



# THE RALEIGH COURT HERALD

## Adult Sunday School: February 18 - March 24

### **The Seekers: Lenten DVD Study** ***Savior, What the Bible Says About the Cross***

The cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. But what exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean for us today? In *Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross*, Magrey deVega faithfully describes the need for reconciliation between humankind and a holy God through Jesus' death on the cross. The Bible uses many images to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, and deVega guides us through these images to achieve a richer understanding of the Christian faith. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, we can deepen our love for God and others and strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus.

Led by Nancy Ayling & David Dixon | Room 201

### **Taste and See — A Lenten Poetry Study**

Journey with us in word and rhythm through the Lenten season. We will study Lenten poetry and write our own poetry for this time of repentance, reflection, renewal, and finally, out of the darkness, rejoicing!

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
Look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be Thy feast to us the token,  
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.*

From *Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken* by Reginald Heber.

Led by Leigh Sackett | Room 101

### **Parent is a Verb**

The Parent is a Verb class will continue throughout the winter and spring! Led by Leigh Sackett, Wade Whitehead, & others | Room 102

## Music Ministry Sunday

### **Music Ministry Sunday - February 11, 2024** **"Weeping and Laughing; Joys and Trials"**

This year's theme for Music Ministry Sunday takes its inspiration from the Psalms. Psalms are central to the human experience and expression of God's people throughout history. As a church music scholar, Paul Westermeyer, writes "our daily lives are lived out mostly as psalmists as we inhabit spaces between our priestly rituals and our prophetic truth-telling and justice-seeking." The Psalms address the full spectrum of our human experience as we stand before God—loved, judged, forgiven, and redeemed. Worship on Sunday, February 11 will feature all of the music ensembles of RCPC and more!

## **RCPC VARIETY SHOW** Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 PM

It's show time! RCPC Variety Show time, to be exact! This fun-filled event will be held Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall following Fellowship Dinner. All ages and skill levels are welcome to participate. Grab your friends and family, get your act together, and sign up online at [tinyurl.com/RCPCVarietyShow2024](https://tinyurl.com/RCPCVarietyShow2024)

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Bossert ([jbossert71@outlook.com](mailto:jbossert71@outlook.com))

Registration deadline: February 14

## Sermon Series: February 14 - March 17

### **Fully Human**

There are many ways that we try and understand our humanity. We look at the stories of human history and derive truths about our existence. We study biology and social sciences to find out how our bodies work and how civilization develops. Politics operates from basic assumptions of human nature and what responsibility human beings have toward each other. But what does it mean to understand our humanity as Christian people? How do we understand our humanity if we begin with God and not with ourselves? This Lent, we will see how Jesus, the Fully Human One, redefines history, glory, sovereignty, freedom, and service. And we might just find our Full Humanity in him.

February 14: Ash Wednesday  
February 18: Psalm 25:1-10 & Mark 1:9-15  
February 25: Psalm 22:23-31 & Mark 8:31-38

March 3: Mark 9:14-20  
March 10: Mark 10:17-30  
March 17: Mark 10:32-44

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Jane Visser  
3 Jason Burton  
Al Sganga  
4 Connor Clayton  
Susan Honeycutt  
5 Henry Flowers  
Robbie Whitehead  
7 Riley Newman  
8 Jaye Harvey Wellons  
9 Craig Favor  
Jeff Highfill  
Ruth Marple  
10 Dorothy Barranger  
Forrest Moorman  
11 Hunter Manning Moore  
Garland Parry  
Sarah Grace Stanley  
14 JoAnne Baldwin  
George Feuerstein  
Eric Lawson  
Jerry Wertz  
15 Kathy Grove  
Christopher Shaver  
16 Mary Alcock  
Sophie Elizabeth Franklin

17 Susan Lovern  
Dillon Swanson  
19 Deborah Walkiewicz  
21 Omri Dietz  
22 Alex Bryant  
Sheldon Johnson  
Dick Jones  
Daniel Pugh  
24 Christopher Kepley  
Harriet Vance  
25 Chuck Gilliland  
Will Smith  
27 Katie Highfill  
Sarah Shaff  
28 Robert Feuerstein  
Courtney Pugh

### Special Birthday Wishes:

Dorothy Barranger on celebrating her 93rd birthday on February 10.

## Lent & Holy Week Services

### Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM—Chapel

### Wednesday Morning Communion in Lent

Join us in the Chapel during the Lenten season each Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM for a time of reflection, scripture, music, and eucharist. As we walk with Jesus to Jerusalem and his cross, we prepare ourselves by coming to him to receive life in the bread and in the cup. You are then invited to stay after the thirty-minute service for a time of fellowship and shared breakfast and coffee. Eucharist, Word, Community. Let us learn from Jesus what it means to be Fully Human.

