



**Welcome to Worship
with Kingston Presbyterian Church
We Gather in Spirit**

November 24, 2024

11am

*Welcome! We're so glad you are here. May you find welcome.
May you know God's love and may you go in peace.*

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DISCIPLES GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Announcements

Prelude: *We Are An Offering*, Dwight Liles, arr. Mark Hayes

Gonzalo Aguilar

Call to Worship

Hyun Jin Cho

One: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

All: let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

All: from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

All: from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

All: in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

All: as we come to worship the God of all creation!

Prayer of the Day

***Hymn:** *We Gather Together*

#336

[Prayer cards collected during 1st hymn]

Call to Confession - *We tell the truth about ourselves*

Prayer of Confession

You, O God, offer us more than we could ever ask, blessing us beyond compare. You feed us with compassion, hold us up with hope, and clothe us with grace. You call us to love you with all we are, to feed the hungry, to hold others up, and clothe them with peace, joy, and love. But we worry about the food on our own plates before offering it to others. We pay more attention to our own survival than to the well-being of those around us. We ensure that our own backs are covered before protecting society's most vulnerable. Lord, all we can do is ask for your forgiveness. We don't know why we do the things we do. All we know is that we're sorry; we want a clean slate. Help us to be messengers of humility, patience, and peace. Bind us together—with you and with one another. [Praying silently] and the whole congregation says, Amen!

Assurance of Pardon

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is nothing less than God's gift for God's people! It's not accomplished by our works, so that we'd be able to brag about it. No—we are who God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Believe this good news! We have been saved. We have been redeemed. We are loved. We have been forgiven. **Thanks be to God for a love like that!**

***Response:** *Glory Be to the Father*

#581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Children's Message

Pastor Sharyl

***Hymn:** *Take My Life*

#697 verses 1-3

Scripture: Mark 12: 41-44, I Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Sermon: *Giving With a Thankful Heart*

Seminarian Cody Carver

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Rev. Sharyl Dixon

God, you call us to prayer. ...Holy and Loving God, we pray now especially for those on our minds and hearts and lift them up to you [*we pray silently*]. Thank you, Lord, for being with those we lift up to you.

Merciful God, we give you thanks for our mission partners and lift them up to you. Give strength and encouragement to: the Presbytery of the Coastlands, Books and Breakfast, The Desai's, alongside Bob and Carrie Louer (ISI), Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Committee on Religious Ministries (Princeton Hospital Chaplaincy), Young Life, Westminster Foundation, Dr. Katie Wolf and Friends for Health in Haiti, Kishore Joseph and New Life Associates-India, The Riddells and World Team in France, Karla Koll in Costa Rica, Medical Benevolence Foundation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Dr. Jonathan Addleton with Forman Christian College in Pakistan. Be with them and may your Spirit encourage their work this week. Thanks for the gift of partnership with you and with each other.

As we entrust these prayers of gratitude and grief to you, God, make us Your people. Equip us for a world where all people experience connection, belonging, safety, and well-being, and help us become those who make such a world not just possible, but present. With hope, we join our voices with the voices of countless generations, languages, and communities as we pray the words Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

We give back to God our offerings, gifts, pledges placed in the offering plate or by mail or online with Tithe.ly at <https://kingstonpresbyterian.org>, as a marker of our partnership with God through our Kingston Presbyterian Church.

The Offering of Christ's Ministry through Mission

Elise Cheng

Offertory: *God Is Seen*, Southern Harmony, arr. Neil Harmon

Peyton Dixon

***Doxology:** *Take My Life*

#697 verses 4-6

***Prayer of Dedication and the Dedication of our 2025 Pledges**

DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD

***Hymn:** *Let All Things Now Living*

#37

***Benediction**

May we go out into the world in God's peace, have courage, hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord Jesus, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And all God's people said, "**Amen!**"

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Postlude: *I Will Enter His Gates*, arr. Mark Hayes

Flowers



The flowers are given in celebration of Pastor Sharyl and Peyton's 12th wedding Anniversary.

*We stand in body and spirit.

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We give thanks for those helping with worship today:

Preacher: Cody Carver

Liturgist: Hyun Jin Cho

Children's Message: Pastor Sharyl

Seminarians: Cody Carver, Hyun Jin Cho

Music: Gonzalo Aguilar, Peyton Dixon

Head Usher: George Luck

Greeter: Debbie Liwosz

AV: Bea Hwong

Bulletin prep: Nancy Wright, Kathleen Garber