

We've started using a new program to great the newsletters for the church, so please bear with us as we work out how to best use this tool to get you everything you need to know about what's coming up at KGPC.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call the church office at 757-340-2840 or e-mail me at office@kpgc.org.

Thank you all so much and have a happy October!

-Rebekah Kerr-Montoya, Office Administrator



Changing Seasons, Changing Lives

October is a busy month in the life of this church. At the beginning we bless animals, in the middle a Fall Festival brings us together, and at the end we invite about 400 people onto our campus to share joy and candy at a Trunk or Treat. In the meantime, lives are transformed through Kairos Prison ministry (please keep praying for them this weekend), the youth are feeding and serving our hungry neighbors at JCOC, individuals are pondering what to write in the Advent Devotional, all team leaders meet to discuss their plans for the rest of the year, the choir is busy with cantata rehearsals, and Bethlehem Walk planning and volunteering is in full swing. And I'm sure I missed a few things!

It's also a time the seasons are changing. The oppressing heat transforms into cooler temperatures. The leaves start to turn shades of orange, yellow, and red. Fall crops begin to grow. The changes in nature reflect the changes we've been talking about in our worship series. We go through seasons where we are being changed by God like a potter with clay. That reshaping often begins on the inside and asks us to let go of something. Until finally, we are called to take the first step of living in a new way.

This October we will build on the theme of change as we hear the call to be changemakers in this world. When we partner with the Holy Spirit, we begin to understand the changes God would have us make in our society. That requires Compassion, Collaboration, Commitment, Creativity, and Celebration. These are the themes for our upcoming worship series: The Changemakers. Making change happens through our generosity. As we offer our volunteer hours, the natural gifts and skills we have, and our financial resources, we participate in the changes God wants to make through us in this community.

For example, a guest told me after worship a few weeks ago how meaningful the service was. She created a butterfly from the play-doh and told me about her major changes of caring for a parent and going through a divorce. Her hope was rekindled and she left with a renewed perspective on how God was reshaping her.

We are changemakers. Through Kairos, serving at JCOC, worship, Trunk or Treat, Bethlehem Walk, and so many more events, God uses us to change the lives of others. And your generosity makes that possible. With an aging building where we are replacing HVAC systems, our reserve funds are dwindling. Our budget fuels the staff, programming, and building that makes KGPC such a vibrant and impactful church. Your generosity is more important than ever.

I hope you will start praying now about your role in sustaining the future of this church and its ministry in this community. God has blessed each of us in a variety of ways and asks us to have the trust and faith to give some of those resources (scripture encourages 10%) back to God so that this church can continue to be changemakers for years to come. It is a privilege to walk alongside you, giving, loving, and serving, as we do God's work in this world.

Abide, Grow, Shine, Love, Transform,

Pastor Chris



Submitted by Tonya Holland

Though I consider this much more than a wink, I have been very fortunate that people in this church have looked after me, helped with meals, kept me company, and that staff has been flexible with my in-office vs. in-home hours during my surgery recovery.

I remember a time in my life when I was very isolated and did not have the luxury of such care, and I believe with all my heart that God knew I would go through this (twice!) and He knew exactly where I needed to be to make it through. I thank God for his providence and for the people of KGPC!

Love, Tonya

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KGPC

Sunday, October 4

8:45 AM - Adult Faith Formation
9:00 AM - Youth Donuts and Discussion
10:00 AM - King's Kids Faith Formation
10:00 AM - Worship
11:15 AM - Music Makers
11:15 AM - Family LIFE Group
3:00 PM - Blessing of the Animals
5:00 PM - Gather Dinner Church
6:30 PM - Cantata Rehearsal

Monday, October 5

11:00 AM - Joyful Bells
12:30 PM - Lunch Bunch
6:30 PM - Eve Circle

Tuesday, October 6

6:30 PM - Grace Notes

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 AM - Prayer Breakfast
10:00 AM - Memorials Meeting
1:30 PM - Faith Walkers LIFE Group
5:30 PM - Best LIFE Group
5:45 PM - Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8

2:00 PM - Caregivers Support Group
7:15 PM - Zoom LIFE Group
7:30 PM - Chancel Bells

Friday, October 9

9:00 AM - Contemplative Prayer Group

Saturday, October 10

4:00 PM - Fall Festival

Staff Notes: Tonya is still working shortened in-office hours as her recovery continues.

