

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH
Fort King Presbyterian Church
December 21st, 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

Night of Italy & Dinner for Eight
Joy Offering

Bernice Henry
Annette George

PRELUDE

Mary Did You Know?

Daniel Banks, solo

We Prepare to Hear the Word

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Mark Appling, Nancy Stephenson,
Frank and Heidi Lawson

*Today we re-light the Candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy,
and we light the Candle of Love*

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, who promises the world the gift of your Son: We await the coming of Christ among us, as surely as you must wait for the birth of love in us. We confess that our lives are gripped too often by fear, selfishness, and the love of security. Forgive our sin, fill us with your Spirit, and teach us to walk in the way of our Savior, so that we might love as he loved. Help us not be afraid to trust where you lead us, and give us the strength to care for others. All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who came and loved your love among us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

*RESPONSE, #155

Raise a Song of Gladness

JUBILATE DEO

*Raise a song of gladness peoples of the earth,
Christ still comes, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!*

We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

The Sign of Immanuel

CHANCEL ANTHEM

Looking for the Light

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

An Angel Visits Joseph;
Jesus is Emmanuel, "God With Us"

SERMON

Draw Near to Love

Rev. Bob Scott

We Respond to the Word with Gratitude

***ADVENT AFFIRMATION**

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

**Love is patient and love is kind.
It is not jealous, or boastful, or arrogant, or rude.
Love is not self-seeking, easily angered, or resentful.
It does not rejoice at what is wrong, but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends. Amen.**

***HYMN OF FAITH, #110**

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Angels We Have Heard on High

traditional French Carol

***RESPONSE, #145**

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We Are Sent to Share Christ's Love

***CLOSING CAROL, #121**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

***INVITATION AND BENEDICTION**

Assisting with Today's Service:

Fort King Ministers: *All our members and friends*

Worship Leaders: *Pastor Bob, Kathy Bohner*

Executive Assistant: *Mary Wald*

Music Director: *John Lasheck*

Flowers: *Nell Clegorne in memory of Anthony Clegorne*

Ushers: December: *Daniel Banks & Friends*

Zoom Host: *Hal Brown & Ken McMurry*, A/V Operator: *Harvey Bohner*

Nursery: *Tammy Kessler and Marlene Wittenwyler*

ANNOUNCEMENTS - for week of December 22nd, 2025 – December 28th, 2025

12/24 Wed: 4:00 Christmas Eve Service

12/25 Thu: Merry Christmas – Office will reopen on Monday the 29th

12/28 Sun: 9:00 Crossroads Adult Class

10:30 Worship in person and on Zoom

Stewardship

After church today please pick up your offering envelopes in the narthex.

All 2025 contributions need to be in no later than Sunday, 12/28/25,
for our system to be able apply them.

Christmas Eve Service

Make plans to join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. Join us as we once again tell the story of our dear Savior's birth through Scripture and Carols. We will celebrate Communion together and conclude with the always beautiful and moving Candle-Lighting Ceremony. Make plans to come and invite your family or friends!