

THE SESSION

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Kingston Presbyterian Church

Contway, South Carolina
Organized 1858

July 12th, 2026
7th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:30AM

Chiming of the Hour

Leader: May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Prelude

“Fragment from an Etude”

Chopin

Welcome and Announcements

VBS Presentation

Introit

“Worthy of Worship”

York

GOD CALLS US TO PRAISE HIM

† Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Beloved community, we gather to worship the God who sows seeds of love, grace, and mercy in every heart.

People: We come seeking fertile soil, that our lives may bear fruit.

Leader: When our hearts are shallow, distracted, or choked by the cares of the world, God’s Spirit nurtures growth.

People: We come to be watered by God’s presence, that hope and joy may flourish.

Leader: When the seed falls on good soil, it produces a harvest—thirty, sixty, a hundredfold.

People: We come to be that good soil, ready to receive, understand, and live God’s Word.

† Hymn No. 591

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Forgive us, Holy One, when we refuse your counsel, waste your gifts, and withhold your compassion from others. Break through our hardened views, lest the evil one win the day. Break through our stony hearts, lest we have no root and wither to nothing. Break through our thorny ways, lest our agendas and fears choke the promise of your Word and smother a harvest worthy of your calling. Hear our prayer, O Lord. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen!

Silent Confession

Kyrie
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: God has spoken! The seed of the kingdom has been sown in our hearts. Though some soils may be barren, in Christ, our sins are forgiven,
People: We give thanks that God’s grace has been so lavishly sown! Blessed are we to be called the daughters and sons of God!

† Gloria Patri
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.

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 119:105-112 O.T. Pew Bible No. 442
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

† Psalter “Psalm 77B” SEE INSERT

New Testament Reading Matthew 13:1-9 N.T. Pew Bible No. 10
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Seeds From The Sower” Rev. Joel M. Long

GOD SEEKS OUR COMMITMENT

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory “Credo” Haydn

† Doxology
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.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer
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. 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.

Sharing of the Elements
Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Communion Music “Jupiter from The Planets” Holst

Prayer After Communion

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

† Hymn No. 177 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” MARTYRDOM

† Charge and Benediction

† Closing Response “Danish Amen”
Amen, Amen, Amen.

† The Postlude “A Festive Trumpet Tune” Martin