- 14 Amy Finley, Eric Polly
- 15 Eric Reid, Jay White
- 16 Ginger Moses, Hugh James, Katy Green
- 17 Zinnia Robinson
- 18 Will Lyon, Jim Varellas
- 19 Bill Moody
- 22 Scott Walz, Grace Ann Preston, Sam Finley, Ben Scott
- 23 Jennifer Stone, Gary Minton
- 24 Mariah Mowbray
- 27 Nellie Little, Trish Birchfield, Barb Potts, Dixie Solomon, Lexi Ocampo, Nico Ocampo
- 28 Jesse Gabbard
- 30 Adam Downing

## January 2024 Birthdays

- 1 Marie Garrett, Greg Leopold
- 3 Shirley Walz, Angene Wilson, Alyse Roberts
- 4 Mary Hartley, Stephanie Spires, Shawn Phelps
- 5 Tucker Lee
- 6 Tom Gilbert, Jack Farrell, Doralene Webb
- 7 Lisa Applegate, Randy Master
- 8 Jennifer Coffman
- 10 Penni Gerard, Susan Harper, Gary Anderson
- 11 Linda Granacher, Hannah Gray, Jillian Privott
- 13 Cindy Woolwine, Martha Renfro
- 14 Lakshman Chelvarajan, Fiona Mowbray, Mary McGaha, Barb Hauke
- 15 Elizabeth Edwards, Rebekah Kerns
- 16 Margaret Spicer
- 17 Kathryn Beck
- 18 Kate Lillich, Veronica Taylor
- 19 Stuart McIntosh, Christopher Turner, Mike Bensing
- 21 Lois Edmiston, Michael Leopold, Louis Seelbach, Bill Perrine, Trey Kramer
- 23 Sherrill Thomas, Doug Wimmer, Becky Drahovzal
- 25 Greg Ladd
- 26 Elise Shainfeld
- 27 Beth Porter, David Kratt, Ann Chapman
- 28 Tom Harris, Lisa Richardson
- 29 Marjorie Polites, Madeline Rukavina
- 30 Dale Meenach, Korin Olson
- 31 Jo Greene, Joy Oakley, Jessica Power

Happy  
Birthday

## JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

*Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Isaiah 1:17*

267 justice seekers (22 from Second) attended the **Community Problems Assembly (CPA)**, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Consolidated Baptist. Rev. Gaines' challenging Reflection and Vision Statement reminded us how God responded to the cry of the people in Exodus: 2:23; "the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help." Nehemiah 5:1; "Now there arose a great outcry of the people." God answered the cries by sending Moses to confront Pharaoh. He called Nehemiah to go back to Jerusalem and organize that 'Great Assembly.' God empowered them to transform the world around them. *"Let us not forget the scriptural tradition we are re-performing by crying out to God, being empowered by God and acting on God's call to do justice."*

We heard poignant stories that illustrated the concerns and struggles of the 3 'new' community problems up for 'The Vote'. With the majority votes cast for **Eldercare**, our sacred work finding solutions begins **Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., at Second Presbyterian.**

Each Justice Ministry Network Member interested in participating in **BUILD's Research to Action Kickoff** is strongly encouraged to attend, notably if you missed the CPA. Many of you shared personal stories/concerns at our House Meetings related to **Eldercare**. *Your voice, your concern, and your input* are crucial initiating the first steps in the research process. Your presence **December 11<sup>th</sup>** does NOT obligate you to join the Eldercare research team-nor the ongoing MicroTransit and Affordable Housing Teams. 2nd Church family and visitors are welcome to join us.

**Attention JNMN's with pending investment pledges!** With **\$1400** remaining to meet our goal, please make your check payable to BUILD, mail to BUILD, P.O. Box 21874, Lex. 40522 **now** OR give to Daryl P., Shawn C. or Judy M. **before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>!** Second Church has *never* defaulted on our congregation's *committed* investment goal, nor will we. Abundant gratitude to church members who have generously invested helping Second's Justice Team reach our goal! To those prayerfully considering to do so now; Thank You!

## SNOW NEWS



**On Sundays**, worship will always be held for those who can gather. However you (including teachers, choir members, etc.) are encouraged to attend only if you feel safe traveling on the road.

**On Wednesdays**, if Fayette County schools are cancelled, or dismissed early due to inclement weather, our in-person Wednesday programs are also cancelled.



## 2024 DINNERS FOR 7 OR 8



Would you like to meet new friends? Are you looking for fellowship?

Participating in 2024 Dinners for 7 or 8 is a golden opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. Adults of every age are welcome to participate, members and non-members, singles or in pairs.

