



**Welcome to Worship
Kingston Presbyterian Church
We Gather by the Spirit**

February 22, 2026 ~ 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: *Give Thanks*, Henry Smith, arr. Mark Hayes

Gonzalo Aguilar

Call to Worship

Ken Rubin

One: The steadfast love of God surrounds us always — even in the wilderness!

All: Thanks be to God! Let us be glad and worship!

One: People of God, praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.

One: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

All: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

One: We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed. We are God's very own, called together here this day.

All: Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

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

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet, you continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. *[Praying silently]* And the whole congregation says, Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Hear and receive the good news: In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven!
Know this and be at peace. **Thanks be to God!**

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

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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

Time with Youth

Pastor Sharyl

Anthem: *The Lord's My Shepherd*, Steward Townsend

Sunday School Singers

Scripture: Psalm 23, John 10:11-14

Sermon: *The Lord is My Shepherd*

Rev. Sharyl Dixon

***Affirmation of Faith** (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Ken Rubin

Beloved, in this trying season of temptation, let us accept God's invitation to always be mindful of others' needs, offering our prayers on behalf of God's community in the church and the world: ...

In the silence, we lift up the names of those individuals who are on our hearts and minds:
(*Pause for a moment of silence.*) Lord, we pray to you now with hope because we know you are walking and making a way alongside us.

On this sabbath day, we pray: speak your words of blessing once again. God of new beginnings, 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, Aruna Desai alongside Bob and Carrie Louer (ISI), Committee on Religious Ministries (Princeton Hospital Chaplaincy), Westminster Foundation, Camp Johnsonburg, 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. With hope, we reach for each other. With hope, we choose to keep walking. And with that confidence propelling us, we pray together the words your son taught us to pray, 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

A Praise of God's Provision

Marie Luck

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

We give back to God our offerings, gifts, pledges placed in the offering plate at the doors, or by mail or online with Tithe.ly at <https://kingstonpresbyterian.org>. We offer God our hearts, hands, minds and money as an expression of gratitude and our love for God and as a marker of our partnership with God through our Kingston Presbyterian Church.

***Doxology:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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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

DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD

***Hymn:** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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*Benediction

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Postlude: *Toccata in D Minor*, J.S. Bach

Flowers –



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We give thanks to those helping with worship today:

Preacher: Rev. Sharyl Dixon

Liturgist: Seminarian Ken Rubin

Time with Youth: Pastor Sharyl

Music: Gonzalo Aguilar, Peyton Dixon, Sunday School Singers

A/V: Naina Enock

Head Usher: Scott Hodge

Greeter: Debbie Liwosz

Bulletin prep: Rev. Sharyl Dixon, Kathleen Garber, Nancy Wright

If This is Your First Sunday With US Welcome! We're glad you are here - thank you for joining us. We hope to welcome you back next week. Our greeters are available to assist you with questions and comfort. Pastor Sharyl is always available for questions or coffee.

Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Ushers collect the completed prayer cards during the first hymn. Joys and concerns are welcome.

Prayer Ministry: The Deacons organize the Prayer Ministry. If you wish to add anything to the **Prayer Chain**, please contact praykingstonpresbyterian@gmail.com or Deacon Christy Parker.

Hospital Visitations: Leah Hodge is on hospital call this week.

Announcements for Our Church Community

The Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:30am in the Assembly Room - David Luck

ESL - Classes meet in the Parish House at 11am on Wednesdays.

GriefShare - Meets on Wednesdays from 7-9pm in the Assembly Room.

To register, call the church office at 609-921-8895 or go to www.griefshare.org.

If you have questions about our GriefShare Ministry email Marie Luck at mariekluck@yahoo.com.

Crafts - The Craft Group meets on Wednesdays at 10am in the Assembly Room.