

THE SESSION

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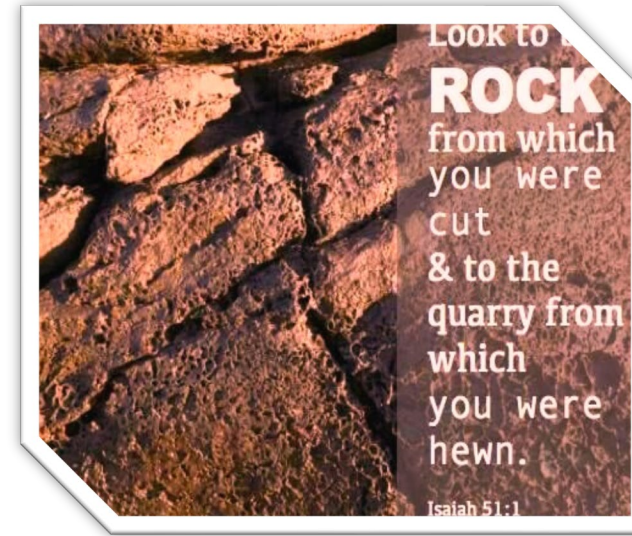
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CHURCH STAFF

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

Conway, South Carolina

Organized 1858

August 23rd, 2026

13th 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

“Take Time To Be Holy”

arr. Wells

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Wesley

GOD CALLS US TO PRAISE HIM

† Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Come, you who seek the Lord, look to the history that is ours in Scripture.

People: We remember the faithfulness of Abraham-the father of many nations.

Leader: We are his descendants-people born from God’s covenant with him.

People: Through him God raised up Isaac, Jacob, David, Christ, and us as living heirs of the covenant.

Leader: We come to worship the Eternal One—our Rock, our Redeemer, our Everlasting Hope.

People: Today, let us worship as we celebrate our heritage in and through Christ.

† Hymn No. 319

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
O God, you are the sure foundation and the certain cornerstone. You are the living Rock from whom life flows, and yet we often turn away, seeking hope in other foundations — in self-esteem, in money, in career, in family status. We confess that we have built our trust on shifting sands, not on You. Forgive us, O Rock of Ages, for placing our security in things that cannot endure. We pray in Christ’s holy name. Amen!

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: All like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-every one-to his or her own way, yet God’s mercy has forgiven our transgressions.
People: God’s mercies are from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

† 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 Isaiah 51:1-6 O.T. Pew Bible No. 528
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

† Psalter “Psalm 123A” SEE INSERT

New Testament Reading Matthew 16:13-20 N.T. Pew Bible No. 14
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “We Come From Good Stock” 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. 346 “Jesus Saves!” JESUS SAVES

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 “Jesu, Meine Freude” Bach

† 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. 318 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” WESTMINSTER ABBEY

† Charge and Benediction

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

† The Postlude “Allegretto” Watkins

** Participating in today’s worship service is Daniela Redlin, Liturgist.