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2021 BETHLEHEM WALK



DECEMBER 3rd	6:00-8:00
DECEMBER 4th	4:00-7:00
DECEMBER 5th	2:00-5:00

Location: King's Grant Presbyterian Church
 745 Little Neck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Bethlehem Walk Donations and Volunteers Needed –Staging has begun and will continue this week as Bethlehem comes alive here at KGPC! We would love your help!

Please fill out Sunday's [Connect Card](#) to:

- Donate by December 2nd:
- Bags of Clementine tangerines
- Home baked cookies (packaged 2-3 in a bag)
- Pita Bread
- Prayer support
- Help build Bethlehem – Sunday, 11/28 1-5 PM
- Help decorate Bethlehem – Monday 11/29 thru Friday 12/3 (10 - 3 daily)
- Take down Bethlehem – Sunday, 12/5 5:30-7:30 PM



The Gift of Advent

Can you believe it's Christmas time again? 'Tis the season for colder weather, bustling crowds, Christmas carols, nativity scenes, family gatherings, frantic shopping, and the familiar reading of the birth narrative of Jesus. Are you ready? If not, you're not the only one. In fact, the church liturgical year has been set up to prepare us for such a wonderful, crazy, and holy season. Advent reminds us of the coming of Christ into the world and into our lives once again. It helps prepare us emotionally and spiritually to welcome Jesus into our hearts, to re-examine ourselves, to experience the wonder and mystery of "God-with-us." How do you practice Advent? How do you prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

Our family has its own advent candles. Every evening, or at least most of them, we light a candle and have a reading or a prayer, reminding us that Christ is coming and preparing our hearts and souls for his arrival. The Grow ministry has a pamphlet with a short service you can do at home around your advent candles. You may also combine this nightly ritual with the KGPC Advent devotional

booklet. This church is blessed with several people each year who create our own Advent Booklet. If you do not already have one, you may pick one up on Sunday morning or find it on our website. Reading a short story, scripture, and prayer every day is a helpful way to daily remember the reason for the season.

Many people make service an integral part of their Christmas preparation. Angel trees, financial donations, church opportunities especially at JCOC or PIN are ways that we can share the Christmas spirit of caring, loving, serving those in need. Don't forget one of the most important ways to celebrate Advent is through worship as sermons, scriptures, decorations, and advent candles are part of each service. Hearing the familiar scriptures, attending Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve services at 3:00 and 7:00 with the Family Bell Service at 5:00, hearing the children's lessons and carols and the choir's Festival of Christmas, keeps us grounded in the One whose birth we celebrate. We leave reflecting on how we might celebrate this season and the way we want to live our lives during this time. Gathering as a faith community helps us to practice Advent.

There are many ways to embrace the gift of Advent. How are you going to use your Advent gift and prepare yourself for the coming of Christ once again into our midst?

Grow Stronger, Shine Brighter, Love Deeper, Transform Your World,
Pastor Chris

WORSHIP



Our livestream is available Sundays on YouTube and also on Facebook! Use the links below. The links will also be in the Sunday Morning Worship email.

Visit our
Facebook page to
worship
with us live.



[Click HERE for Livestream 8:45 & 11 AM Worship Services from our Youtube channel](#)

[Click HERE for this week's Bulletin](#)



Advent and Christmas Worship Services

November 28

Housing the Holy Part 1: Mary and Elizabeth

Luke 1:26-45, 56-58

Mary willingly agreed to offer her body to incubate and birth the holy into the world. Elizabeth was also pregnant with one of God's special messages. Mary visits Elizabeth to share her miraculous news and they talk about faith, blessings, and what it means to be part of God's plans. These two pregnant women have one thing in common; they are housing the holy...and we can too.

December 5

Housing the Holy Part 2: The Innkeeper's Wife

Revelation 3:15-20, Luke 2:1-7

While the Innkeeper's wife is not mentioned in scripture, she, no doubt, played a pivotal role in finding shelter for a young couple in labor. Through her eyes, we will better understand what happened that night and what it might mean in retrospect to house the holy.

