



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

8:30 and 11:00 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

Noel

Claude Louis D'Aquin
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*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Hymn 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

A Time With the Children - *11:00 Service Only*

Jen Brown-Murphy

Children are Invited to W.O.W. (Worship Our Way) - *11:00 Service Only*

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 12:00 p.m.

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

Great Deliverer, we entrust to you our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm to ourselves if we take too firm a stand. Portents of danger arise about us, and we doubt the future you have promised. We close our eyes to the signs and live for the moment. God, in Christ, forgive our cowardice and our blindness, for the sake of the one who endured the cross for us. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness (*responsively*) Jackie Graves

The words of the psalmist remind us that the Sovereign One is upright and good. God instructs sinners in the way of righteousness and lead the humble along paths of steadfast love. So wait upon God all day long, abide in the covenant, and rely on the truth:
God is our salvation and worthy of our trust!

God Speaks to Us from the Word

Prayer for Illumination Pastor David Holden

Scripture Reading Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon *Wake Up Call* Pastor David Holden

*An Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing
To witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
To unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
To hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
And to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
Even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
Praying, "Come Lord Jesus!"**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

We Respond to God

Anthem *I Was Glad* Bradley Ellingboe
(8:30) Choral Scholars © 2019 Kjos Music Press
(11:00) Covenant Choir

*I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Oh, pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Our feet are standing within your gates.
For the sake of all, I say, "Peace be within you"*

Concerns and Celebrations Pastor John P. Leggett

Prayers of the People 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	Pastor John P. Leggett
Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup	Pastor John P. Leggett
Communion of the People <i>(Note: the center ring is wine, all the rest are grape juice.)</i>	
*Prayer after Communion	Pastor John P. Leggett
*Charge and Blessing	Pastor John P. Leggett

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor John P. Leggett

*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.**

*Hymn 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

God Send Us to the World

*Charge and Blessing Pastor David Holden

*Postlude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. John Carter
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Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshiping 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.

Be sure you pick up an Advent Devotional Book: *Prophets and Promises* located at the entrances. We hope you set aside time to read and prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth and to anticipate his return. Each devotion features a scripture reading, accompanied by a photo, quote to ponder, a reflection and prayer.

Stop by the Gathering Place today for Christmas Giving Opportunities before and after the services. Opportunities include purchasing gifts for residents at Buckhorn, Purchase Blankets for the Hope Mobile/Center, Mountain of Coffee, Giving Tree, Tambu Chirwa Memorial Scholarship for Girl Education in Malawi, Fair Trade Equal Exchange and Alternavite Gift items. *You can also give the gift of time by signing up to ring for the Salvation Army Red Kettle, help deliver food baskets to Westminster Village, serve at the Jacob's Hope Cafeteria and more!*

The Lexington Chamber Chorale presents *Celebration of the Holidays*, a concert to begin the Advent Season, **today at 5:00 p.m. in our sanctuary**. The concert, which will include an audience sing-along of carols, will be recorded for distribution later in the year. *Tickets available at the door: General Admission, \$22; Students, \$10; Group Rate (6 or more) \$16.*

Youth Fellowship will not be held tonight. All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to come **next Sunday, December 4th** and help lead a craft table at the Advent Workshop from 2:45-5:00 p.m. Contact Jen Brown-Murphy (jenb@2preslex.org) to let her know.

Annual Advent Workshop will be held on **next Sunday, December 4th from 3:00-5:00 p.m.** This will be held in the Fellowship Hall and is a free family event that gives church members of all ages a great way to kick-off the Advent season. If you would like to volunteer, please email Jen Brown (jenb@2preslex.org) or Marissa Carver (marissac@2preslex.org).

We will gather for One Service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 11th. We encourage all to come and have the opportunity to meet those from the other service as the choir presents a Christmas Cantata: *Sing We Now of Christmas*. This will be a service of carols and narratives and includes familiar carols in fresh arrangements and spoken narratives prior to each carol and is scored for choir, baritone solo and chamber orchestra. *Church School, Worship Our Way and Nursery will be held.*

Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be held on **Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m.** This a special way for the children ages 3 through 5th grade to learn and share the Christmas story with the congregation!

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 worshiping 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.**

Celebration

Special thanks to all those who helped decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

Our Sympathy

We extend the love and concern of the congregation to the following:

Rose Marion Kelly who passed away on November 20th