[Full Calendar](#)

[October Birthdays](#)



What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,

...to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8

Reconciling God's people at the Table of Grace through ministries of justice.



WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING

Please give generously—for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

All of God's people gather around the Table to **celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ**. Part of what happens around this Table is reconciliation, which is the focus of the World Communion Offering.

Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this offering.



Causes supported by World Communion Offering are **racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking**, global witness, ecumenical & interfaith relations.



Thank you to our wonderful Music Makers who helped make all the Play-Doh sculptures for this Worship Series.
This is the last week they will be up, so check them out on Sunday!



KGPC Annual Fall Festival 4-6 PM

Oct 10th

- Rain or Shine on the KGPC Lawn
- Food & Cold Refreshments
- Family Friendly
- Bring a Chair & a Friend

OYSTERS & BBQ

RSVP and/or Volunteer on the KGPC app

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP

We still need some deserts!

Use the button below to sign up if you'd like to bring a desert

Click [HERE](#) to Volunteer



*Lilly Bradley will be giving a talk at
Lynnhaven Presbyterian Church Saturday,
October 10th at 3:00 pm.
She would like all participants to read Chapters
2 through 5 of James before her talk,*



TRUNK OR TREAT

TO VOLUNTEER, FILL OUT THE CONNECT CARD!

OCTOBER 25TH

FROM 2-4PM

AT KGPC

- > DECORATED TRUNKS FOR CHILDREN TO "TRUNK OR TREAT" AT
- > FACE PAINTING

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

JOIN US FOR GATHER DINNER CHURCH AT 5 PM

King's Grant PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

www.kgpc.org



Willing to help make coffee *on Sunday mornings?*

 We will help train anyone interested in helping with set up and break down

 Let us know on the connect card!





**APPLE
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**NEW
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APP**



**GOOGLE
PLAY STORE**

**Livestream & Rewatch
Worship Services**

New Giving Options

**Get Information about
Volunteering & Events
& more!**

The NEW KGPC APP is now available for download!

Use the QR Codes above, or search for King's Grant Presbyterian in your App store of choice.

Need Help? Feel free to swing by the office during Office Hours and ask Rebekah for assistance!



Follow the Star to ... Bethlehem Walk 2026

Visit Bethlehem anytime between:

Friday, December 4th 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, December 5th 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 6th 2:00 - 5:00 pm

20 years of sharing the Nativity Story

Location: King's Grant Presbyterian Church

745 Little Neck Road

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

(757) 340-2840 www.kgpc.org

This event is FREE and Family Friendly!

[Click HERE to Volunteer](#)

2026 Advent Devotional: Praise and Worship

Share a meaningful Christmas-season worship experience and its significance in your faith journey.

SUBMIT YOUR MEDITATION

Write a short meditation (up to 400 words) and prayer to inspire your fellow congregants

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP
CONTACT DON BRADWAY**

The 2026 Advent Devotional topic is "Praise and Worship". This Advent Devotional will have meditations by the King's Grant Presbyterian congregation telling of a meaningful worship experience during the Christmas Season and what that meant to them in their faith journey.

