



KINGSTON CHRONICLES

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From Pastor Robert's desk...

As we enter the new year of 2026, we have many exciting events coming up in the life of our church. We have our officer ordination and installation on January 4th. We also have our first covered dish luncheon of the year on January 4th. Our first Wednesday Supper gathering is on Wednesday, January 7th. Church is about to be back in full swing this New Year!

I wanted to take a minute to provide a more detailed preview of our Wall Lecture Series, including our speaker and the program. As a reminder, the Wall Lecture Series weekend will be Friday, January 30th, through Sunday, February 1st (see inside the Newsletter for the exact times and locations). Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. William Yoo. Dr. Yoo is the Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. Dr. Yoo is also an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) and a member of Cherokee Presbytery in northwest Georgia. He previously served on the Board of Directors for the Presbyterian Historical Society and presently serves on the Board of Directors for the Montreat Conference Center.

As many of you know, I am an alumnus of Columbia Seminary, and Dr. Yoo was not only my history professor but he was also my academic advisor. Dr. Yoo's theme for our 2026 Wall Lecture series is "Faith, Politics, and the Pursuit of a More Perfect Union." William and his spouse, Sarah, a middle school educator in Atlanta Public Schools, reside in Decatur, Georgia, with their two teenage children and two cats.

Here is how Dr. Yoo has described the summary of his plan for our time together:

Christians throughout American history have wrestled with the relationship between faith and politics. Some pastors and theologians engaged in politics as a means to fulfill the spiritual mission of the Church. Others urged Christians to refrain from politics because they sought to protect churches from the divisive consequences of partisanship. In his lectures, William Yoo presents a pathway for Christians to clearly understand this web of faith, politics, and spirituality, and he prescribes insights that address our politically charged climate today. He also addresses how some Christians were motivated by faith to support the temperance movement and others in advance of the civil rights movement. Yet Christians have also disagreed on matters such as women's rights and immigration. Yoo maintains that Christians in the United States are called to be both faithful witnesses of the

gospel and loyal citizen a nation founded under the principle to form a more perfect union. (cont. on page 2)

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr. **Pastor**
Holly Bannan **Director of Discipleship and Communications**
Bradley Hardee **Music Director**
Mary Alwine **Administrative Assistant**
Kenneth Demming **Sexton** | Kira & Emma Hamilton **Nursery**



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January Volunteers

Ushers

HEAD USHER

John Bittle

USHERS

Dennis Esandrio

Gina Fisher

John Ramp

Counters

Cathy Beverly

Teresa Hardee

He offers lessons from our past to aid us in how we presently hold together commitments to honor God, love neighbor, and serve one's nation.

I think this is a topic all of us can benefit from. I think you will all enjoy our time with Dr. Yoo, and I hope you will join us. Blessings and Happy New Year!

Robert

THE WALL
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Lecture Weekend

FAITH, POLITICS, AND THE PURSUIT OF A MORE PERFECT UNION

January 30 - February 1, 2026

Friday

6 - 8 PM | Dinner + Lecture

RSVP Required

Saturday

9 - 11 AM | Lecture

Sunday

9 - 10:15 AM

Sunday School

10:30AM

Worship

12 PM

Q&A at lunch

Parking Lot Signs



If you have been by our church parking lot in the past couple of weeks, you may have noticed new additions to our lot. These "Pay to Park" signs were approved by our Session, and they are for people coming to use our parking lot, outside of church functions.

Please note, as a KPC member, you do NOT have to pay to park.

GUEST SPEAKER |

Rev. Dr. William Yoo



Dr. William Yoo is Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History and Lead Faculty of the MDiv Program at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. An ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), he integrates Reformed practices of confession and illumination into his teaching, writing, and preaching. He lives in Decatur with his spouse, Sarah, their two children, and two cats.

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Ian Young
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- 14 Christoph Tatgenhorst
- 16 Rachel Allen
Jack Watkins
- 18 Karen Fabry
- 22 Sandra Keesee
Sarah Watkins
- 24 Sophie Murphy
- 27 H. Buck Cutts
- 28 Kimberly Courtney
Cyndi Smith
Kate Beverly
- 29 Erin Gatesman
- 30 Sandra Bone
- 31 William Bone

Fellowship and Family Life

First Sunday Covered Dish

Sunday, January 4th, immediately following worship.
Fellowship and Family Life provides the meat. Please bring
a side dish or dessert to share to feed 6-8 people.