December 12 – 11:00am one service **Children's Lessons and Carols**
Children and Youth Choirs Worship Arts Ministry will lead you in Worship as we rejoice in what God has done in Jesus Christ! Traditional Lessons & Carols scripture, singing, and instrumental music will draw your hearts deep into the wonder of these beloved scriptures.

December 19 – 11:00am one service **Festival of Christmas**
Festival of Christmas celebrates the news of Christ's birth featuring exciting and inspirational music of the season. Come and hear our Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra! May your Christmas season be blessed through the realm of festive song as we share the good news of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

December 24 **The Christmas Story: A Living Nativity**
7 Christmas Scriptures
We will hear the Christmas story in all three gospels. As we do so, a living nativity will be created. This is not about re-enacting or dramatizing Jesus' birth, but rather to remind us that real, everyday people like you and me were a part of welcoming God in flesh into human history.

December 26 – 11:00am one service **Lost and Found**
Luke 2:41-52
Unbeknownst to his parents, Jesus stays in Jerusalem to learn and teach at the Temple. When they discovered he was lost, they frantically search for him. He assures them he was never lost, in fact he was found and at home in "his father's house." Often times, when we think we might be lost, we are exactly where God wants us to be.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3 PM- Casual Candlelight Communion Service
Singing our favorite Christmas Hymns With Piano and Harp and hear the Christmas story through scripture.

5 PM- Family Bell Service
Celebrate Jesus' birthday with songs, telling the story of Christmas and, of course, the ringing of bells!

7 PM- Candlelight Communion Service
With Choirs and Strings

**Overflow from any Advent or Christmas Eve service
will be in the Fellowship Hall.**



What IS the Family Bell service?

This abbreviated worship service is specially designed to put families who enter into the door at ease in the midst of a crazy Christmas season. As people enter, they are greeted and children are asked if they want to participate in the telling of the Christmas

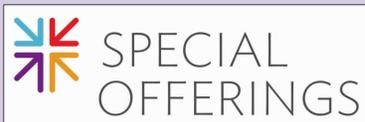
story by dressing up as one of the characters in the story. The costumes are given to the children who wish to participate, and they are instructed to come up at the appropriate time. Bells are handed out at the door. The sounds of tinkling bells and excitement fill the sanctuary as more and more people gather. As Janet starts to play, and the bells start to ring, families can feel at ease, knowing that they can simply celebrate with their kids and that noise is not only accepted, it is embraced. The children who are participating in the telling of the Christmas story are invited forward. As they gather, and the story is told, parents can come up to take pictures of their children. Costumes are returned, more songs are sung, and the joy of Christmas is tangible when families leave.



Word Share Prayer is a monthly scripture reading/reflection that Session and the leaders of ministries use to start their meetings. We will be including this in the monthly ENews for you to use throughout the month to read and to meditate on.

READ: Luke 2:15–20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



Christmas Joy Offering for PCUSA

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program

of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

You can make an gift of support by clicking on this [LINK](#)

Or

by using one of the Christmas Joy offering envelopes available in the Narthex.

KGPC COVID PROTOCOL

A Change to Our Social Distancing Protocol

In these continued Covid times, change is the norm. As Session met this week, they prayerfully discerned it is time for a change in our social distancing protocol. With more people vaccinated and "boosted," with children now receiving vaccinations, with a drop in Covid numbers, and more places like movie theaters, sports arenas, and concert halls selling at full capacity, Session no longer feels the need to seat worshippers in every other pew on Sunday mornings. The past few Sundays our 11:00 worship attendance has increased to the point that our open pews were becoming more and more full. Allowing all the pews to be accessed gives people more options for seating which could include more distance between folks in the same pew. We anticipate our one worship Sundays on December 12 and 19 as well as Christmas Eve services will be very full and continue to strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask. If you do not feel comfortable being inside the sanctuary with so many people, we will continue to offer an exceptional livestream option as well as overflow space in the fellowship hall. We appreciate your understanding as we move forward in these continued unprecedented times.