**What is Dinner for 7 or 8?** Once you sign up, you'll be assigned to have dinner at a designated home. The host/hostess provides the main dish and beverage. Guests are assigned to bring either a salad and bread, a vegetable, or a dessert. The meal may be as informal or formal as the host/hostess chooses. The food may be homemade or from the grocery store. *The emphasis is on the fellowship, not the food or décor.*

Dinners are scheduled for Saturday evenings (**January 13, February 10, March 23 and April 13**). The host may choose either Friday, Saturday or Sunday evening of the same weekend, if that proves more convenient for members of the group. You can either entertain at your home or co-host with another member at their home.

Sign up on Realm or scan the QR Code. Questions? Contact Barbara Boyer ([heyhouston1983@gmail.com](mailto:heyhouston1983@gmail.com)) or 859-543-8559.



## FINANCE UPDATE



**Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year.** All contributions to the church need to postmark by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in order to be credited toward your 2023 tax statement. Stock or charitable

contributions from your IRA can be accepted as donations or given toward your pledge.

If you are planning on using appreciated assets as a means of donating to the church, please contact Scarlet Hall, our Director of Finance, ([scarleth@2preslex.org](mailto:scarleth@2preslex.org) or 254-7768) or if you have any questions about making a donation to the church.

## BUCKHORN BENEFIT BRUNCH

**The Brunch with Barbie for Buckhorn benefit was a huge success and oh so much fun!** Thanks to those of you who helped make this year's event the best ever. We had Barbies galore-and if you did not get one, they will be available for purchase in the gathering place the next two Sundays! The Barbie booth was a big hit and the photos will attest to that. The testimonial was amazing from an amazing woman and Idle hour did a wonderful job with the arrangements.

Thank you to Evelyn Kramer for the beautiful flowers, team Carol Behr for running a smooth auction, Ruth Webb for being our Emcee and "jack of all trades", Stephanie Gilbert for her Barbie design and all the committee for the hard yet rewarding work put into this event for the benefit of Buckhorn and the glory of God. And to you the congregation, **Buckhorn continues its work of serving children and families because of wonderful people like you.** Thank you!





### THREE EASY WAYS TO give

**BY MAIL**  
Second Church  
460 E. Main St.  
Lexington, KY 40507

**ONLINE**  
[www.2preslex.org](http://www.2preslex.org)

**TEXT**  
Text 73256 and type  
2preslex as the message  
and follow the prompts



Be sure you stop in by the Gathering Place for **Christmas Giving Opportunities this Sunday, December 3rd!** Opportunities include donation for Buckhorn Children & Family Services, Blankets of Hope, Mountain of Coffee, items for the Giving Tree (for Canaan House, Hope Center, Westminster Village, and ITN), and Tambu Chirwa Memorial Scholarship for Girl Education in Malawi. Fair trade Equal Exchange coffee, cocoa, chocolate bars and olive oil can also be purchased.

**Salvation Army Red Kettle** - We will once again ring for the Salvation Army this Christmas at the Kroger Beaumont. **Scan the QR code to sign up** for one-hour blocks.



**Buckhorn Children & Family Services** - The need is more than ever this year due to the flooding in Eastern Kentucky. For a list of items, please visit the Gathering Place or <https://buckhorn.org>.

**Hope Center's Hope for the Holidays Dinner** - Second will again participate in the Hope for the Holidays by providing a dinner and servers for this. If you are interested in serving on **Monday, December 18th from 4:50 to 6:00 p.m.**, contact Trey Kramer ([Rskramer6917@yahoo.com](mailto:Rskramer6917@yahoo.com)). Thanks to your support of our church budget, the Mission Committee will provide funding for the dinner. A table is set up in Fellowship Hall where **2 liter drinks for the dinner** may be left...the gentlemen at the center prefer caffeinated drinks but all flavors are welcome! All drinks will be picked up by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, so they can be delivered to the Hope Center to be served at the dinner.

**Christmas Basket Delivery to Residents of Westminster Village and Lakeside Manor** - Christmas baskets for the residents of two Presbyterian Housing Corporation owned properties, Westminster Village, (located at 1510 Versailles Road) and Lakeside Manor, (located at 1205 Centre Parkway), will be delivered on **Sunday, December 17th**. This program began over 30+ years ago to assist residents with a dinner for Christmas; over the years, the content listing of the "basket" has changed and evolved many times but now provides food for a holiday dinner and food for meals for a week. Donations will be accepted through the end of the year to assist in funding this program that is sponsored by Lexington Christian Service Ministries, a committee operating at Westminster that addresses the needs of residents and is comprised of members from local Presbyterian churches. Checks should be made payable to Second (note that check is for Christmas food baskets). Thanks to Miss Jen and our youth who again are participating in this vital ministry by helping to unload food bags once they arrive at Westminster and delivering them to the residents! If you would like to be a part of the team of volunteers picking up food to deliver to Westminster or Lakeside Manor on Sunday, December 17th, contact Evelyn Kramer ([ebkramer55@yahoo.com](mailto:ebkramer55@yahoo.com)) or (859)361-0280).