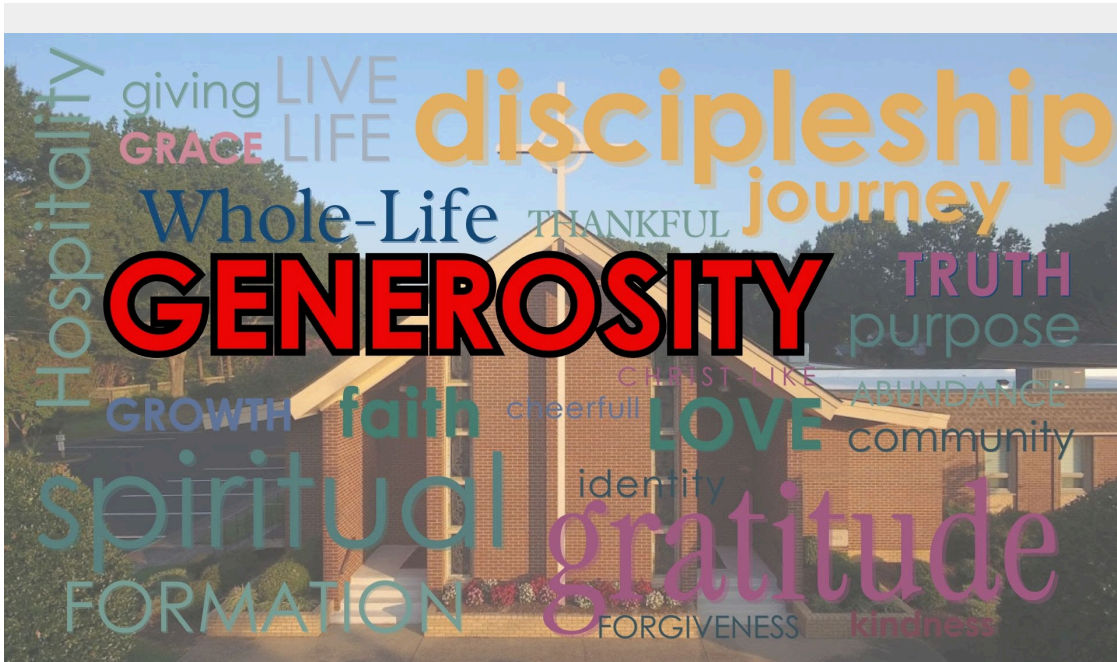
The format of your submission is requested as follows:

- Title
- Narrative: 2 or 3 paragraphs (not exceed 400 words)

- Scripture: 1 or 2 associated verses
- Prayer: Short prayer for the day
- Name (individual, couple or family)

Send the submission as an attachment or in text of an email to [Don Bradway](#)

Importantly, the deadline for your submission is Friday, October 31. This will allow time for the devotional booklet to be organized, edited, and printed before the expected release date of November 16.



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"(1 Peter 4:10)

"Commitment Season '27" is upon us!

"Commitment Sunday" is Sunday, Oct.25, 2026

The work of the church cannot be done without your financial support!

"Commitment Season" is the time of year when the KGPC congregation is encouraged to prayerfully consider making a commitment to financially support the work of KGPC for the coming year.

"Commitment Sunday" is the day the congregation is invited to present their 2027 commitment cards during the 10 AM worship service.

Commitment brochures and cards will be handed out/mailed at worship on Sunday, Oct. 12 & 18th. They are also available on the KGPC website and can be completed online.

Prayerfully consider that giving to God

- is a spiritual discipline.
- is to be done prayerfully, intentionally, sacrificially.
- blesses others.

- equips KGPC to meet the 2027 financial needs of the staff, the property, and the ministry programs that provide for our congregation and the community.

Stewardship is Discipleship

[Click HERE for a look at the Commitment Brochure](#)



Scan the QR Code for
More Information!

These small groups help us sharpen our love for God and people through studying the Bible, serving others, and building lasting friendships. Here at KGPC, we believe that LIFE Groups are “the heartbeat of our church.”



Serve is happy to sponsor our 'Need Help Share' board in the Connection Point!

If you have an item (a microwave, a walker, a tool you need to borrow) or a service (a ride to an appointment, someone to feed your cat) that you need, please post your need on the board. And if you have something you can share, or a way you can help, post that.

Then, watch the board, and if you are able to help someone (or see someone that can help you), reach out to them! What a beautiful way to love our neighbors and do life together!

Posts Currently On the Board

FREE - Several Gallons White Interior Ceiling Paint - *Amy Restrepo*

NEEDED - "Help me or I can hire you to make a quilt" - *Suzanne Long*

NEEDED - Someone to teach or help me make string jewelry (like beaded bracelets) - *Suzanne Long*

AVAILABLE RECREATION - Kayaking from the Long's House - *Suzanne Long*

***Indicates New This Week**

For more information on these items, Check the Need/Help/Share Board in the Connection Point, or reach out to the person who posted!

A flyer for a book club. On the left, there is a stack of colorful books with titles like 'Fantasy', 'Book 2', 'Mathematics', 'BOOK', and 'History Book'. Next to the books is a small potted plant and a pair of glasses. The background is a mix of teal, pink, and light beige. The title 'BOOK CLUB' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, a quote says 'What books have left a lasting impression on YOU'. The text continues: 'We will be discussing the books that have never left you.' A dark blue banner with white text says 'Tuesday October 27, 7:15 pm'. Below that, it says 'As always, ALL are welcome!'. At the bottom, a calendar icon is next to the text 'Our Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the Parlor.' The footer has a dark teal background with a white envelope icon and the text 'Need a book or more information, contact Julie Seipel jseipel57@gmail.com'.

