# THE CELEBRATION OF OUR CHRISIAN FAITH

## Fort King Presbyterian Church

*November 22nd, 2026*

## Thanksgiving Sunday




**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 — Jesus' Birthday Party — Harvey Bohner

PRELUDE — *Make Me a Servant* — arr. Carol Tornquist

# We Prepare to Hear the Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 25:31-40)

We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

**where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.**

We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;**

**where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

We come, for God reunites us here,

**siblings in that family called love:**

As siblings in Christ, let us joyfully worship together

*HYMN, #336 *We Gather Together*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Call to Reconciliation**

Every family has their differences, but in this family we call Ft. King Presbyterian Church, we strive to honor our differences and work for unity. If we are honest, we know we do not always live together in the way we wish and the way of Jesus Christ, so we lift our voices together, in confession, trusting God's gracious forgiveness and trusting we will forgive one another.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the siblings with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.**

**We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kin-dom. We fail to see your Kin-dom in parables because we fail to see it in each other.**

**Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North.**

**We pray for the sake of your Kin-dom that both is and is still coming.** *Silence is kept*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the act of confession, we find forgiveness. As forgiven people of God, we find strength to love our neighbors near and far and power to speak up for those who are broken.

**Thanks be to God! We are forgiven!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

*RESPONSE, #647 *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; Let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

## We Hear the Word of God

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

ANTHEM *A Psalm of Thanks* Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON Rev. Dr. Holly Dillon

## We Respond to the Word with Gratitude

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith - chapter 5:69-87

(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)

The diversity of the early church caused tension and conflict. Yet the Spirit bound them into one body, enriched by their differences. We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* - alto sax solo by Ken McMurry

*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 HYMN, #643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

L: Whoever you are

R: Wherever you are on your journey

**All: come as you are and join us as we strive to honor our differences and work for unity!**

*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, Mary Beth Neely*
Executive Assistant: *Mary Wald*
Music Director: *John Leschak*
Flowers: *Anonymous - To Honor & Thank All of the FKPC Volunteers*
Ushers: *Art 4 All*
Zoom: *Jon Ohlman*, A/V Operator: *Harvey Bohner*
Nursery: *Tammy Keeslar and Marlene Wittenwyler*
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS - for week of November 23rd, 2026 – November 29th, 2026**

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| 11/23 | Mon: | 6:30 | Scouts (FH/CE) |
| 11/24 | Tue: | 7am | BNI (FH), 3:30 TOPS (FH), 6:30 PNC Meeting (SR) |
| 11/26 | Thur: | | Happy Thanksgiving – FKPC is closed |
| 11/27 | Fri : | | FKPC Office is closed for the holiday |
| 11/28 | Sat : | 10:00 | Hanging of the Greens |
| 11/29 | Sun: | 9:00 | Crossroads (SR/Zm) |
| | | 10:30 | Sunday Worship in person and on Zoom |




Dear Fort King Family & Friends
Prayers and Blessings for You and Yours

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

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