Regarding the use of masks, Session has agreed to continue with the VDH and the CDC and encourage each person to follow their guidance which is that all fully vaccinated and not vaccinated people “should wear a mask in indoor public settings.”

Click [HERE](#) for further information from the VDH

CURRENT HAPPENINGS AT KGPC

Sunday, November 28

8:45 AM- Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM- Faith Formation
11:00 AM- Traditional Worship
1:00 PM- Building Bethlehem Walk
No Youth Fellowship

Monday, November 29

Trinity Preschool Closed
8:30 AM- Finance Mtg.
9:30 AM- Quilters

Tuesday, November 30

Trinity Preschool Closed
10:00 AM- Building Bethlehem Walk
4:30 PM- Choir/*Bethlehem Night*
5:15 PM- Children Choir
6:00 PM- Bethlehem Walk Costume Fitting
6:00 PM- Choir/*Room For You*
7:00 PM- Book Club

Wednesday, December 1

7:00 AM- Prayer Breakfast
Trinity Preschool Closed
10:00 AM- Building Bethlehem Walk
4:30 PM- Cherub Choir
4:45 PM- Youth Bells
5:15 PM- Rainbow Choir
6:00 PM- Music Team
6:15 PM- Worship Arts Ministry
7:15 PM- Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 2

10:00 AM- Building Bethlehem Walk
6:00 PM- Last chance to get BW costume
6:30 PM- Bethlehem Walk Dress Rehearsal

Friday, December 3

9:00 AM- King's Bells
6:00 PM- Bethlehem Walk

Saturday, December 4

4:00 PM- Bethlehem Walk

Click [HERE](#) for Full Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for December Birthdays



Advent Poinsettias –Would you like to remember someone special during Advent this year with a poinsettia? The plants will create a beautiful atmosphere in the Sanctuary and are yours to take home after the December 24th, 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

Order forms are in the Connection Point, on the weekly Connection Card or in the Church Office.

To order:

1. Complete the form, printing clearly.
2. The cost is \$5.00 per plant. Cash or checks payable to KGPC.
3. Return the check or cash with the form to the Church Office or put in the offering plate. **Deadline is December 10th.**

Contact [Carol Bibbs](#) with any questions.

KGPC
CAROLING
AROUND THE FIRE

DEC. 19TH 5:30-6 PM

Come and sing familiar carols
as we share in fellowship
and fill the night with music & light.



GROW

FAITH FORMATION

- **Sundays** – 9:45 AM– Faith Formation classes
 - Kid's Classes: Imagine (Pre-K & Kindergarten)/Rm 121
 - Wonder (First & Second Grade)/Rm 125
 - Marvel (Club 345)/Rm 118
 - Middle School: Room 102
 - High School: Room 104
 - Adult Class: *The Pilgrim's Progress* class/Last class in Parlor Nov. 28th
- Dec. 12th and 19th classes on Christmas traditions
- **Wednesdays** – 7:00 AM– Prayer Breakfast

Contact [Amanda Pine](#) for Zoom/Hybrid information



Presbyterian Women's Circles December 14th Meetings

Elizabeth Circle: 10:00 AM in the Parlor.
Lydia Circle: 11 AM at Claudia Hudgens' home.
Eve Circle: 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Circles meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Youth Calendar

COVID Notes: During the winter months, we will be meeting inside. Please have youth wear masks while they are inside the building.

December

3-5 **Bethlehem Walk** (Middle and High School)

There are a variety of volunteer roles for Bethlehem Walk open this year. Please sign up for at least one during the weekend. Thank you for keeping the Walk

alive!

12- Youth Fellowship

MS: Join us from 5:30PM-7:00PM for Youth Fellowship. We will enjoy fellowship time together from 5:30-6:30, and then eat dinner with the high schoolers from 6:30-7:00.

