THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

Fort King Presbyterian Church

November 8th, 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 MINISTRY	Legacy Project	Jon Ohlman
	~~	Nancy Copeland
PRELUDE	*Give Thanks*	Henry Smith/arr. Bill Wolaver

We Prepare to Hear the Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a time to release the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.
Come! Let us worship!

This is a place to celebrate the life and love we find in Christ and in being together as people of God.
Come! Let us worship!

This is a time to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.
Come! Let us worship!

So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.
Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, #667 *When Morning Guilds the Skies*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Reconciliation
This is a time when all of us, individually, and corporately, can honestly acknowledge the mistakes we have made, the careless words we have spoken, our indifference to the needs of the world. We come trusting that forgiveness and release awaits us.

Unison Prayer of Confession
God of grace and mercy, we confess we struggle to be faithful disciples.
Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others.
Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friends, fear and selfishness.
Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we allow ourselves to be filled with judgment for the poor choices they make.

Forgive us. Wash over us with your grace and love as we forgive ourselves.
Open our eyes to your kin-dom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Silence is kept

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness and to live in the newness of life we find here.

We are forgiven and set free to live in hope. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

*RESPONSE *Glorify Thy Name*

Father, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

We Hear the Word of God

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 Concerning Treasures

ANTHEM *My God You Are So Wonderful* Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18

SERMON Rev. Dr. Holly Dillon

We Respond to the Word with Gratitude

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith - chapter. 8:1-22

(in 1985, the 177th General Assembly adopted A Declaration of Faith as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration)

God has not taken people out of the world, but has sent them into the world, to worship there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining in God's work. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in the events and movements that liberate people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

HYMN, #612 *We Praise You, Oh God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY *Let All Things Now Living* - traditional Welsh Melody

*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

We Are Sent to Share Christ's Love

*PARTING SONG, #80 *Trees of the Field*

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

1: Whoever you are
2: Wherever you are on your journey
All: There is room for you in this community of faith.

*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 Holly Dillon, Ray Smith*
Executive Assistant: *Mary Wald*
Music Director: *John Leschak*
Flowers: *Agnes & Tony Hall - In memory of Midge Hall Barrett*
Ushers: *Art 4 All*
Zoom: *Ken McMurry*, **A/V Operator:** *Jon Ohlman*
Nursery: *Tammy Keeslar and Marlene Wittenwyler*

Cover Art: "Ten Young Women" - Jesus Mafa is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed into paintings. Matthew 25:1-13 in 1973

ANNOUNCEMENTS - for week of November 9th, 2026 – November 15th, 2026

11/09	Mon:	3:00	Fellowship Ministry (SR), 4:00 Esther's Circle (SR),
		6:00	Worship (Zm), 6:30 Scouts (FH/CE)
11/10	Tue:	2:00	Congregational Care (SR),3:30 TOPS (FH), 6:30 PNC Meeting (SR)
11/12	Thur:	7am	BNI (FH), 3:00 Tai Chi (FH, Zm), 4:00 Choir Practice
11/14	Sat:	3:00	Joe Long Memorial Service
11/15	Sun:	9:00	Crossroads (SR/Zm)
		10:30	Sunday Worship in person and on Zoom

Mark Your Calendars November 15th

"Come Let Us Worship" a Hymn Celebration
will be performed at Highlands Baptist Church on November 15th at 3:00
by our own Nancy Copeland and Anna Moody

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

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