

**RALEIGH COURT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR



**Sunday, May 11, 2025
11:00 AM - Sanctuary
Music Ministry Sunday**

**Resurrection
of the Body**

THE FIVE SENSES OF NEW LIFE

The Mission of RCPC is:
To Seek Christ
To Serve Christ
To Show Christ
To Know God through Christ

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THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

PRELUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Raleigh Court Ringers
arr. Sondra Tucker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Sackett
By Tom Trenney

Creation sings of God's grace and glory.

The sky gives adoration and praise.

The sun and moon shine God's light on all nations.

The earth and sea resound with praise.

The flowers and forests blooming in beauty reveal the wonders of God's love.

All living creatures unite in thanksgiving, a melody our voices raise.

In harmony, we sing God's praise.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Lower Voices

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Stanza 4 – Treble Voices

Stanzas 5 & 6 – All

Stanza 3 – All

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Please take a moment to find the Friendship Folder in your pew rack and sign so we know who was worshipping with us today. If you are new, please leave an address, email address, or phone number if you'd like to learn more about the life of our congregation.

GIFT OF GREAT WONDER

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 148

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(p. 571 in the pew Bible)

ANTHEM

The Heavens are Telling

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the word of God's own hand. The heavens are telling the glory of God. Day by day they speak God's praise, and

Youth Choir
Mark Patterson

night into night the skies unveil their knowledge: the splendor of God revealed to us. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the word of God's own hand. The heavens are telling the glory of God. All creation gladly proclaims the majesty of God. As the sun lights the heavens, God's glory shines! And behold the majesty of God! The heavens are telling the glory of God.

***HYMN 370**

TERRA BEATA

This is My Father's World

ANTHEM

God Alive Choir

God of Great and God of Small

Natalie Sleeth

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong, Alleluia, praised be Thy Name. God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny, God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour, Alleluia, praised be Thy Name. God of silence, God of sound, God in whom the lost are found, God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right, God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth, God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore, Alleluia, praised be Thy Name.

CHORISTER RECOGNITION AND COMMISSIONING

Children's Worship follows immediately after the recognition. Children ages 4 through 1st Grade may leave for Children's Worship, an age-appropriate service.

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| Cora Goad | Caroline Bullington | Katie Giles |
| Rachel Brockman | Simon Whaley | Shaylee Marshall |
| Diana Dietz | Eliza Goad | Sylvia Mutcherson |
| Nora Chapman | Joanna Whaley | Sarah Blevins |
| Kingston Anyuon | Amelia Hanks | Trey Satterwhite |
| Easton Beckett | Cate Burtis | Riley Newman |
| Caroline Martin | Elizabeth Hamilton | Maggie Tulou |
| Jonah Hanks | | |

TRUST IN GOD'S CHILDREN

***HYMN 7**

NORWICH

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

READING

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani
Susan Palo Cherwien

Planted by God

There are circles and cycles of life,
Turning, moving all about us.
We are not separate from them,
We cannot somehow stand apart from them.
We move steadily along

Through birth, growth, decline, death
As surely as the flowers germinate, bloom and die,
And stars coalesce into light, burn, dim, and collapse.
We are not separate from nature about us.
We are part of it.
Our bodies hold the same minerals as the granite cliffs;
The hemoglobin in our blood is only one atom different
Than the chlorophyll in plants;
And the processes that flow through nature
Flow through us
Physically
Emotionally
Spiritually—
Planting, germinating, watering, growing, blooming,
Bearing fruit, returning to the soil—
And the ground of all these cycles
The source and the end
The initiating force and impetus
Is God.

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir

God is Seen

Alice Parker

Through all the world below God is seen all around, search hills and valleys through, there
He's found. The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn, all declare,
God is there. In meadows drest in green, God is seen. See springing waters rise fountains
flow, rivers run. The mist that veils the sky. Hides the sun. Then down the rain doth pour, the
ocean it doth roar and beat upon the shore, and all praise, in their ways, the God who ne'er
declines His designs. The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies. The comet in her
blaze, "God", she cries. The shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears his awful name
declares; see them fly, through the sky. And join the solemn sound all around, all around.

***HYMN**

ARIRANG

Abba, Abba, Hear Us (see projection)

Stanza 1 – Choir only

Stanza 2 – Treble Voices, All at "*All creation waits...*"

Stanza 3 – Lower Voices, All at "*All creation waits...*"

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir

Earth Song

Frank Ticheli

Sing, Be, Live, See... This dark stormy hour, the wind, it stirs. The scorched earth cries out in
vain: O war and power, you blind and blur. The torn heart cries out in pain. But music and
singing have been my refuge, and music and singing shall be my light. A light of song shining
strong: Alleluia! Through darkness, pain, and strife, I'll Sing, Be, Live, See... peace.

CHRIST RECONNECT US...MAKING US ONE.