HS: Join us from 6:30PM-8:00PM for Youth Fellowship. We will eat dinner with the middle schoolers from 6:30-7:00, and then separate to enjoy fellowship time together from 7-8:00.

19- Youth Christmas Party (Middle and High School)

6PM-8PM

Join us as we celebrate Christmas! Youth will participate in games, activities, and holiday fun! Dinner will be provided.

26- No Youth Fellowship



DECEMBER SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN & YOUTH

December 5- Combined Class (Fellowship Hall)

December 12- Regular Classrooms

December 19- Regular Classrooms

December 26- No Sunday Morning Classes

ADULT

December 5- No Sunday Morning Classes

December 12- Class on Christmas Carols (Parlor)

December 19- Class on Chrismons (Parlor)

December 26- No Sunday Morning Classes



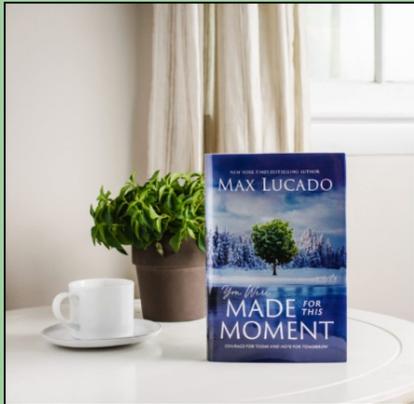
A Study of Beloved Christmas Carols

Join us at 9:45 on Sunday, December 12th, as we look at eight of the most well-known Christmas hymns. We will look at related scriptures and will consider the origins of each hymn. We will also enjoy singing at least one verse of each hymn together. Janet has provided a CD of piano accompaniment.

A Study of the Chrismon Tree and the Ornaments

Join us at 9:45 on Sunday, December 19th, as we learn about the history of the Chrismon tree and then look closely at some of the Chrismon ornaments. We will discover how each ornament is related to Christ and will also see how they are tied to scripture. We will take a "field trip" to look closely at the church's Chrismon tree and the beautiful handmade ornaments.

LOOKING FORWARD TO JANUARY...



A Study on the Book of Esther

"YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS MOMENT: COURAGE FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW" BY MAX LUCADO

Wednesday Mornings
10:00AM, Zoom & In-Person
Register by clicking here

"Are you weary from your challenges, wounded by your battles, or worried your world is spinning out of control? If so, the book of Esther brings welcome news: RELIEF WILL COME!" Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 for a five-week study of the book of Esther, **beginning on January 12, 2022**. Participants may purchase a book from Amazon for about \$18 (study guide not needed), and videos are available at no charge on Study Gateway. Contact [Pat Bowling](#) to register for the group and to get more information.



ELIJAH & ELISHA
January 2- February 27
Sunday Morning Class (9:45-10:45)

Because of the love and loyalty he showed to his mentor, Elijah, Elisha received a double blessing. Elisha's heart represented the heart of God—a heart of compassion—and met the needs of people exactly where they lived. Join Lilly Bradley & Claudia Hudgens for an exploration into the lives and ministries of Elijah and Elisha. This Sunday morning faith formation class will meet beginning January 2nd in the Parlor.

A SPECIAL JANUARY SUNDAY MORNING CLASS ON:

THE SERMONS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

9:45AM-10:45AM, Room 117
Starting Jan. 2nd



Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister, scholar, and social activist who is

largely credited with leading the civil rights movement against racial segregation in the 1960s. We will be studying Dr. King's sermons and writings as we look at some of the writings of one of the greatest practical theologians of our time.



**Native Plant
Presentation**
January 16, 2022

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Join us for a special presentation by Lynnhaven River Now in the Fellowship Hall on January 16, 2022 at 12:15 after worship. We will learn all about Native Plants for our area, and why it is so important to consider planting them in your yard! Lunch will be served. Please sign up for lunch by visiting our website- kgpc.org.

