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 worshiping 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!

August 31 – Dr. Brian Alderman
Dr. Brian Alderman serves as Chaplain and Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion at King University. Brian is an ordained Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Most recently, he pastored Madisonville Presbyterian Church in Madisonville, TN. He has also served as Chaplain at Hiwassee College and Chaplain Assistant at Trenton State Psychiatric Hospital in Trenton, NJ. Brian enjoys baking, fishing, reading, and film. He is married to Monica Cooley Alderman and they have one daughter – Ella Kate.

September 7 – 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 8 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 (12) and Sarah (11). When he isn’t preaching or being a soccer dad, Tee enjoys good books, bike rides, and recovery meals.

September 14 – Marilyn Borst
Marilyn Borst is Associate Director for Partnership Development at The Outreach Foundation, a Presbyterian mission agency. She travels extensively and works with churches around the United States to help them discern God’s call to global engagement while connecting them to that work alongside the Global Church in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and the Middle East. Prior to joining The Outreach Foundation, Marilyn served for over 6 years as Director of Global Ministry at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. Marilyn holds a B.A. in Classical Studies from Calvin College, an M.A. in Art History from Michigan State University, and an M.A. in Theology from St. Thomas University in Houston. She has participated in four archeological digs in Jordan and Egypt and taught as adjunct faculty at the University of Houston for 20 years.

September 21 – Matt Richardson
Matt Richardson is the Area Director for Young Life in Bristol. He and his wife Lensey have been loving and serving teenagers for 13 years, with 8 of those in Bristol TN/VA. Matt attended King in the late 1990's for one year before finishing at ETSU. Prior to coming back to Bristol, Matt served as the youth pastor for Grace Fellowship Church in Kingsport. His two kids, Laynie and Jack, are his favorite people in the world, and as a family they love sports, camping, eating food, fishing, and friends. Young Life is a world-class organization for adolescents. Their staff and volunteers enter the world of kids, focusing on what matters to them: fun, adventure, friendship, and a sense of significance. In doing so, they earn the privilege of talking to them about something that they think matters most of all: the truth about God and His love for us.

September 28 – Dr. Dave Welch
Dr. Dave Welch has served First Presbyterian church as Minister for Discipleship since June, 2005. His education includes degrees from Vanderbilt University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Columbia Theological Seminary of Atlanta, Georgia. Along with worship, Dave is also interested in all new technology. He and his wife, Linda, have been married for 22 years; they have three children: Kathryn, Abigail, and Stephen.
October 5 – Steventhen Holland

Steventhen Holland graduated from King University in 2005 with a degree in Youth Ministry and was a three-year starter as a third baseman for the Tornado, highlighted by runner-up Freshman of the Year honors during the 2002 season. He is a passionate worship leader and dynamic speaker. He is the author of a book, entitled *The Journey: Brokenness to Wholeness*. In his book, he shares his amazing and powerful story about his birth and adopted life. Steventhen’s journey is one filled with hurt, loss, and pain, but with God’s grace he found love, passion, and a relationship with Christ. He and his wife Rachel, who is also a King alum (class of 2006) and former member of Lady Tornado volleyball team and Hall of Fame member, have three beautiful daughters.

October 12 – Laura Hicks Hardy

Laura Hicks Hardy is a 2007 King graduate who returned to King to teach after receiving her master's in English at the University of Tennessee. She has taught Composition and English courses at King University since 2012, and she also directs the Writing Center. Her academic interests include faith, place, and ecology in literature, as well as creative writing. She is an active member of Hopwood Christian Church in Johnson City, TN and lives in Elizabethtown, TN with her husband, Jason. When not teaching, she spends her time hiking, writing, gardening, and generally trying to wear out her rambunctious dog, Lucy.

October 19 – George Srour

George Srour is the Founder and Chief Dreamer of Building Tomorrow, Inc. (BT). Under Srou's leadership, BT has constructed classroom space for over 4,400 children in Uganda while engaging a college-based chapter network of students at over 25 universities in the United States. In 2015 BT launched an in-country Fellowship program, deploying recent collegiate graduates to 40 rural primary schools to improve the quality of education in some of the hardest to reach locations. Srour has been recognized for his work in the field of social entrepreneurship by being named an Echoing Green Fellow ('07), a member of the GOOD 100 ('13), and added to the Forbes Magazine 30 Under 30 list for social entrepreneurs ('13). Sponsors of the Peeke School of Christian Mission.

October 26 – President Alexander Whitaker, King University

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 two law degrees, 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 doctoral study at Duke Divinity School.

November 2 – Dr. Peter Yoder

Dr. Yoder, Visiting Professor of Christian Studies at Berry College in Mountain Berry, Georgia, specializes in Historical Theology, with specific interest in the development of early modern Protestant thought. He has recently published on German Pietism, and his current book project examines the sacramental theology of August Hermann Francke. Dr. Yoder has served as a Fellow in Residence at the Leibniz-Institute of European History (IEG) in Mainz, Germany. He was awarded a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from The University of Iowa and a M.T.S. from the Unformed Theological Seminary. He has received research fellowships from the IEG, the Research Center for Social and Cultural Studies (University of Erfurt, Germany), and the Francke Foundations.

November 9 – Dan Kreiss

Dan Kreiss has been in youth ministry for 30 years and has served in a variety of youth ministry positions both in New Zealand and 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.

November 16 – Emily Loudon

Emily Loudon serves as the Director of Campus Life here at King University and oversees S.L.A.C.K. and S.L.A.C.K. Sports among other duties. She enjoys working and planning events with and for students and having them keep her young, at least at heart. She has attended 6 mission trips to Camden, NJ with King and loves how it impacts not only students but herself every time. Originally from Ohio, she has fallen in love with the mountains of Tennessee over the past 7 years. When she is not planning or at events with students, she enjoys riding her bicycle crazy distances around Bristol and hanging out with her cat, Moe.

November 30 – Lessons and Carols (Music Department)  Dr. Pat Flannagan and the performing arts department offer a worship experience based on the tradition of Scripture readings and sacred music to celebrate the Advent of Christ.