

**THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH**  
**Fort King Presbyterian Church**  
*January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026*



**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**

**PRELUDE**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

arr. Bill Wolaver

**We Prepare to Hear the Word**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

quotes Isaiah 60:1

**Arise! Shine! For your light has come!**

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

**As this new year dawns may we look for Christ wherever we go,**

**And may we always reflect the light of Christ to whomever we go.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #151

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*  
(verses 1 and 5)

KINGS OF ORIENT

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear God, we have just ended a year in which I did not live up to the best that I know I can be and do.**

**There were too many times I was short with people and long on criticism.  
There were too many times I was quick to judge others but slow to take responsibility for my own mistakes.**

**And Lord, too many times I put my trust in myself – and then despaired because I wasn't enough – rather than trusting in You, in your wisdom, your will, and your way!**

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

**Heavenly Father, help me to set aside my failures in the past,  
accept your forgiveness, and to start out right this new year;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Isaiah 43:18-19

*Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing; even now it springs forth,  
Do you not perceive it?*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**\*ACCLAMATION, #151 refrain, *We Three Kings of Orient Are***

KINGS OF ORIENT

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!*

**We Hear the Word of God**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, Shine, for your Light has Come!

HYMN OF FAITH, #127

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing  
Jesus, the Light of the World*  
(verses 1 and 2)

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit of the Magi

SERMON

## **We Respond to the Word with Gratitude**

CHANCEL ANTHEM

*Born is Emmanuel*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*The Sussex Carol*

Traditional English Melody

\*DOXOLOGY, #606

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We light them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (*"debts"/"debtors"*)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

\*CLOSING HYMN, #192 *Lord, the Light of your Love Is Shining*

SHINE, JESUS SHINE

\*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

### Assisting with Today's Service:

Fort King Ministers: *All our members and friends*

Worship Leaders: *Pastor Bob, Bernice Henry*

Executive Assistant: *Mary Wald*

Music Director: *John Leschak*

Flowers: *Margaret Spontak*

Ushers: December: *Daniel Banks & Friends*

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

Nursery: *Tammy Kessler and Marlene Wittenwyler*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS - for week of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

01/05 Mon: 6:30 Scouts (FH/CE)  
01/06 Tue: 3:30 Mission Committee (SR), 3:30 TOPS (FH), 4:00 Property (CE)  
01/07 Wed: 1:00 Midweek Bible Study (SR), PW Council (SR), 6:30 YAK (Zoom)  
01/08 Thu 3:00 Tai Chi (FH), 4:00 Choir Practice  
01/11 Sun: 9:00 Crossroads Adult Class  
10:30 Worship in person and on Zoom  
Share Table

### THE SESSION

**Moderator:** Rev. Bob Scott

**Clerk of Session:** Nancy Copeland

#### Class of 2026

Daniel Banks

Bernice Henry

Mary Beth Neely

Jo Anne Parramore

#### Class of 2027

Hal Brown

Judith Bullen

Sally Layendecker

Joanne Ohlman

#### Class of 2028

Steve Barrett

Cathy Beebe

Debbi Pangrass

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