READING

Susan Palo Cherwien

scrubbing away their mistakes, their guilt

In Ursula Le Guin's fantasy, *A Wizard of Earthsea*,
the Master Summoner warns
apprentice Ged

that one must carefully consider
the effects of one's decisions
because "to light a candle is to cast a shadow."

Even our actions intended for good

Often have negative effects on
the Sky People, the Plant People, the Rock People,
the Winged People, the Finned People.

Biologists hybridize a short wheat
less susceptible to blowdown by heavy rain and wind
in hopes of feeding the world—
and create a grain whose multiple glutens make many people ill.

Biochemists alter a corn seed
to be less susceptible to damage from the corn borer—
and monarch and swallowtail butterflies
begin to disappear from the countryside.

Even with good intentions
we cast a shadow
And in our ignorance and pride and self-absorption
we cast even more.

On Good Friday
many of us sing or chant the Solemn Reproaches
Perhaps we need
to prayerfully and thoughtfully craft
sung reproaches on behalf of the earth:
"O my people, what more could I have done for you
that I have not done?

Answer me."
That which we have done
That which we have not done
That which we have done unintentionally
because we did not see
how the Holy Spirit
ignites and binds together
all things.

Reproaches
On behalf of the earth:
"Holy, holy, holy God,

Holy and Mighty,
Holy and Immortal,
have mercy on us.”

***HYMN**

SEATTLE

In Sacred Manner (see projection)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Gifts for the offering can be made by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed or by scanning the QR Code on the back of your bulletin with your smartphone. Visit rcpres.org and click “Give Now” to learn more.

OFFERTORY

All Creatures of God and King

Genesis Ringers
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures high and low.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN 713**

TENDERNESS

Touch the Earth Lightly
Stanza 1 – Choir Only

Stanza 2-4 – All

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

John Philip Newell

May the Deep Blessings of Earth

May the deep blessings of earth be with us.

May the fathomless sounding of seas surge in our soul.

May boundless stretches of the universe echo in our depths

To open us to wonder, to strengthen us for love, to humble us with gratitude, that we may find ourselves in one another, that we may lose ourselves in gladness, that we give ourselves to peace. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Look at the World

Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, God Alive Choir
John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us: Look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, So many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flowers; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river, field and plain: Praise to thee, O Lord for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, 'til it is gathered to the Father's fold: Praise to thee, O Lord for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth, and his the heavens above: Praise to thee, O Lord for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.

***POSTLUDE**

Dillon J. Swanson, organ
Paul Manz

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

O That I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs To all, wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes: Finley Biddle, Rachel Brockman

Ushers: Craig Favor, Helen Favor, Roger Lovern, Steve Burtis

Children's Worship: Leigh Sackett

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Susan Ard, Ginger Barbour (friend of Elise Hansard), Marvin & Roena Barbre, Sandy Barksdale (Bev Stroud's sister), Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman, Mayuen Chice, Collie Family (friends of Paul Kessel), Beverly Day and family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), Richard Fife and family (friend of Elise Hansard), Cameron & Susie Hutto, Cheryl Gilliland, Susan Lindstrom, Megan Mallare (friend of Kathy Grove), Melissa Martin (friend of Lisa Boylan), Rusty McCown, Louise Morris, Steve Pottinger (Bob & India Atkinson's son-in-law), Amy Starr Redwine, Robin Scott, Pat Wade, and all caregivers.

ONLINE GIVING If you prefer to give online you can either visit rcpres.org and press the "Give Now" button on the homepage or scan the QR code with your smartphone to go directly to the donation page. This can be done as a one-time or an ongoing way to support our mission and ministry.



MISSION PARTNER SUPPORT Each month, we designate all cash and coin to one of our local mission partners. For the month of May, we are supporting the Haiti Mission Group. You can place your money in the offering plate or make an online gift using the QR code, noting

that it is for Mission and making a note for Haiti in the text box. As of May 4, we have collected \$393.30 for the Haiti mission group.

SERMON SERIES: *Resurrection of the Body: The Five Senses of New Life*

April 27 – May 25

In the Apostles' Creed we affirm, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." The New Testament goes to great lengths to affirm that the risen Jesus appeared in a physical body and not just as a Spirit or an Idea. Why does it matter? How does it shape our life in the resurrection, to declare that it affects the body of Jesus and thus our bodies as well? In these weeks we will look at stories of the risen Jesus appearing to his followers through each of the five senses, to see how the resurrection affects our bodies and how we use them to the glory of God. May 18 – Smell May 25 – Hear

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: MAY 18 We'll celebrate our new confirmands during the 11:00 AM worship service. Confirmands, families, and mentors are invited to a reception in the Columbarium at 10:15 AM.

