



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.



Thank you for worshipping with us! We encourage both guests and members to scan the QR code and complete our online Friendship Pad. You will also have the option to make an online contribution or share a prayer request.

God Calls Us to Worship

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Jen Brown-Murphy

Welcome and Announcements

Jen Brown-Murphy

Prelude

**Love One Another*

Clay Christiansen

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*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Jen Brown-Murphy

O Come, Let us praise the Lord, who seeks a place for every worker under heaven—

A place for labor, and a place for leisure

O come, let us praise the Lord, who seeks a place for every worker under heaven—

A place for self, and a place for service

O come, let us praise the Lord, who seeks a place for every worker under heaven—

A place for planning and a place for prayer.

O Come, let us praise the Lord, the god of all workers in every place!

* Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Children are Invited to W.O.W. (Worship Our Way) Jen Brown-Murphy
(**Children preschool through elementary school** are invited to W.O.W. In-person children can be picked up on the 3rd floor Children's Sunday School wing outside Rooms 300 and 301. We will complete our worship by 11:00 a.m. Please wait in the hallway and we will dismiss children by family once we have completed our worship.)

Call to Confession Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Jackie Graves
Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creating still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One. We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people. Forgive us, O Holy One. Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness (*responsively*) Jackie Graves
In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are. Listen, give thanks, and live.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

God Speaks to Us from the Word

Prayer for Illumination Pastor David Holden

Scripture Readings Jeremiah 2:4-13
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Sermon *Unchanged by the Changes* Pastor David Holden

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)
**Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
for in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or principalities or authorities—
all things were created through Christ and for Christ.
Christ is before all things,
and in Christ all things hold together.
Christ is the head of the body, the church;
Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything Christ might be preeminent.
For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Christ all things are reconciled to God,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of Christ's cross.** Colossians 1.15-20 (Adapted)

We Respond to God

Anthem

Day by Day
Women of the Choir

Martin How
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*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray.
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

Concerns and Celebrations

Pastor John P. Leggett

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor John P. Leggett

Offertory Hymn 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR
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Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor John P. Leggett

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor John P. Leggett

*The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Pastor John P. Leggett

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Pastor John P. Leggett

Communion of the People

Pastor John P. Leggett

*We will come forward to receive the bread and the cup. Please move toward the center aisle,
where two lines will move toward the servers. A server will hand you a piece of bread for you
to eat; then you will take and drink the cup from the tray to the side. Place your used cups in
the white bowl on your way back and move back to your seat by the outside aisle.*

God Sends Us to the World

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor David Holden

* Hymn 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

*Charge and Blessing

Pastor David Holden

*Postlude

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

arr. Mark Sedio

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*The prelude today, *Love One Another*, was composed by Clay Christiansen in 2022. This piece is part of a collection called WITH GLADNESS. Clay said this about the collection: "I wrote these pieces as Christmas gifts for each one of my twelve children." J.S. Bach would have said something similar!

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Service Notes

- **Pastors:** John P. Leggett, David Holden
- **Liturgists:** Jackie Graves, Jen Brown-Murphy
- **Musicians:** Gary Anderson, Martha Anderson, Women of the Choir
- *The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.*
- *Regular Worship returns next Sunday, September 11th - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and on livestream! While masking in public is safest, wearing a mask in the church will be left to each individual.

Lemonade on the Lawn – All are invited to join us following the service for the final Lemonade on the Lawn of the summer (weather permitting). We hope you stop by and visit with others in our church family.

Sunday School Kick-off next Sunday, September 11th - All children, youth, and their parents are invited to join us for our annual Sunday School kick-off on **September 11th at 9:40 am in Fellowship Hall!** We will have breakfast goodies (fruit, muffins, water and juice), parents can turn in the annual Registration and Release forms, and parents and children will meet their teachers. Come join us as we begin a new year of learning and growing in faith together as followers of Jesus!

Youth Fellowship Kick Off & Parent Meeting will be held **next Sunday, September 11th** from **5:00–6:00 pm!** All rising 6th through 12th graders and their parents are invited to join us to meet one another, hear about the activities planned for middle school and high school, complete annual release forms, and see all our newly painted and decorated youth spaces!

Join the Presbyterian Women Beth Wachs Circle on Monday, September 12th in the Forum Room at Second beginning at **1:00 p.m.** The Bible Study this year is: *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol M. Bechtel. **All the women of the church are invited to this group.** Please come and enjoy fellowship and discussion of the Bible. Questions? Please contact Sandra Harrison (859-806-1172).

Discipleship Pathway: All adults and high school students are invited to join Pastor John as he shares more about our Discipleship Pathway on **Sunday, September 18th from 9:40-10:40 a.m., in the Forum Room.** Our Discipleship Pathway invites all to a lifetime of growth in the faith and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pastor David, Jen, and the Adult Faith Formation Committee will be joining Pastor John to share about the Pathways we will offer and be forming for members to find places to connect, be supported, and strengthen their faith practices to live out our call to ministry in our community and God's creation.

Your gifts and donations in response to God are instrumental in sustaining our ability to move forward with all the ministries of Second. You may make your gifts through the secure link on the church website or by mailing your check to Second Presbyterian Church, 460 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507, or for those worshipping with us in person, **place in the offering plates located on the tables at the entrances as you exit or by scanning the QR code.**