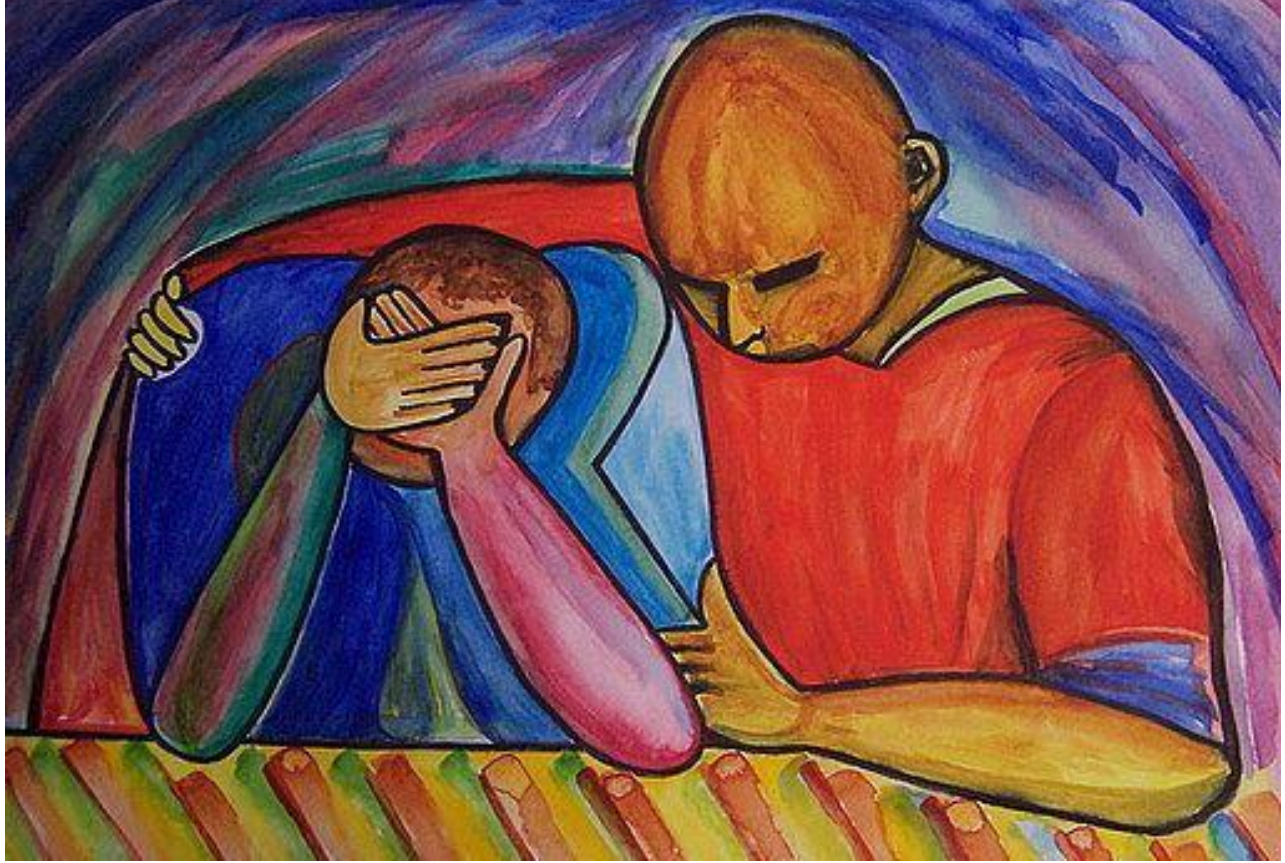


**THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH**  
**Fort King Presbyterian Church**  
*September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025*



**Fort King Presbyterian Church Mission Statement**

The mission of Fort King Presbyterian Church is to build a loving community of people living and growing in faith as we work for justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God in the world. Fort King Presbyterian Church welcomes all people of any age, gender, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, or disability into the full life and membership of this congregation

**We Gather to Worship God**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRELUDE

*Climb Every Mountain*

Rogers and Hammerstein

## **We Prepare to Hear the Word**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Ephesians 4:32

Come, beloved of God,  
gather in the presence of the One who is kind and tenderhearted.