SERVE



JCOC

It's that time of year again! #TeamJCOC gives Christmas Food Baskets to more than 150 hungry families in our community each holiday - that's a total of 300!

We need the following items:

Turkeys and Hams
Stuffing Mix (bag/boxed)
Green Beans (canned)
Sweet Potatoes/Yams (canned)
Dessert Mix (bag/boxed)

Mashed/Scalloped Potatoes (bag/boxed)
Gravy (packet/canned)
Cream of Mushroom Soup (canned)
Cranberry Sauce (canned)

Will you help? In order to be able to get the Food Baskets out in time donations are needed by December 16th for Christmas.

You, your family or group of friends and co-workers can order food donations online and have them delivered to: JCOC, 1053 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

OR, in order to drop off food donations to JCOC's main office, please first make an appointment by contacting our volunteer coordinator, Krishna Loya at kloya@jcoc.org or (757) 491-2846, ext. 102.

OR, You can also make a financial donation online at jcoc.org.

Thank you for helping us bring Hope for the Holidays!

GENEROSITY

KGPC FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD ENDING: October 2021

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Cash Income ----- \$53,309
less Cash Expenses ----- (\$60,870)
Surplus(Deficit) ----- (\$7,561)

YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON

----- 2021
ACTUAL GENERAL FUND INCOME: ----- \$515,322

ACTUAL GEN. FUND EXPENSES: (\$519,614)
DIFFERENCE: (\$4,292)

----- 2020
----- \$517,821
----- (\$482,438)
----- \$35,383

[CLICK HERE FOR OCTOBER'S FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT](#)

Blessed to be a Blessing!

This has been an incredible year for this church. We have successfully reopened our facility as more people feel comfortable coming to worship. Our livestream offering has been revamped and improved to make worship at home or outside Sunday mornings more engaging. Our outreach is increasing through events like Trunk or Treat with over 400 in attendance. Our building is being used more by outside groups like Meals on Wheels and, more recently, we will be welcoming a unique program for parents and special needs children through the City of Virginia Beach. Our exceptional staff are dedicated and faithful in their various ministries as they resource the programming in this church. We just welcomed new members into the church and have several folks who are visiting. What a joy to serve such an active and vibrant church!

Like any organization, all of this activity and vibrancy requires resources, both human and financial. Our Connect Cards have been extremely successful in assisting you to volunteer for various opportunities and we are very grateful for your time and talent. We also continue to give God thanks for your financial resources that you have offered throughout the year. As this year comes to a close, we find ourselves in a situation we haven't been in for over 20 years. At the end of October we had a small deficit and that number is projected to grow to approximately \$30,000 by the end of the year. While we are blessed to have some reserve funds available to cover that deficit, we would prefer to use those reserves for enhanced ministries and outreach projects to better serve the community. As Giving Tuesday approaches and the end of the year draws near, we ask for your prayers and support so we can continue our strong ministry in this community. Every contribution makes a difference in this church so we can make a difference in this world. Thank you for your prayers and for considering the continued support of your church family. We are blessed to be a blessing!



Thanks for empowering the light of Christ to shine through KGPC!

What a generous community of faith King's Grant Presbyterian Church is! In this season of gratitude, the Generosity team, the Session, the staff and the ministry teams of KGPC are very grateful for each and every commitment! **Thank you!**

You can still complete a commitment card! Just go to the kgpc.org website, click on the "give" button and complete your card electronically or email the amount you are committing to giving@kgpc.org.

Your generosity ignites the work of KGPC! Don't let that light diminish... check your giving today!

Is your giving up to date?

As the year draws to a close you may be wondering about where you stand with your 2021 giving if so contact our financial administrator [Jill McNulty](#) and she can give you all the information you need. Contributions for 2021 must be made by December 31 but don't wait until the last minute.

Thank YOU to all for giving so generously!

UPCOMING EVENTS & SPECIAL INTERESTS

Welcome!!!

On November 21st the DuFort and the Sandford families became members of KGPC. Here is a little bit about them. Be sure stop and chat when you see them.



