

**THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH**  
**Fort King Presbyterian Church**  
*July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026*  
**250<sup>th</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day Service**



**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

*God Bless America*

Chancel Choir

## We Prepare to Hear the Word

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 96

O sing to the LORD a new song;  
**sing to the LORD, all the earth.**  
Declare God's glory among the nations;  
**tell all the people of God's marvelous works.**  
Say among the nations: "The LORD reigns supreme!"  
**because God will judge the nations with justice.**

### \*HYMNS OF PRAISE

*A Medley of National Hymns*

#331, v. 1

*God of the Ages*

NATIONAL HYMN

#337, v. 1, 3

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

#338, v. 1-3

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, if you were to remember our offenses, none could stand.  
Therefore, we bow before you, confessing our sins against your love:  
You gave our fore-bearers a new and unspoiled land, but we have used it  
wastefully; we have turned the blessing of freedom into occasions for greed;  
and our devotion to truth and justice, has given way to devotion to self.  
Have mercy on us as a people, O Lord. Purge our iniquities and give us  
a new birth of faith that we may be your witnesses in your world.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### \*RESPONSE #331, v.4

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

*Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us to from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.*

## We Hear the Word of God

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:28-30

Take My Yoke Upon You

HYMN OF FAITH, #340

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-10

The Beatitudes

SERMON

What If America Was a Christian Nation?

Rev. Bob Scott

## We Respond to the Word with Gratitude

ANTHEM

*Fill My Cup Lord*

duet, Pam Lewin & Annette George

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

\*RESPONSE, #606

*Doxology*

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, #372

*O for a World*  
(verses 1, 3 and 5)

AZMON

\*INVITATION AND BLESSING

\*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, Bernice Henry*

Executive Assistant: *Mary Wald*

Music Director: *John Leschak*

Flowers: *Becky Wolf in memory of John on our 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Ushers: July: *Congregational Care*

Zoom: *Jon Ohlman*, A/V Operator: *Harvey Bohner*

Nursery: *Tammy Kessler and Marlene Wittenwyler*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS - for week of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

07/06	Mon:	6:30	Scouts (FH/CE)
07/07	Tue:	10:00	Chair Yoga (FH), 3:30 Mission (SR), 3:30 TOPS (FH), 4:00 Property (CE), 6:30 PNC Meeting (SR)
07/08	Wed :	11:00	Summer Book Club (SR)
07/09	Thur:	7am	BNI (FH)
07/12	Sun:	10:30	Sunday Worship in person and on Zoom Share Table (Narthex)

### Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, the Summer Book Club

The Separation of Church and Hate by John Fugelsang

Discussion – Wednesday, July 8 at 11 am led by Pastor Bob Scott in the Session Room

### ~FKPC Art Exhibit~

**More art** created by participants in Art 4 All, The Pearl Project, Sit-n-Stitch, and other creative programs taking place here at Fort King has been added to the FKPC Art Exhibit.

### FKPC Email Fixed!

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Resume using [FKPC@ftkingchurch.org](mailto:FKPC@ftkingchurch.org) to contact the FKPC office.

### THE SESSION

**Moderator:** Rev. Bob Scott

**Clerk of Session:** Nancy Copeland

#### Class of 2026

Daniel Banks  
Bernice Henry  
Mary Beth Neely  
Nancy Copeland

#### Class of 2027

Hal Brown  
Judith Bullen  
Sally Layendecker  
Joanne Ohlman

#### Class of 2028

Stephen Barrett  
Cathy Beebe  
Debbi Pangrass  
Sue Thomas

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

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