BOOK CLUB

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KGPC FINANCIAL REPORT

Period Ending: August 2026

<u>Month of July</u>	<u>YTD Budget Comparison</u>
GENERAL FUND:	2025
Income: \$64,974	Actual Income: \$443,264
Expenses: \$52,484	Actual Expenses: \$ 412,788
Difference: \$12,490	Difference: \$ 30,476
SPECIAL FUNDS:	2026
Income: \$ 3,902	Actual Income: \$430,409
Expenses: \$32,084	Actual Expenses: \$435,775
Difference \$ 28,182	Difference: \$ 5,366

[Click HERE for the Financial Summary](#)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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.

[Click HERE for the Livestream](#)

[Click HERE for the Worship Guide](#)

Those Serving our Church This Sunday:

Head Usher: Roy Phelps

Greeter: Julie Seipel

Faith Formation Teachers: *Elementary* - Susan Stoke; *Preschool* - TDB

Nursery Workers: Zyon and Dottie

Tech Team: *Cameras* - David Scholefield; *Slides* - Mandi Powell; *Soundboard* - Bob Larose;

Communion Will Be Served by coming forward this Sunday.



10 AM Worship Series **Re-Shaped Again and Again**

“Change is good... you go first!” Our brains were designed to be suspicious of change, and for good reason—homeostasis creates stability and protects us from danger. But if we look closely at what the Creator set in motion, we find that change is actually the most constant part of life and necessary for animating our spirits as we find renewed purpose throughout our lives. You are created for a purpose, formed into something spectacular—not just once, but re-formed again and again. Ready to be stretched? It's time to be re-shaped!

October 4 Re-Shaped: Be En-Couraged *Esther 4:9-16*



The Changemakers

A Fall 2026 Worship Series

A Changemaker is a risk-taker, someone who puts their faith into action to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Jesus was a Changemaker. The Good News is...so are we. Made in the image of God, sharing in the purposes of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we share what we've been given to make this world more as God intends. Through Compassion, Collaboration, Commitment, Creativity, and Celebration we are sustained through change, for change, for the sake of a better world. Join us as we hatch new ideas and fly to new heights, risking something big for something good.

October 11 Compassion *Mark 6:30-37a, Luke 10:25-37*

Changemaking starts with compassion. Jesus saw a great crowd and has compassion on them. So he taught them so long that it became night and they were hungry. In Jesus' parable, the Samaritan is moved with pity at seeing someone hurt on the side of the road. As people of faith who want to make a difference, we must start with compassion: with seeing and "suffering with." The source of this deep compassion and connection with others is God's love. That love is also the source of our strength to be part of the change we want to see in this world.

October 18 Collaboration *Mark 6:37-38, Luke 10:1-9*

Jesus didn't do this work alone, and we can't either. When Jesus started his ministry, he gathered a group of people together, a team of disciples. He collaborated with them to change lives. No single person could have accomplished feeding more than 5,000 people. Even when Jesus sent out the disciples to instigate change in communities, he sent them out in pairs. Collaborating with others is an essential part of changemaking. Like the African proverb: "If you want to go fast, do it alone. If you want to go far, do it together."

October 25 Commitment *Mark 6:37-38, Luke 8:1-3*

Changemaking only occurs when each of us brings what we have for the ministry we are called to do. Jesus relied on women to provide the resources he needed for his ministry. Because they believed in his mission, they supported him with their money. Jesus and his disciples' daily needs were met because of their generosity. The disciples collected bread and fish because of their generosity of others. As Jesus' disciples, we are asked

to commit our time, our gifts and skills, and our money to be used by KGPC to make changes in this world. By sharing the Gospel message in word and deed, we impact the lives of others both now and for eternity.

November 1 Creativity *Mark 6:39-42, Luke 7:36-50*

We have the capacity to be creative because we are made in the image of a creative God. We have everything we need to make change if we stretch our imaginations and think outside the box. The disciples used what little they had, blessed by Jesus, to unexpectedly feed thousands of people. The woman at Jesus' feet broke rules, expectations, and norms to demonstrate her love for him. Through experimenting, risking, innovating, and trying new ideas we will discover creative ways to impact our community and make a difference for the sake of Jesus Christ.