### Palm Sunday

#### Sunday, March 24

9:00 AM Worship—Chapel

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship—Sanctuary

Musical offerings: God Alive Choir, Sanctuary Choir, & Youth Bells

12:30 PM—Congregational Luncheon & Egg Hunt

### Maundy Thursday

#### Thursday, March 28

6:00 PM—Dinner & Worship—Fellowship Hall

### Good Friday

#### Friday, March 29

3:00 PM—Grandin Road Cross Walk

7:30 PM—Good Friday Tenebrae Service—Sanctuary  
Music will feature selections from J. S. Bach's St. John Passion, which celebrates its 300th anniversary this year. The music will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir and a guest chamber orchestra.

### Easter Sunday

#### Sunday, March 31

9:00 AM Worship—Sanctuary

11:00 AM Worship—Sanctuary

## FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Doors open at 6:15 PM each Wednesday, and the professionally prepared meal is \$8/person with \$25 maximum per family. February Menus:

2/7 - Roasted Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Country Lima Beans, Homemade Bread, Alt Cauliflower with Olive Relish, Dessert Marble Cake

2/14 (Ash Wednesday) - Brunswick Stew, Salad Bar, Homemade Bread, Alt Veggie Stew, Dessert Strawberry Cake

2/21 - Oven Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Mixed Vegetable, Homemade Bread, Alt Squash Entrée, Dessert Cookies

## Indoor Pickleball

You're invited to step in from the cold and enjoy a morning of Pickleball in the RCPC Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 17 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM/Noon. Come in and play, or try your hand at it, or come in for fellowship and cheer on those playing.



Support our Youth as they head to Montreat Youth Conference and Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference through a bowl of Chili on Sunday, February 11. You can purchase Chili-To-Go after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services or stay after the 11:00 AM service for a time of Fellowship over a Chili Luncheon. All proceeds go to support our summer trips. If you can donate a Crock Pot of Chili or a Desert for the day - you can sign up online at: [tinyurl.com/RCPCChiliLunch2024](https://tinyurl.com/RCPCChiliLunch2024)



## Presbyterian Women

Join us for Women, Wine, and the Word at Ellen Austin's home on Friday, February 16, at 6:30 PM. As our church focuses on deepening our connections to one another, we invite RCPC women to join us for a relaxed evening of conversation and fellowship. Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvres to share. RSVP to Ellen by Sunday, February 11 at [ebaustin11@gmail.com](mailto:ebaustin11@gmail.com), or on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

Looking ahead - please save these dates for our upcoming PW events:

- Saturday, March 23, 10:00 AM: Brunch and Blooms (flower arranging)
- Sunday, April 28, after 11:00 AM worship: Hike (trail TBA)
- Friday, June 21, 5:30 PM: Poolside Party



## Opportunity for Generosity Beginning February 18: Alms for The Presbyterian Community Center



This Lenten season you are invited to participate in the ancient spiritual practice of collecting alms. Throughout Christianity, faithful followers have given to the poor. As a Church family, we will collectively practice this by giving to the food pantry at the Presbyterian Community Center. Each week, there are different items to shop for and then bring to Church on Sunday to support the PCC. We bring these items each week rather than all at once to get ourselves in the spiritual rhythm of giving regularly so that beyond Lent this can be our regular practice. As a family, you can put out a cardboard box in your house labeling it "The Giving Box" and perhaps decorating it together so each week after shopping you have a spot where the

items are collected and can be remembered to come back to church. This can make the practice accessible for disciples of all ages.

Here's what we will collect each week for the PCC:

- Week 1 (2/18) - Tomato Soup and Crackers (Souper Bowl Sunday brings in much more than Chicken Noodle Soup!)
- Week 2 (2/25) - Pancake Mixes and Boxes of Cereal
- Week 3 (3/3) - Canned Chicken, Tuna, Salmon
- Week 4 (3/10) - Dessert Mixes and Pudding/Jello, Easter Candy
- Week 5 (3/17) - Assorted Canned Fruit & Spaghetti Sauces
- Week 6 (3/24) - Kroger Gift Card \$10, \$15 or \$20 to be given out during Holy Week with Food Orders to support families receiving an extra Easter Treat they get to pick out for themselves.

## Justice, Equity, and Belonging Committee Black History Month

Black History month is upon us. Your Justice, Equity and Belonging Committee (formerly the CARE Committee) of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church is honored to respond to God's call for social justice and to advance racial equity within RCPC and beyond. For the next four weeks, our committee will publish short reflections in the This Week @ RCPC Monday emails. We pray these reflections will honor God and be faithful to his calling; "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). We start today with recognizing Black History month in the Raleigh Court Herald.

