

WELCOME TO KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Kingston Presbyterian Church Organized 1858 Conway, South Carolina



*The church opens wide its doors, like
the arms of Christ on the cross
and bids you welcome into the Father's house.*

September 27, 2020 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Usual worship is 10:30AM on Sunday now recorded Thursday before Sunday.

† = Stand if able

= Congregational participation

GOD CALLS US TO HOLY GROUND

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"

Worship begins with the instrumental prelude.

Please use this time to pray for God to move in a mighty way during the Worship Service.

Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements:

1. Welcome to Kingston's parking lot or boat-in worship service. You will be able to hear via your FM radio or by the speakers outside. If you leave your car, please wear your mask, and maintain a 6-foot distance.
2. God's tithe and our offerings will be collected as you leave the parking lot. You can also use the KINGSTONPC.ORG. website. You may drop it in KPC's secure mailbox, or mail it.
3. Next Sunday is WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. Come celebrate this special time with Holy Communion.
4. The Mission Yearbook focus is on Evangelism Sunday. This article is located at the end of this worship bulletin for you.
5. The Wednesday Evening Prayer Service is every Wednesday weather permitting. We are practicing Ribbons of Prayer.
6. This Wednesday September 23rd from 5 - 6:30 p.m., Thursday from 10:30 - 12 noon, and this Sunday in the church parking, we are collecting canned foods, dry goods, paper products along with sanitary supplies will be collected for CAP and the Waccamaw Youth Center.
7. Our video worship services will continue to be made on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. They are released on Sunday morning.

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

We gather here as the people of God.

To do the work of God.

We gather here as a people of love and hope.

To be for the world the grace of Christ. Let it be so. Amen.

Prayer of the Day: (Responsive)

† Hymn No. 496

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

SHOWALTER

**1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Call to Prayer (Joining hearts together ...)

Prayer of Confession (Together)

Holy and creating God, although the sun's light weakens as the earth tilts away, we ask in this time alone with you that your light not lessen within us. May we, with your assistance, not turn away from the truth when it visits us, even the truth about ourselves. We desire rather that we turn toward the light in all we say and do, in all we think and dream. Guided by your light we now enter the cave of our hearts to be alone with you in stillness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Together)

In Jesus' name, we are loved and forgiven. You are here and you are alive. You are with us. Breathe new life into us today. Fill us with enthusiasm and joy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to be fully alive. Amen.

Musical Meditation (Website only): *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Rinkart

Prayer for Family, Church, Community, Country, and World (Joys and Concerns)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

As we enter into this time of prayer, O God, we ask that you help us to let go of what is past. Release us from anger and resentments and hurts of days gone by; free us from bitterness and help us to fill this space with the love of Christ.

We offer our gratitude for the gift of love.

We offer our thanks for those people in our lives who love us unconditionally.

We offer our thanks for those who provide a safe place in the shelter of their unselfish love.

We offer our praise for those who give, expecting nothing in return for the gift.

We offer our gratitude to those who cause us to rise to our greater selves.

We offer thanks for those who help us to put the pieces of our lives back together when dreams and hopes are shattered.

We remember now those in need of your comforting presence: (from Wednesday Evening Intersessions) retirement facilities, the staff, the residents, and those who cannot visit their love ones; the Dennis children; a new minister; the Police. Whittington and the Muir Family; the Stanton's safe travel; to be back in our church; possible riot situation in Louisville and the people in the gulf; the Ellis family and my church family; schools and the children who attend, the stressed-out parents, administrators and teachers; people dealing with disease other than COVID-19 like cancer; the Steve Haas family, Conway community leaders, and others.

We remember members of our congregation: Cathy Newell; Marvin and Lynette Nicholson; Gloria and Alex Novaa; Hank and Pam Pulkowski; Bert and Phyllis Rabbers; and Margaret "Sis" Ramsey.

Gracious God, we praise you for hearing the inmost desires of our hearts. We cast away our fears and anxieties. We lay it all before you. While we honor the past, we also look forward to the future with hope and love.

All of this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who, while he was with us, 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, your Word is a precious gift to us. Open our hearts and prepare our minds to hear your Word read and proclaimed in a way that is pleasing to you. Amen.