Wednesday Supper + Programming

JANUARY 7 | 6:00PM

Cook: Vincent Zylko

Menu: TBD

Program: Presbyterian vs Methodism
Guest speaker Rev. Kyle Randle

JANUARY 14 | 6:00PM

Cook: Mike and Rachel Suchowieski

Menu: TBD

Program: Presbyterian vs Episcopalian
Guest Speaker Rev. Kevin Holland Sparrow

JANUARY 21 | 6:00PM

Cook: YOU!

Menu: Chili with all the fixings + desserts

Program: No program tonight – just voting for your
favorite chili – prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

For our Wednesday night programs this spring, we will be looking at similarities and differences between being Presbyterian and other well-known Christian traditions/denominations. In January, we will compare Presbyterianism with Methodism as well as Episcopalian.

January 21st is our Annual Chili Cook-off. If you have a favorite chili recipe (or one that always wins a contest), sign up and bring a pot to share with our Kingston family.

Give online Here!



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Support our Community.



NEEDS:

travel size hygiene products

Can Sweet Peas
Can Ravioli
Can Spaghetti
Bag of sugar – 2&5 lb.
Grape jelly in plastic jar
Can Meat (tuna, chicken, or ham)
White Rice – 2, 3, or 5 lb.
Can Pineapple
Can Peaches
Bottle Juice (Apple, Grape, Cranberry)
Box Juice (8 or 10 pack)
* for our Tiny Tot Daycare Program



KPW Circle Update

Beginning in January, both KPW circle groups will be meeting on Monday. Both groups will meet in the Kingston building. We are using the same study as the other groups and will be on **Lesson 4 (Esther)** in our book. Can't wait to see you all there!

Morning Circle – Monday, January 5 at 10:30am

Evening Circle – Monday, January 5 at 6:00pm



Kingston Music Ministry

Seeking New Choir Members

The adult choir is looking for new members to join us. We rehearse every Wednesday at 7:15pm in the Choir Room. It is open to anyone in high school and up. If you are interested, please contact Bradley Hardee.



Men of the Church

Men's Breakfast | 8:30am

All men of the church are invited to our Men's Breakfast. Bring a friend and enjoy great food and fellowship with your brother in Christ. We look forward to gathering on the third Sunday of the month, this month being January 18.



**WACCAMAW
YOUTH CENTER
BIRTHDAYS**
If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact
Cathy Beverly.

Coming in January...

Our Thursday Women's bible study will begin a 12-week study through the book of Romans, beginning January 8th at 10:30am in the Gore House. All women of the church are invited to join a 12-week Bible study on Paul's letter to the Romans. Together we will explore themes of grace, faith, hope, and transformed living, grounding our study in the Bible and our Reformed tradition. The first six weeks will focus on the foundations of the gospel, and the final six weeks will guide us through Lent as we reflect on repentance, new life in Christ, and living out the love of God in community. Whether you are new to Bible study or have studied Romans before, this is a space for honest questions, deep listening, and growing together in faith.

romans

Living by Grace, Walking Toward Hope

12-week study on Romans | begins January 8, 2026



Youth Prayer Breakfast

7:00am | Fridays

Middle and High Schoolers, join us for youth prayer breakfast. Make sure you're on Holly's text thread to get the location each week. Transportation to Conway Middle and Conway High is available!

BIG GOD BIG QUESTIONS

Confirmation Class

11:30AM | After Sunday worship

Our confirmands will begin Confirmation classes this month, using our PC(USA) curriculum "Big God, Big Questions." We are having a parent/student meeting after worship on Jan 11. Classes will begin on Jan 25. Please be in prayer for our confirmands as they begin this process of discerning their own faith.



Pray-n-Play

Preschool Sunday School "Pray-n-Play"

9:45AM | Children's building

Pray-n-Play is back! Parents and preschoolers, join Mrs. Holly as we sing, make crafts, and learn about Moses and the Ten Commandments. Our January dates are January 11 and 25.



Children's Worship Bags

We are missing some of our Children's worship bags. If you have taken one home by mistake, please return it to the church narthex so we can restock, fill, and prep them for the following Sunday. Thank you!

Children and Youth Ministry