

King University Chapel Services
Fall 2017
Wednesdays, 9:15 – 10:00 A.M.

Chapel is a service of Christian worship involving the whole person: body, mind, soul, and spirit. The chapel space, worship format, and the act of worship itself speaks of the excellence and dignity of the God we worship. All who come to worship are asked to conduct themselves in a way that shows respect for the space they are in, the persons they are worshipping with, and the God they love and serve. Chapel is one option for accruing CCS hours. For further information, see the student handbook.

The Chaplain's Office is located in the Tadlock-Wallace building. The Rev. Brian Alderman, Ph.D., serves as Chaplain (652-4708), and Mrs. Michele (Yu Chi) Fagan is the Executive Assistant to the Chaplain and Peeke School of Christian Mission (652-4157). You are always welcome for conversation or prayer!



September 6 – Dr. Thomas “Tee” Gatewood

Dr. Tee Gatewood is the pastor of Arbor Dale Presbyterian Church in Banner Elk, NC, where he has served for the last 9 years. Before coming to the mountains of Western North Carolina, Tee served in Baton Rouge and studied in Scotland and Canada. He is married to Kathryn and has two children - Thomas and Sarah. When he isn't preaching or being a soccer dad, Tee enjoys good books, bike rides, and recovery meals.



September 13 – Rev. Sarah Varnell

Rev. Sarah Varnell is in her 5th year serving as pastor at St. Paul United Methodist Church of Fountain City in Knoxville, TN. Previously she served as associate pastor at Church Street UMC in Downtown Knoxville. She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Religion from Emory & Henry College and a Master of Divinity from Duke University. As a clergyperson, Rev. Varnell is very active in the District and Conference, specifically as mentor to those discerning their call and in camping ministry as a member of the Camp and Retreat Ministries Board. She teaches chorus and AP music theory at Greeneville High School. She is married to Daniel Varnell, and they have three young daughters: Grace, Allison, and Elizabeth.



September 20 – Rev. Ben Winder

Ben Winder lives in downtown Knoxville, TN with his wife Laura Beth and their dog Lindsey. Ben serves as the Minister with Youth & Families at First Baptist Church Knoxville. He studied at the Lee University School of Religion and Baylor University's Truett Seminary. He enjoys riding his bicycles, playing sports, and watching other people play them better than he can. Ben is also the founder and president of the Scruffy City Syndicate, a supporters' group for Knoxville's minor league soccer team, the Knoxville Force. Above all, Ben says he loves the Church, because it was church people who introduced him to Jesus, and that has made all the difference.



September 27 – Kayla Bartosch

Kayla Bartosch, a native of Triangle, VA, graduated from King University in 2014 with a B.A. in Psychology and Youth Ministry. While at King, she was a member of the women's wrestling team and a Resident Assistant in the Mitchell dorms. Now, Kayla is a Minister to Youth at Calvary Episcopal Church in downtown Memphis, TN. She is currently working on her Masters of Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary. Kayla is also the assistant wrestling coach at Cordova High School and plans to become a professor after graduate school.



October 4 – Rev. Vincent Dial

Rev. Vincent Dial is pastor of Bethel Christian Church in Jonesborough, TN. Before becoming pastor of Bethel, Rev. Dial was a teacher and administrator in the Johnson City School System for many years.



October 11 – Rev. Sarah Bird

Rev. Bird grew up in the arms of the church. When she was ordained in October 2014, she became a fifth generation PCUSA minister! Sarah's childhood was spent in the mountains of Appalachia in southwestern Virginia. She graduated from King University with a major in Bible and Religion and a minor in English literature. She then received her M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2014. It was at Princeton that she developed her sense of call to the ministry and her passion for preaching and teaching. Sarah now serves as Associate Pastor at Sewickley Presbyterian Church right outside of Pittsburgh, PA. When she's not at the church, she's hanging out with her rescue pup, catching up on some reading, or Facetimeing with her nephew.



October 18 – Dan Kreiss

Dan Kreiss has been in youth ministry for 31 years and has served in a variety of youth ministry positions both in New Zealand and in the U.S., including Youth for Christ, church youth pastor, boys' home supervisor, and school chaplain. He has also coached a multitude of sports in an effort to connect with young people on their terms. He is the Dean of the Peeke School of Christian Mission and directs the Youth Ministry Program at King University. Dan is particularly passionate about working with youth outside of traditional ministry contexts, including urban settings, athletics, camps, and outdoor adventures. He enjoys helping young people find out how God is already active in their lives.



October 25 – Rev. Dr. Fred Foy Strang

Dr. Strang, Presbyterian minister, missionary, professor, speaker, and author has long-served in Kenya, both in full-time commissioned service and in short-term ventures. He has also engaged pastoral ministry for small and large churches in the USA. He served as professor, Dean of the Peeke School of Christian Mission, and Chaplain at King University. Dr. Strang is president of the Maasai Special Projects Fund leading theological education efforts in Africa. Currently, he & his wife, Cecily, a PhD nurse educator, work in full-time missionary service with the Antioch Partners in Kenya. Fred Foy is a scuba diver and outdoorsman, enjoying music, photography, renovating houses, working on his old jeep, and barbecuing the best ribs you'll ever eat.



November 1 – President Alexander Whitaker

Alexander Whitaker became president of King University Aug. 1, 2016, bringing with him strong academic and professional credentials, broad experience in higher education and law, and a long history of successful leadership in his professional, church, and civic endeavors. He has a particular commitment to integrating free and robust academic inquiry with orthodox Christian faith and practice. President Whitaker came to King from Berry College in Georgia, where he was a senior officer of the college for nearly a decade. Previously, his career as a Navy officer and judge advocate spanned 25 years. In addition to law degrees from the University of Virginia and Georgetown University, he holds a master's degree in religion with an emphasis in Christian theology and history from Trinity School for Ministry, where he is a trustee. He has also done further advanced study at Duke Divinity School.



November 8 – Chris Sarkowski

Chris Sarkowski is the Director of High School Ministries at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church and the part-time Director of Youth Ministries for the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. A graduate of Presbyterian College, Chris has been a Christian Educator for over fifteen years. Chris, his wife Staci, and their triplet daughters Aubrey, McKae, and Gracie simply enjoy spending time together. Whether it's watching soccer, cooking, chasing their Pug Frank, being in the outdoors, or watching a movie, there's never a dull moment at the Sarkowski house!



November 15 – Dr. Julia Robinson Moore

Dr. Robinson is associate professor of African American religions and religions of the African Diaspora in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Her book *Race, Religion, and the Pulpit: Reverend Robert L. Bradby and the Making of Urban Detroit* explores how Bradby's church became the catalyst for economic empowerment, community building, and the formation of an urban African American working class in Detroit. Her second book project, *Racism and Religion in the New South: Mimetic Theory and Anti-Black Terrorism in America* is forthcoming with Michigan State University Press. This new project explores the historical relationships between religion, lynching, and racial violence in America



November 29 – Dr. Craig McDonald

Craig McDonald, who has taught at King for thirty years, is a sinner to whom the Christ of God has shown great mercy.