BIBLE & MUSIC CAMP: *Once Upon a Parable*

July 23-31, 2025 at RCPC, registration deadline: June 30

Jesus was a storyteller! Jesus engaged the crowds with tales meant to teach, amuse, puzzle, inspire, and sometimes even irritate. Two thousand years later, his stories still captivate audiences and draw people close to God. Unlike fairy tales, where the king reigns over the people, Jesus, our King, walks alongside us. He tells us stories of a man who cares for an injured stranger, a father who welcomes his wayward son home, a banquet where everyone is invited and welcomed, and a tiny seed of faith that grows and grows with God's love! Bible and Music Camp will celebrate these stories of God's love through music, dance, storytelling, puppetry, and play! The structure of Bible and Music Camp contains half-day & full-day programming schedules to allow for the participation of a variety of age groups. More information, fees, and registration info online at rcpres.org/biblemusiccamp

THIRD THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 PM—Chapel

While we explore The Five Senses of New Life in Sunday morning worship, this Evening Prayer service will give us a chance to encounter and use all of our senses during worship. We will pray over the concerns of our neighbors, taste the Eucharist, and spend time worshipping God through the use of all of our senses.

CONCERT: *Rise, Remember Well the Future...*

Sunday, May 18 | 4:00 PM – Sanctuary. Our season's closing concert program celebrates the promise of new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ as we look to the next 100 years of ministry at RCPC. Music includes an assortment of Eastertide hymns and anthems including Ralph Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs led by guest conductor William G. Snyder and baritone soloist Charlie Blueweiss.

PUMP-A-PINT SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, June 10, 1:30 PM–5:30 PM

Sign-ups online at REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG or contact Lillian Alexander at 540-632-8921 or email alexanderlj@yahoo.com to sign-up! A sign-up sheet is also available in the Gathering Area. Come for the snacks and fellowship, leave knowing you have saved three lives!

SALEM RED SOX GAME Our next RCPC Salem Red Sox outing will be on Friday, June 6 at 6:30 PM. We'll be back in Section 303 (upper level, up from the first base line) where we've been for most games. Tickets are \$11. You can bring your money to the church office, where it can be left in Dawn Long's mailbox. Register online at tinyurl.com/RCPCRedSox2025 or on the sheet in the Gathering Area.

FLOWER DEDICATION The RCPC Floral Guild offers to arrange flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you would like to honor a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion on a specific Sunday, please contact Julie Satterwhite at julie@rcpres.org or call the church at 540 343-5541. The cost is \$80, which is for two arrangements placed in the Chancel of the Sanctuary.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Deanne Vance, Joe Kennedy, and Judith Snyder for sharing their musical talents with us during worship services as substitute organists and collaborative artists throughout the 2024-2025 program year.

Thank you to Rebecca Whaley, Lisa Goad, Chris Badgett, Megan Hanks, Landon Paul, Wade Whitehead, and Dawn Long for serving as adult handbell mentors and substitute handbell ringers throughout the year.

This spring we our new choir robes for children and youth! We wish to offer our gratitude to Sam and Deanne Vance who provided for the new robes and to India Atkinson, Susan Kessler, Susan Knighton, Marily Martin, Victoria Skinner, and Rennie Snow for coordinating and completing the fitting, hemming, and pressing of the new robes. We hope that many children and youth will be blessed to sing God's praises in these choir robes for years to come.

Thank you to all of the families and friends of the RCPC Music Ministry for their continued support and encouragement!

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, May 11

Music Ministry Sunday

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel

9:30 AM Mother's Day Brunch – Fellowship Hall

(No Sunday School)

11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary

12:15 PM Earth Care Committee

Monday, May 12

12:30 PM Small Group: Whaley

6:00 PM Fellowship Committee

7:00 PM Deacons

Tuesday, May 13

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women

4:00 PM Small Group: Dixon
7:30 PM Raleigh Court Ringers
7:30 PM Small Group: Biddle

Wednesday, May 14

5:00 PM Hospitality Committee
6:30 PM Small Group: Sackett
7:00 PM Presbyterian Women
Evening Circle
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 15

9:00 AM Hunger Mission Packing
9:30 AM Columbarium Flower
Planting
10:30 AM Small Group: Hansard
7:00 PM Officer Training
7:00 PM Third Thursday Evening
Prayer Service

Friday, May 16

6:30 PM Young Adults Outing:
Solstice Farm Brewery
Confirmation Retreat at Camp Bethel

Saturday, May 17

Confirmation Retreat at Camp Bethel
1:00 PM Living the Word

Sunday, May 18

Confirmation Sunday

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
12:15 PM Youth Committee & Youth
Reps
4:00 PM Centennial Series Closing
Concert

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS

Preschool: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM –
12:00 PM
Centering Prayer at St. Elizabeth's
Episcopal Church: Monday, 10:00 AM
Cub Scouts: Monday, 6:30 PM
BSA Troop 2: Monday, 7:00 PM
Roanoke Valley Choral Society, Monday,
7:00 PM
AA-Primary Purpose: Tuesday &
Thursday, 10:30 AM
AA-Seeds of Hope: Tuesday, 5:30 PM
Tai Chi: Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30 PM
Hip Sober Chicks: Thursday, 6:30 PM
Opera Chorus: Thursday, 7:00 PM
Al-Anon: Friday, 11:45 AM