**Giving Tree** - The Giving Tree has returned to its place of honor in the Gathering Room and you are invited to "decorate" it with items from the list found by the tree. These items will be distributed, after Christmas, to the following church supported agencies: Canaan House, Hope Center, Westminster Village, The Nest, and the office of ITN of the Bluegrass. A few of the items needed are bottles of hand soap, men's new white socks, chap stick, personal toiletries, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, sock caps, gloves (for all ages) and Forever stamps. Many thanks to Ross and Joyce DeAeth for their donation of our Giving Tree. **We hope you will help decorate the tree!**

**Blankets of Hope** - The Hope Mobile unit of the Hope Center offers assistance to those in our community who find themselves living on the streets of Lexington. This year round program, The Blankets of Hope, was started years ago at Second to assist the efforts of the Hope Center with Lexington's "Invisible Population" who are definitely no longer invisible. **You can help by purchasing a blanket in honor/memory of a loved one** and we will deliver them to the Hope Mobile to distribute. The cost for the washable blanket is \$13.00 and checks should be made payable to Second (please note for Blankets of Hope). If you have questions, contact Kirsten Kramer Carey ([kirsten@firstky.com](mailto:kirsten@firstky.com)).

**Let's Build a Mountain of Coffee** - Did you know that at the Hope Center, a cup of coffee is considered a luxury? Thanks in part to the support of the Mission Committee, faithful donations by the Men's Breakfast Group and a variety of individuals in the congregation and in the community, the men at the Jacobs Hope Cafeteria are able to enjoy coffee in the morning and those men in the Detox Clinic of the Hope Center are able to have coffee available around the clock. Between now and Christmas, our hope is to build a mountain of coffee in the Gathering Room that will then be delivered to the Hope Center. **Won't you help build that mountain? Caffeinated, ground coffee, in cans, please!**

#### Remembering People in the World Beyond . . .

**Malawi** - Donate to the Tambu Chirwa Scholarship Fund for Girls Education in Malawi.

**New This Year - Presbyterian Giving Catalog:** choose from over 40 gifts from piglets to sewing machines and more!

**SERRV - Equal Exchange** - Second Presbyterian Church promotes fair trade by selling Equal Exchange products <https://shop.equalexchange.coop/> at church. Fair trade is a way of buying and selling products that allows the farmers to be paid a fair price for their produce and have better working conditions. Visit the Gathering Place to purchase and see the display of coffee, olive oil, and chocolate bars (this is a seasonal item). The items will be sold at near cost. Since Second will be purchasing in bulk, there will be no shipping charges to pass on. Sales will be on the honor system with a locked cash box for checks and cash.

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Merry Christmas From the Staff at Second



**December 25-29: Office Closed**

**January 1: Office Closed**

## **THIS JANUARY RESOLVE TO RISE AGAINST HUNGER—SUNDAY, JANUARY 7!**



Join with other volunteers of **all ages** from Second Church for our first ever “**Rise Against Hunger**” meal-packaging event here at Second on **Sunday, January 7 from Noon–2:00 p.m.** (lite meal will be provided).

With guidance and materials provided by the Rise Against Hunger organization, our goal will be to package at least 10,000 meal kits in one sitting to be distributed around the globe in medical clinics, vocational training programs, elder care facilities and schools.

You can be a part of the fight to Rise Against Hunger to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives, and responding to emergencies. Targeting remote, last-mile communities with hunger pockets designated serious or higher by The Global Hunger Index, Rise Against Hunger works with local leaders to harness the strengths of their communities and tackle their own food and nutrition security challenges with agency, dignity, and resilience. In 2022, **Rise Against Hunger packaged 44.5+ million meals, distributed 67.6+ million meals worldwide, and impacted 4.4+ million lives.**

To learn more about Rise Against Hunger, visit [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org). Scan the QR code to register or contact Pastor David ([davidh@2preslex.org](mailto:davidh@2preslex.org)) for more information!



**Together, in 2024, let's resolve to Rise Against Hunger!**