November 8 Celebration *Mark 6:42-44, Luke 15:8-10*

Changemaking is hard work. It's also rewarding. When we recognize our compassion for our community, our collaboration with one another, our commitment to be part of the change, and our creativity trying new ways to make a difference, we can look back and celebrate the lives that have been changed. God is on a mission through us to relieve suffering and share the Good News of the Gospel. When we see that happening, it is a cause for celebration. Praise be to God for the faithful ministry of this church and its people that has impacted hundreds, if not thousands, of our neighbors near and far!

Tired of eating alone?

Looking for a *different* kind of church experience?

Join us Sunday evenings for a meal, message
& discussion focused on relationships, not rituals.

All are welcome: singles, couples,
families – dinner is FREE!
(Childcare is available upon request)



SignUp Genius

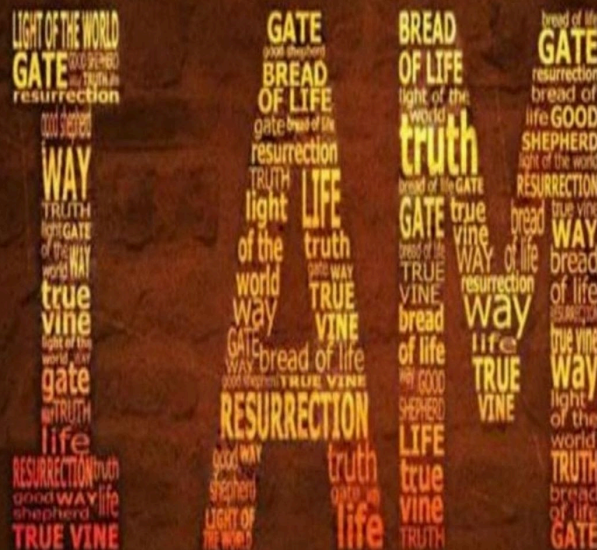
Gathering music & fellowship
begin at 4:45pm

Dinner & message – 5:00pm



Getting to Know Jesus in His Own Words

**Gather Dinner
Worship Series
Sept 13 - Nov 22**



Getting to Know Jesus in His Own Words

Who does Jesus say he is? We will listen in on several different conversations in which Jesus makes very specific, far reaching, and even outrageous I AM statements about himself. For Jews who knew their Bibles well and the metaphors Jesus referenced, the message was clear. He was saying, "I AM God." Join us for our "I AM" series as we seek to know Jesus better. Why he came. What he offers us. Who he still is. And why we need him.

Oct. 4 - I AM the True Vine *John 15:1-17*

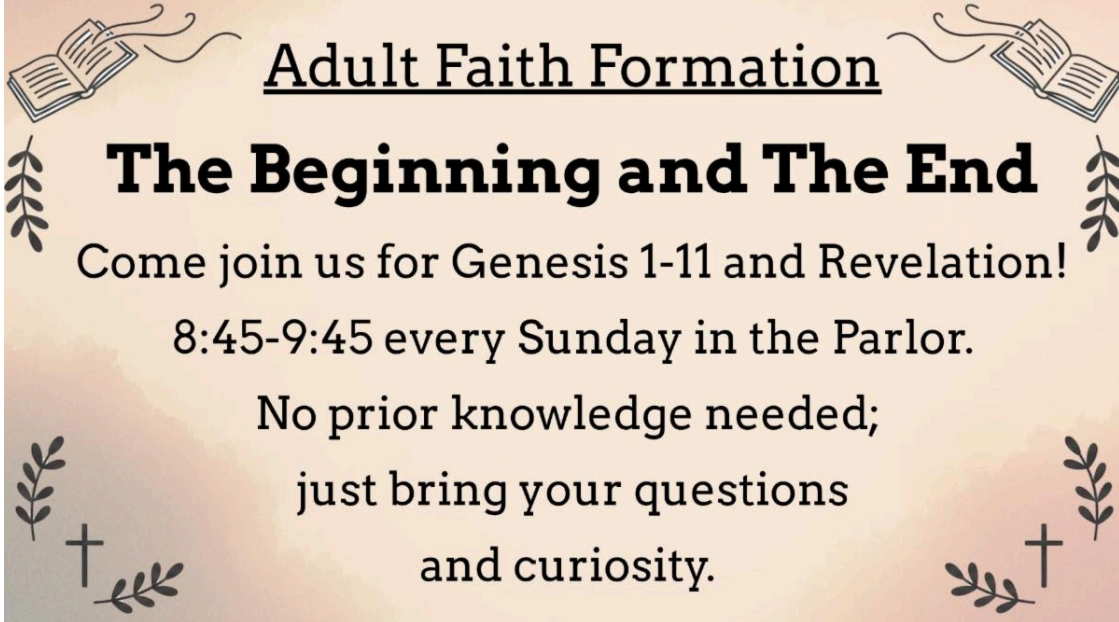
Oct. 11 - I AM the Way, Truth, & Life *John 14:1-7*