Historian Carter G. Woodson launched Black History Week in 1926, to recognize the significant contributions of African Americans, to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist/writer Frederick Douglass. Fifty years later, Congress expanded Black History week to Black History Month. At that time, President Gerald Ford urged the country to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."<sup>1</sup>

Why should RCPC be recognizing Black History month? There are a number of reasons, many of which we may consider as being polite or politically correct. It is, however the Justice, Equity and Belonging Committee's belief that the primary reason to recognize Black History month is because of God's call on our lives. Micah 6:8 referenced above asks, What does the Lord require of you? And Micah replies that we are to "act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

In a recent and current sermon series, "Thresholds" and now "One Anothering," Andrew has lead us to explore how we belong to God and how that belonging calls us to discover how we belong to one another, not just here at RCPC but to others in our broader community. Our committee is striving to live faithfully to this call by reaching out and engaging with our Black community. We believe however, that our efforts must be genuine and authentic, not a box checked to say we are faithful.

As we proceed to fulfill our mission to act justly, we invite you to join us. We ask for your prayers that our mission will be faithful to scripture and to God's call on our lives. Peace.

<sup>1</sup>Press Release Number CB24-FF.01, US Census Bureau, January 9, 2024

## Centennial Celebrations May 17—19, 2024

We celebrate 100 years as a church in 2024! Join us over Pentecost weekend as we celebrate the Holy Spirit breathing still through the church. We will be joined by former members, former staff members, special guests, and a host of celebratory opportunities. Look for your invitation in the mail soon and be sure to RSVP to all of the exciting events!

- Friday, May 17 - Elegant Dinner and Concert
- Saturday, May 18 - Centennial Carnival
- Sunday, May 19 - Chapel worship service (9:00 AM) in the style of worship from 1924
- Sunday, May 19 - Sanctuary worship service (11:00 AM) will celebrate the many milestones of our life at RCPC

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# February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Centering Prayer meets at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church on Mondays at 10:00 AM						
<b>4</b> 9am - Worship: Chapel 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship: Sanctuary 6pm - Youth Group	<b>5</b> 9am - Preschool 10am - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am - Centering Prayer* 10:30am - Small Group: Whaley 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - BSA Troop 2	<b>6</b> 9am - Preschool 9am - Staff Meeting 9:30am - PW Coordinating Team 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 4pm - Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm - Tai Chi 5:30pm - Joint Session & Deacon Meeting 6:45pm - Eagle Board of Review 7:15pm - Raleigh Court Ringers 8pm - Small Group: Biddle	<b>7</b> 9am - Preschool 4pm - God Alive 6:15pm - Fellowship Dinner 7pm - Small Group: Sackett 7pm - Confirmation Class 7:15pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 9am - Preschool 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 5:30pm - Justice, Equity, and Belonging Committee 5:30pm - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Hip Sober Chicks 6:45pm - Adult Scout Leadership Training	<b>9</b> 9am - Preschool 11:45am - AI-Anon 5pm - Girl Scout Troop 170	<b>10</b> 9am - Winter VBS
<b>11 Music Ministry</b> 9am - Worship: Chapel 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm - Chili Luncheon 12:15pm - Earth Care Committee 6pm - Youth Group - Super Bowl Party	<b>12</b> 9am - Preschool 10am - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am - Centering Prayer* 10:30am - Small Group: Whaley 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - BSA Troop 2	<b>13</b> 9am - Preschool 9am - Staff Meeting 10:15am - Presbyterian Women 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 4pm - Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm - Tai Chi 7:15pm - Raleigh Court Ringers 8pm - Small Group: Biddle	<b>14 Ash Wednesday</b> 9am - Preschool 12:15pm - Preschool Staff Meeting/Planning 4pm - God Alive: 5:30pm - Fellowship Dinner 6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service 7:15pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 9am - Preschool 10:30am - Small Group: Hansard 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 5:30pm - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Hip Sober Chicks	<b>16</b> No Preschool 11:45am - AI-Anon	<b>17</b> 10am - Pickleball Event: Fellowship Hall

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<b>25 Lent</b> 9am - Worship: Chapel 10am - Sunday school 11am - Worship: Sanctuary 11am - Confirmation Youth Worship at 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church 5:15pm - Youth Music 6pm - Youth Group	<b>26</b> 9am - Preschool 10am - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am - Centering Prayer* 10:30am - Small Group: Whaley 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - BSA Troop 2 7pm - Session	<b>27</b> 9am - Preschool 9am - Staff Meeting 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 4pm - Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm - Tai Chi 7:15pm - Raleigh Court Ringers 8pm - Small Group: Biddle	<b>28</b> 7am - Communion Worship: Chapel 9am - Preschool 4pm - God Alive 6:15pm - Fellowship Dinner 7pm - Confirmation Class 7pm - Small Group: Sackett 7:15pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 9am - Preschool 10:30am - Small Group: Hansard 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 5:30pm - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Hip Sober Chicks		