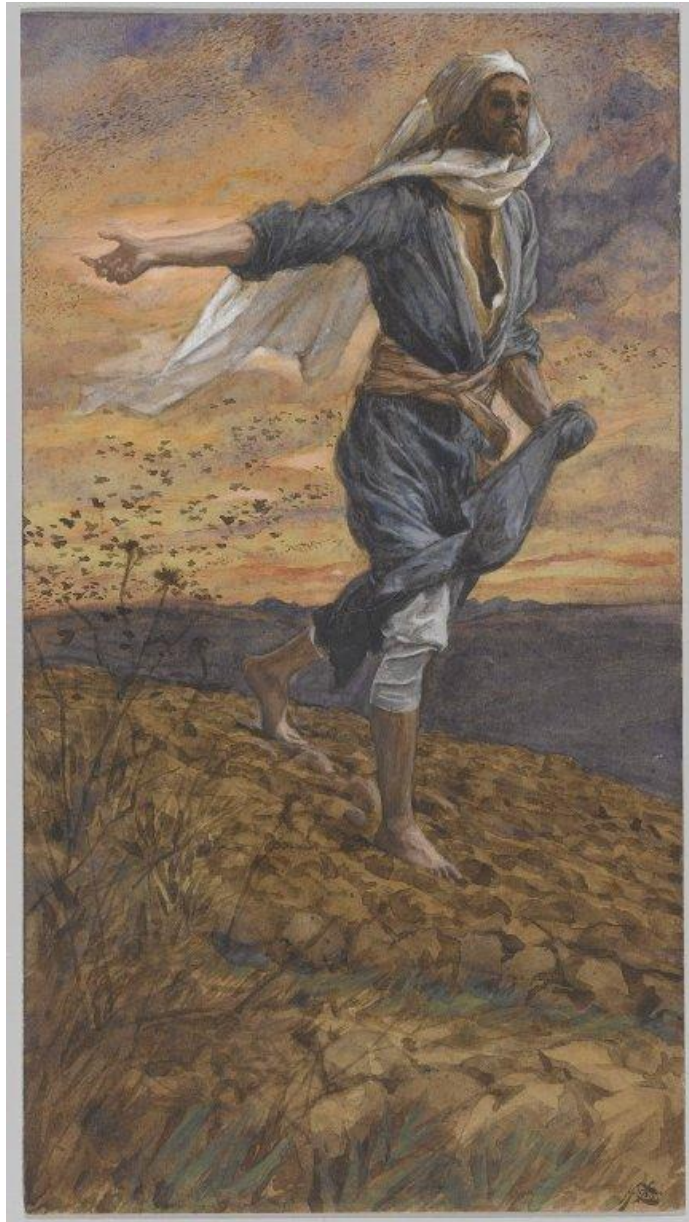


**THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH**  
**Fort King Presbyterian Church**  
*July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026*



**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

*Assurance*

John Beck

## We Prepare to Hear the Word

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

**We shall call on God while he is near.**

While God thoughts are not are thoughts, nor our ways God's ways,  
still we come so that God's word might be planted deep within our souls,  
**and we pray that it will accomplish in us all God desires.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE, #5      *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Isaiah 55:6-7

**O God, we are quick to say,**

*"We didn't know."*

*"We didn't mean to."*

*"We didn't expect that to happen."*

**But we have not tended the soil of our lives.**

**We let it stay shallow rocky**

**by not learning from the experience of others.**

**We let it be riddled with thorns**

**by succumbing to our own prejudices.**

**Life-giving God,**

**Help us to tend to our own soil.**

**Open us to be challenged and enable us to learn,**

**so that your Word will take root deep in us,**

**and bear a rich harvest in our lives. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### \*RESPONSE #600

*Amen, Amen*

African-American Spiritual

*Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!*

*Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!*

## We Hear the Word of God

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:8-11

God's Word will go forth and flourish

### HYMN OF FAITH, #630

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
*(verses 1, 2 and 4)*

CRUSADER'S HYMN

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 13:11-19

The Parable of the Sower

### SERMON

Foolish Farmer!

Rev. Bob Scott

*(Discipleship in Matthew, IV)*

## We Respond to the Word with Gratitude

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Georgia Butler & Susan Ewert

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Prayer of St. Francis

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek**

**so much to be consoled as to console,**

**to be understood as to understand,**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Give Me Oil in My Lamp*

soloist, Keay Forman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*He Has Made Me Glad*

arr. Fred Bock

\*RESPONSE

*Doxology*

Avery and Marsh

*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. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## We Are Sent to Share Christ's Love

\*CLOSING HYMN, #250

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

HYMN OF PROMISE

\*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, John Heinbockel*

Executive Assistant: *Mary Wald*

Music Director: *John Leschak*

Flowers: *Joe & Jeannie Tyler in honor of our 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary*

Ushers: July: *Congregational Care*

Zoom: *Jon Ohlman*, A/V Operator: *Sally Layendecker*

Nursery: *Tammy Kessler and Marlene Wittenwyler*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS - for week of July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

07/13	Mon:	3 :00	Fellowship (SR), 6:30 Scouts (FH/CE)
07/14	Tue:	10:00	Chair Yoga (FH), 2:00 Congregational Care (SR), 3:30 TOPS (FH), 6:30 PNC Meeting (SR)
07/15	Wed :	6:30	Session (SR)
07/16	Thur:	7am	BNI (FH), 2:00 Finance Ministry(SR)
07/19	Sun:	10:30	Sunday Worship in person and on Zoom
		2:00	Art4All (FH)

### Participate in the Share Table

after worship today in the narthex.

### August is Coming!

If you or a team you are on have something to share at the end of summer, submissions are being collected for the August LINK Newsletter. Email them to [FKPC@ftkingchurch.org](mailto:FKPC@ftkingchurch.org) by July 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Keep in Mind

Mary is out of the office this week. She will be returning July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please call in advance to make sure the office is open, ahead of arriving (352) 694-4121.

To email the Pastor: [pastor@ftkingchurch.org](mailto:pastor@ftkingchurch.org) To contact the office: [FKPC@ftkingchurch.org](mailto:FKPC@ftkingchurch.org)

### 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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