

**THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH**  
**Fort King Presbyterian Church**  
*May 10<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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Blessing of the Teddy Bears

Harvey Bohner

PRELUDE

*“Jesus Loves Me/Claire de Lune [excerpts]”*

Bradbury/Debussy

## We Prepare to Hear the Word

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Mother's Day, we gather to praise the God  
who nurtures, sustains, and abides with us.

**We come to the One who is our Vine,  
the Source of every good and growing thing.**

Today we give thanks for all who have cared for us –  
mothers, grandmothers, mentors, teachers, neighbors, friends –  
all who have tended our lives with patience, courage, and love.

**As branches all of the One true vine,  
we honor those whose steady presence has helped us flourish.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, #611      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**As painful as it may be, God of our lives,  
we will try to speak our hearts honestly to you:**

**Called to live gently with our family and friends,  
we have caused great hurt by our words and actions;  
and given the simple command to love,  
we complicate it by our expectations, fears, and failings.**

*(silent prayer)*

**But, Loving God, you sent Jesus to redeem us;  
and through the gift of the Spirit you walk with us.  
Indeed, in you we live, and move, and have our being!  
and for this we offer our deepest thanks and grateful praise.  
Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### \*RESPONSE

*Joyful, Joyful (Adapted)*

HYMN TO JOY

*You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of quiet rest.  
You our Mother, and our Father, all who love belong to You;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us into joy made new.*

## We Hear the Word of God

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 15:1-8	I Am the Vine, You are the Branches
*HYMN OF FAITH, #14	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> (verses 1, 4 and 5)	DIX
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 15:9-17	Love One Another as I have Loved You
SERMON	“I Am the Vine” – We Are the Branches ( <i>I Am and We Are – Part 2</i> )	Rev. Bob Scott

## We Respond to the Word with Gratitude

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, the Source of life,  
who tends creation with steadfast love,  
nurturing us as a vine grower tends the vine,  
so that all may flourish and bear good fruit.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the true Vine,  
whose life flows through us,  
teaching us how to abide in love,  
how to offer ourselves in compassion,  
and how to embody grace in every season.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Breath who sustains us,  
strengthening caregivers, comforting the weary,  
and renewing all who pour themselves out for others.**

**Rooted in this love,  
we commit ourselves to walk in Christ’s way,  
to bear the fruit of kindness and justice,  
and to share God’s abiding care with every person entrusted to us.  
Amen.**

ANTHEM	<i>You Raise Me Up</i> ( <i>Daniel Banks, soloist</i> )	The Chancel Choir
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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY	Let Us Celebrate the Glories of Our God	BELLAMY(Mouret)
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\*RESPONSE, #643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices.  
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

\*CLOSING HYMN, #300

*We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\*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 Scott, Harvey Bohner*

Executive Assistant: *Mary Wald*

Music Director: *John Leschak*

Flowers: *Linda Buby & Bruce Andrews in Loving Memory of Nan E. Andrews, from her family.*

Ushers: *May: YAK*

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

Nursery: *Tammy Kessler and Marlene Wittenwyler*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS - for week of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

05/11	Mon:	3 :00	Fellowship (SR), 4:00 Esther's Circle (FH), 6:30 Scouts (FH/CE)
05/12	Tue:	10:00	Chair Yoga (FH), 2:00 Congregational Care (SR), 3:30 TOPS (FH), 4:00 Summer Book Club (SR & Zoom), 6:30 PNC Meeting (SR)
05/13	Wed:	1:00	Midweek Bible Study (SR)
05/14	Thu:	7am	BNI (FH), 3:00 Tai Chi (FH), 4:00 Choir Practice
05/15	Fri:	10:00	Chair Yoga (FH)
05/16	Sat:	1:00	Catherine Steddum Memorial Service
05/17	Sun:	9:00	Crossroads Adult Class (SR)
		10:30	Sunday Worship in person and on Zoom

#### **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Summer Book Club**

is having an organizational meeting at 4:00. Email the office for the Zoom Link.

#### **Mark Your Calendars: Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting after Service to elect a new member to the PNC.

Please remember to include Ft. King Presbyterian Church in your Will and Estate Plan. Thank you!

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