Oct. 18 - I AM the Bread of Life *Exodus 16:13-15; John 6:25-59* - COMMUNION

Oct. 25 - I AM the Resurrection and the Life *John 11:17-27*

Menu This Week

Marco's Pizza and Salad



Adult Faith Formation

The Beginning and The End

Come join us for Genesis 1-11 and Revelation!

8:45-9:45 every Sunday in the Parlor.

No prior knowledge needed;
just bring your questions
and curiosity.

Sabbath LIFE Group	
<p>John Mark Comer</p> <p>The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry</p> <p>Foreword by John Ortberg</p>	<p><i>Are you always in a hurry? Do you struggle with too much to do? Are you seeking to discern what God is calling you to and wonder how it may fit in with everything else in your life? Hurry has been called "the great enemy of the spiritual life" in modern times.</i></p> <p>Sabbath LIFE Group is every Sunday, and all are invited to join! We will be reading and discussing John Mark Comer's "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" each Sunday morning starting at 8:45. The study will go until 9:45, but those who need to leave early for choir are encouraged to come anyway! Contact Suzy Farley with questions (suzyfarley@yahoo.com)</p>

Youth Donuts & Discussion

Middle & High School Youth
Sundays from 9:00AM-9:45AM in the youth room



This year, Youth Donuts & Discussion is putting the questions in the hands of our youth! Rather than following a predetermined curriculum, **our conversations will be shaped by the faithful questions our youth are actually asking.** Youth are invited to bring their questions, doubts, curiosities, and wonderings about God, faith, the Bible, the church, and the world. From those questions, we'll build guided discussions that are grounded in Scripture and Reformed theology, creating space to explore big questions together without being afraid to wonder, wrestle, or say, "I'm not sure." Bring your hunger and your questions and come ready to wonder!

What might we discuss?

- If people could live forever through technology, should they?
- What impact would the discovery of extraterrestrial life have on our faith?
- If Jesus returned tomorrow, what would convince us that he was actually Jesus?
- Can science eventually explain God away?
- Can doubt actually be part of faithful Christianity?
- If we could eliminate suffering through technology, should we?



CELEBRATE • ER

KING'S KIDS

**BRING YOUR CURIOSITY AND IMAGINATION AS WE
WONDER TOGETHER ABOUT GOD AND THE BIBLE.**

**KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 A.M. IN ROOM 117**

This fall, King's Kids is beginning a new adventure with **Celebrate Wonder**, a children's faith formation curriculum from Cokesbury designed to nurture children's natural curiosity, imagination, and sense of wonder about God and the Bible.

Rather than simply learning Bible stories, children will be invited to wonder, ask questions, explore, and connect their faith to everyday life through interactive Bible stories, hands-on activities, conversation, and simple spiritual practices. We are beginning this fall by exploring stories from the lives of Joseph, Moses, and Elizabeth and Zechariah, with a special focus on reconciliation, awe, and trust.

We are excited for King's Kids to be a place where children can grow in their knowledge of Scripture while also discovering that faith is something they can experience, question, practice, and carry with them throughout the week. We look forward to a fall filled with wonder!

[Click HERE to Register your Child/Youth for the 26/27 Church Year](#)



KGPC Youth Group
is serving dinner
at JCOC this week!
Sunday at 1:30 pm
1053 Virginia Beach Blvd,
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT PASTOR KAILEY

OCTOBER YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

OCT. 11	Youth @ KGPC	5:00 - 7:00
OCT. 18	Serving Our Neighbor	5:00 - 7:00
OCT. 25	Thank-or-Treat	2:00 - 4:00



Fall'26 "LIFE" Groups

("LIFE" L=Love God, I=Impact Others, F=Find time together, E=Engage authentically)

Join a **LIFE** group this Fall!