**We come to worship the God of compassion,  
whose mercy renews us each morning.**

Let us open our hearts to God's grace, and be transformed by Christ's love.  
**And may we be kind to one another, tenderhearted and forgiving,  
just as God in Christ has forgiven us.**

### **\*HYMN, #307**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
(verses 1-3)

CWM RHONDDA

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful and Just God, we decry the evils we see in the world around us –  
the hate, violence, cruelty, callousness, greed, pride, and indifference –  
but, we confess that which we condemn in others dwells in our hearts too.**

**We grieve the injustice we see around us, but have tolerated injustice within ourselves.  
We mourn the hatred that divides nations, but harbor bitterness toward our neighbors.  
We lament the corruption of power, but fail to admit our own desire for control and  
recognition.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for pointing fingers while ignoring the shadows in our own souls.  
Forgive our silence when we should speak, and our speech when we should be silent.  
Forgive the times we chose comfort over courage, and self-interest over sacrificial love.**

**Teach us to walk humbly, love mercy, and act justly – not only in the world,  
but first in ourselves. In the name of Jesus, who bore the weight of all sin. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

### **\*RESPONSE, #307, v. 4**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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*Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.*

*Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.*

## We Hear the Word of God

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-32

Values of the New Life in Christ

HYMN, #70

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

MOON

Choir only First & Congregation only Second

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

SERMON

The Politics of Compassion

Rev. Bob Scott

## We Respond to the Word with Gratitude

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from Romans 12

**We will let our love be genuine and hold fast to what is good.**

**We will devote ourselves to one another in brotherly and sisterly love.**

**We will show honor to one another, placing their needs above our own.**

**We will not lag in zeal, but be ardent in spirit, even as we serve the Lord.**

**We will rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer.**

**We will contribute to the needs of the saints, and extend hospitality to strangers.**

**We will bless those who persecute us, yes, we will bless them and not curse them.**

**We will rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.**

**We will not be so conceited that we fail to associate with the lowly.**

**And as far as it is possible with us we will live in peace with all.**

**We will not repay evil with evil; instead if our enemies are hungry**

**we will feed them, and if they are thirsty give them something to drink.**

**We will not be overcome by evil, but will overcome evil with good.**

**Amen.**

\*CHORAL ANTHEM

*I Got A Song*

Bera & Sonjay Poorman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE, #300, v.4

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **We Are Sent to Share Christ's Love**

\*HYMN, #722

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*  
(verses 1, 3 and 5)

CANONBURY

\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*[\* indicates all should rise in body, or in spirit]*

### **Assisting with Today's Service:**

Fort King Ministers: *All our members and friends*

Worship Leaders: *Pastor Bob, Carol Smith*

Executive Assistant: *Mary Wald*

Music Director: *John Leschak*

Special Music: *The Chancel Choir*

Ushers: September: *Fellowship Ministry*

Zoom Host: *Hal & Charlanne Brown*, A/V Operator: *Gwynn Pealer*

Nursery: *Tammy Kessler and Marlene Wittenwyler*

Cover Image: *Tears for a Stranger, Unknown Artist*

**Participate with our Share Table today after service.**

**Join Us for Art 4 All today at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall**

**Next Sunday 9/28/25 is The Blessing of the Animals, make sure to bring a photo of your pet.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS - for week of September 22, 2025 – September 28, 2025**

9/22 Mon: 6:30-8:00 Boy Scouts (FH/CE)

9/23 Tue: 3:30 TOPS (FH)

9/24 Wed: 1:00 Bible Study (SR)

9/25 Thu: 1:30 Finance (SR) 3:00 Tai Chi (FH), 4:00 Choir Practice

9/26 Fri: 8:30 Pearl Project

9/28 Sun: 9:30 Crossroads Adult Class (SR and Zoom)

10:30 Worship in person and on Zoom

11:30 Hearts and Hands

**Notice: Congregational meeting October 5th**

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