Scripture Reading: The Epistle to the Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Prayer with Our Children

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to follow your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Sermon:

“The Face of Death”

Reverend Burton

† Affirmation of Faith (Together; Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

† Hymn No. 59

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

(Soloist will sing first verse and everyone will sing the last verse.)

**1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

**4 Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

Charge and Blessing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
The blessing of the Lord God rests upon you.
The power and companionship of the Holy Spirit will
accompany you always.

The Doxology:

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(This will be played several times. Traditionally God’s Tithes and our Offerings are collected at this time. Presently they are collected as we leave worship.)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Go in peace, joy, and love to serve the Lord.

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The Reverend Jim Burton, Transitional Pastor
Bradley Hardee, Director of Music
Soloists for Online worship, Johnny & Frances
Dennis
Soloist for Sunday drive-in service, Joy Turbeville

Ben Burroughs, Camera and Webpage
Mary Alwine, Administrative Assistant
Alys Lawson, Clerk of Session
David Moore, Custodian

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE LOST LOVE ONES

Family of Donald Bradley and the Muir Family (relative of Ron & Barbara Whittington)

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Angela Skinner Appelberg (daughter of Skinners), Melony Bennett, Billy Benson, Sandra Bone (friend of Cheryl & Rachel Barefoot), Patricia Briggs (sister of Frances Dennis), Rich (friend of Ron Whittington), Mac Chambers (husband of Teddi Chambers), Cindy Check, Joe Eichelberger (Karen Gatesman’s mother’s husband), Alex Faircloth (daughter of Clayton Mauldin’s coworker), Tom & Helen Faria (parents of Leslie Wilson), John & Angie Fry, Debbie Gill (friend of Niece McLaughlin), Barbara Mirbt (friend of Bradley Hardee), Lynette Nicholson (Marvin’s wife), John Orr (coworker of Bradley Hardee), Patte Rhodes’ granddaughters, Heather Robinette (friend of Bradley & Aaron Hardee), Pam & Greg Schmidt (Daughter and Son in law of Peggy Hayes), Francein Scott (Kathy Mauldin’s mother), Sandy Stiens (Don Stiens’ widow), Annette Tatgenhorst, Sophie Taylor (friend of Lynda Courtney), Evelyn Tew (great niece of Leslie Wilson), Dan Thompkins (friend of Teresa Hardee), Jessica Trombetta e-Silva (friend of Cara Lawson), Peggy Williams now on Hospice (mother of Brenda Long), and Bruce Young.

Minute for Mission: Evangelism Sunday - September 27, 2020



Flora Wilson Bridges preaching at Rendall

Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church is a small-in-numbers yet large-in-mission, Christ-centered, aging, progressive congregation in central (Black) Harlem. Its mission is to serve those in the community through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Evangelism happens at Rendall as a “by-product” of intentional, gospel-focused ministry that is relational, personal, spiritual and missional.

Since 2016, in partnership with the Department of Homeless Services of the City of New York, the church has hosted those who are without homes 365 nights a year from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. with hot meals (breakfast and dinner), hot showers, clean beds, toiletries, small items of clothing and — vitally important — the safety needed to sleep in peace. Two other churches in the New York City Presbytery have since followed this model pioneered at Rendall. Rendall’s ministries to those in need attract younger adults to join the congregation.

Often in today’s world, millennials and Gen Xers question the “sound” of the trumpet call of the Christian church. Younger adults have joined Rendall teaming up with the session (which includes two millennial elders), deacons (currently all millennials), baby boomers and the greatest generation in joyful, intergenerational worship, biweekly Bible study (one taught by the baby boomer pastor and the other taught by a millennial), weekly prayer meeting (led by the greatest generation) and mission (administered by boomers and executed by millennials). Those who join believe Rendall is not simply talking about Jesus but *being* about Jesus. In Rendall’s compassionate service to the poorest of the poor, they trust the sound of the gospel.

The Rev. Flora Wilson Bridges, Ph.D., Pastor of Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 27, 2020, the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): [First Reading Exodus 17:1-7](#); [Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16](#); [Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13](#); [Gospel Matthew 21:23-32](#)

Let us join in prayer for: **PC(USA) Agencies’ Staff**; [Emily Odom](#), Presbyterian Mission Agency; [Jihyun Oh](#), Office of the General Assembly

Let us pray: Dear God, let us not copy the behavior and customs of this world, but transform us into a new people by changing the way that we think. May we repurpose our lives and act accordingly.