Prayerfully consider where you might spend "LIFE" at KGPC!

There is a place for you in this small group experience. And there is always room for more... more members & more groups.

For more information, contact Julie Seipel (jseipel57@gmail.com).

Please contact the LIFE facilitator for details on the LIFE group you would like to be a part of.

Sunday:

Sabbath LIFE, 8:45-9:45 a.m. @ church, Suzy Farley (suzyfarley@yahoo.com)

Family LIFE, 11:15 am - 12 pm @ church Pavilion by the Playground, Kailey Stephens (k.stephens@kgpc.org)

Monday:

Lunch Bunch LIFE, 12:30-2pm @ church Connection Point, bring a lunch, Julie Seipel (jseipel57@gmail.com)

Wednesday:

Prayer Breakfast LIFE, 7 a.m. @ church Fellowship Hall, Don Bradway (bradway.don@gmail.com)

Faith Walkers LIFE, 1:30 p.m. @ church Connection Point, Resuming Sept 16th, Sue Mooney (susannemooney@gmail.com)

Best LIFE group, 5:30 p.m., various restaurants, Brian Miller (brianjmiller50@gmail.com)

Thursday:

Thursday Evening Women's LIFE, 6:15 pm, every other Thursday, Suzy Farley (suzyfarley@yahoo.com)

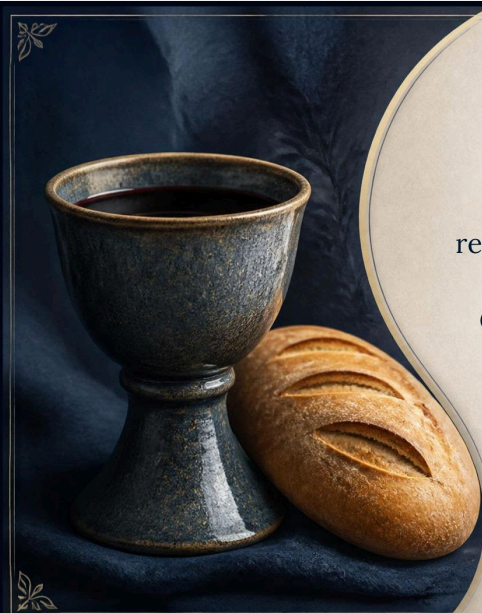
Zoom LIFE Group, 7 p.m., every other week, online, in the comfort of your home, Karen Pleas (pleask.2@verizon.net)

Monthly LIFE groups:

Women of the Church Eve Circle: 7 p.m., first Monday of the month (Sept. meeting is Sept. 14), in the Parlor @ church, Beth Harrison (Ha2ison@aol.com)

Women of the Church Lydia Circle: 10 a.m., 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Connection Point @ church, Claudia Hudgens (claudiahudgens@gmail.com)

Book Club, 7 p.m., last Tuesday of each month @ church, Julie Seipel (jseipel57@gmail.com)



Home Communion

Are you unable to make it to worship on a regular basis? Would you like to still participate in the sacrament of Communion? Every Communion Sunday, we have several elders willing to bring Communion to you in your home.



If you would like to receive home Communion, please notify Miriam Callahan or the Church Office.
(757-340-2840)

Session is led to discern God's Will as we serve and work with the Congregation. Since Congregations are always in a state of transition, we choose to build relationships through transparency & love as we embrace change and grow God's Kingdom: Unified in the traditions, values and bedrock beliefs that ground us as a body of Christ. We are doing this because YOU matter to KGPC!

The Members of Session are always open to have conversations about what is happening in the church. Let's Talk!

Class of 2027

- Jenn Baden
- Shannon Bronaugh
- Suzanne Long
- Wayne Shank

Class of 2028

- Lizzie Chidester
- Bob Larose
- Al Mayo, Clerk of Session
- Brian Miller

Class of 2029

- Betsy Leonard
- Chuck Sandford
- Brenda Stone
- Patti Weaver

Youth Delegates, Class of 2027: Liam Bronaugh, Scarlett Malagon

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Service Times

10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship
5:00 PM
Gather Dinner Church

