

THE SESSION

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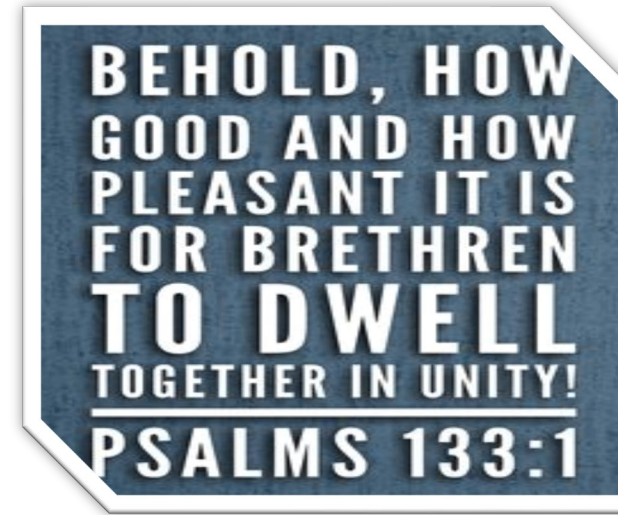
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CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Joel M. Long, Pastor
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Kingston Presbyterian Church

Conway, South Carolina

Organized 1858

August 16th, 2026

12th 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

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

arr. Wells

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing of the Backpacks

Introit

“Spirit of the Living God”

Iverson

GOD CALLS US TO PRAISE HIM

† Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!
As we gather, God welcomes us as one family—renewed, refreshed, and
blessed by His Spirit.

**People: We come to worship the Lord, who pours out His mercy like precious oil,
binding us together in love and purpose.**

Leader: Like the dew of Hermon falling on Mount Zion, God’s grace brings life,
refreshment, and hope to His people.

**People: Here, in this place, the Lord commands His blessing—life forevermore.
Let us worship God in unity, joy, and peace.**

† Hymn No. 335

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
O God, whose will it is that all your children should be one in Christ, we come before you with repentance. Deliver us from narrow-mindedness, bitterness, and prejudice. Save us from considering as normal what is a scandal to the world, and an offense to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all who call upon you and confess the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive us for harboring disunity and for failing to live as one body in Christ. May your Spirit renew our minds, rekindle your love in our hearts, and unite us in peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Through the mercies of Christ, our divisions are broken down. Our unity is restored. In the cross of Christ, our sins are forgiven!
People: We give thanks for God’s amazing grace. It is undeserved yet free!

† 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

New Testament Reading Colossians 3:13-14 N.T. Pew Bible No. 156
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

† Psalter “Psalm 133A” SEE INSERT

Reading of the Psalm Psalm 133 O.T. Pew Bible No. 446

Sermon “A Little Oil Here and A Little Dew There...Unity” Rev. Joel M. Long

† Affirmation of Faith (Unison) “The Apostles’ Creed”
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick

and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Hymn No. 334 “Blest Be the Tie” DENNIS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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.

GOD SEEKS OUR COMMITMENT

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Maori Melody” Traditional

† 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

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

† Hymn No. 316 “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA

† Charge and Benediction

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

† The Postlude “Awake the Trumpets Lofty Sound” Handel

** Participating in today’s worship service is Gina Fisher, Liturgist.