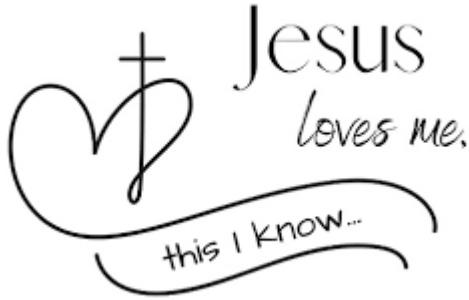




Welcome to Worship
Kingston Presbyterian Church
We Gather by the Spirit
November 16, 2025 11am

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

Seminarian Ken Rubin

Prelude: *God of Wonders*, Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong
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Calling on Him

Call to Worship (Psalm 98)

Linda Parr

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:** *God Is Here Today*
[Prayer cards collected]

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

Prayer of Confession

God of peace we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you.

[Praying silently] and the whole congregation says, **Amen!**

Assurance of Pardon

The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth, the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.

***Response:** *Change My Heart*

**Change my heart Oh God, make it ever true
Change my heart Oh God, may I be like You
You are the potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray
Change my heart Oh God, make it ever true
Change my heart Oh God, may I be like You**

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Children's Time

Ken Rubin

Scripture: Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: *Christ Calls Us*

Seminarian Ken Rubin

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Seminarian Ken Rubin

God of new beginnings You have promised us a season in which weeping will no longer be heard, nor cries of distress...

We now take a moment to continue our prayer and name in our hearts those we individually want to pray for *[we pray silently]*. Thank you, Lord, for being with those we lift up to you.

Lead us towards your promised kingdom, your new heaven and new earth, a world where all have enough food, all have enough drink, all are safe, and all are at peace.

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), Camp Johnsonburg, 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... In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people. God, who seeks us, who offers us grace, and who celebrates our presence, hear us as we join together in prayer using the words Jesus taught his disciples:

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 at the doors or by mail or online with Tithe.ly at <https://kingstonpresbyterian.org>. We offer God our hearts, hands, minds, voices 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.

Offertory: *Nearness*, Jenn Johnson, John-Paul Gentile, Janie Taylor, Robby Busick

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***Doxology**

Nick Robinson

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God above

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God above

Praise God above ye Heavenly Host

Praise God above

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Praise God above

Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD

***Hymn:** *Have I Told You Today*, Nick Robinson

With my heart I seek

 forgiveness and love

With my heart I trust

 in all that You say

With my heart I stand
right here with You
With my heart I love
more each day

I will love You
I will be here for You
I will live and keep Your word

SIDE PEWS: Open my eyes, open my life

CENTER PEW: Have I told You today?

Repeat 4 times

I will love You
I will be here for You
I will live and keep Your word

Turn away my eyes
from always searching
Turn away my heart
from always wanting more
Turn away my fear
of being all alone
Sing with me a new song
and open up Your door

I will love You
I will be here for You
I will live and keep Your word

SIDE PEWS: Open my eyes, open my life

CENTER PEW: Have I told You today?

Repeat 4 times

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Postlude: *My Lighthouse*, Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

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Flowers



The flowers are given in loving memory of my parents Shungo and Umeko Shimomura and brothers Taro, Joshua and Lincoln by Mariko Shimomura.

*We stand in body and in spirit.

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We give thanks for those helping with worship today:

Preacher & Children's Time: Seminarian Ken Rubin

Liturgist: Linda Parr

Music: *Calling on Him*

Head Usher: Robin DeGutis

AV: Naina Enock

Greeter: Cindy Van Kirk

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

If You Are a Guest 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: Sarah Hodge is on hospital call this week.

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

November 23: Follow-up class on “Five Wishes” - Further discussion led by Pastor Sharyl Dixon and Elder David Luck.

November 30: First Sunday of Advent Series - “Prepare The Way For The Lord” by Adam Hamilton led by David Luck.

Announcements for Our Church Community

Congregational Meeting

Topic: KPC Congregational Meeting to elect Elders, Deacons and Financial Officers

Time: Nov. 23, 2025 12:00 PM

Members & Friends – Please call the office Tuesday to Friday, 10am - 3pm, for the Zoom Link.

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

ESL - Wednesdays at 11am in the Parish House.

GriefShare - Our fall session meets on Wednesdays from 7-9pm.

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.

KPC Deacons partnering with Franklin Youth Center Present -

The Holiday Hearts Giving Tree Collection - *See attached flyer*

Newsletter Deadline - December newsletter articles are due November 19.

Mission Commission Meeting - Thursday November 20 at 7pm. Contact Steve Parker for

link...finance.kingstonchurch@gmail.com.

InterFaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 23 at 7pm- Dayton Presbyterian Church, 362 Georges Road. See the website for the flyer on the Events Listing on the Home Page. <https://kingstonpresbyterian.org>

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