SueNell & Paul DuFort

SueNell hails from South Carolina and has lived in Virginia for the past forty years. She loves to garden, exercise, and read. Her favorite Bible passage is Psalm 23. Paul has lived in Virginia Beach for about 25 years. He enjoys cycling and hiking. He is also handy and enjoys fixing things. His favorite food is grilled salmon. Like his wife, he finds the 23rd Psalm to be inspirational, but tries to live by the word of Matthew 22:37-39- *He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your*

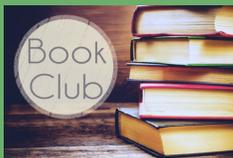
neighbor as yourself.' SueNell & Paul join us by letter of transfer from Lynnhaven United Methodist Church.



Charles "Chuck" Sandford & Pamela "Pam" Sandford

Chuck hails from Richmond, VA and has lived in Virginia Beach for 40 years. He loves music, especially singing and playing the drums. Chuck also enjoys umpiring, yardwork, and housework. He also loves his family and grandchildren. Pam was born in Jamestown, PA where her mother was a nurse and her father held his Master's degree in Music and sold church organs. In 1965, Pam moved to Virginia Beach with her family. She attended King's Grant Elementary School and then Cox High School. She had attended King's Grant Baptist since she was 15

years old. She is a graduate of Old Dominion University, and has been in the medical field her entire life. Music has also been an important part of her life. She is a gifted singer, pianist, and handbell player. Pam loves to read, bake, craft, and cook meals for the family. Chuck and Pam, have a son and two daughters. Their son Matthew lives in Venice Beach with his wife Heather and their sons. Their daughter Lindsay lives in Hampton Roads and is engaged to be married in May 2022. Their daughter Erin also lives in Hampton Roads. Both daughters followed their mother into the medical field. All of the children were baptized at King's Grant Baptist Church. Chuck and Pam join us by letter of transfer from King's Grant Baptist Church.



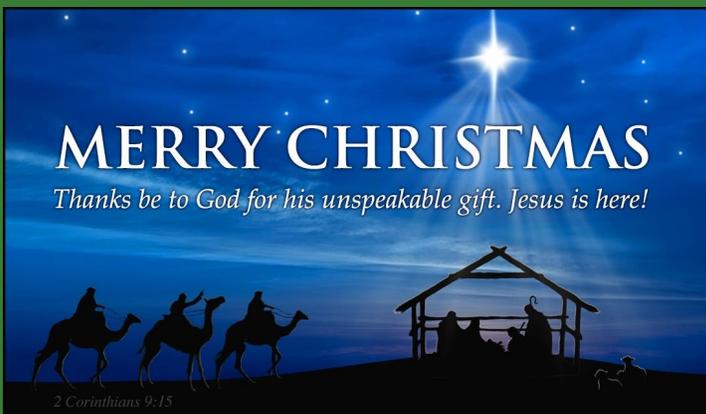
There is no book club in December.

FAMILY FUN AT KGPC!

There was wonderful creativity and fun at the Advent Event last Sunday. It was an intergenerational evening bringing friends and families together to start or continue the tradition of Advent wreath making!



Staff Gift: Each year it has been the practice of the congregation to present monetary gifts to our KGPC staff during the holiday season. Please place your gift in the offering plate and mark it "Staff Gift" by Dec. 19th.



Your KGPC staff wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!! It is a privilege to serve you and be apart of this amazing church family!



Thank you for your generosity. Your commitment of time, talent and treasure enables our church family to live out our vision.

GIVING OPTIONS:

- *MAILING YOUR CHECK (745 Little Neck Rd. Va Beach 23452)
- *THROUGH YOUR BANK AUTOMATIC BILL PAY
- *CLICK HERE TO GIVE ON LINE
- *QR CODE IN BULLETIN

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Worship Service

9:45 AM – Faith
Formation Classes

11:00 AM – Traditional
Worship Service



[Visit our website](http://www.kgpc.org)