



**Sermon Series:**  
***The Original Tortured Poets***  
 March 5—April 20

Lent is a time to evaluate our faithfulness, our love, and our commitment to the God who saves. The Prophets of Israel and Judah show us a dogged loyalty to God in the midst of political, social, and religious unrest and disunity. They speak God's judgment when all is well. They declare God's hope when all is lost. Their hearts are uniquely tuned to the eternal song of God, which is the power poets possess in every time. They speak, and we do well to listen. So long before Taylor Swift's, "The Tortured Poets Department," there were Amos, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah and others living out their identity as the tortured poets speaking for God.

**April 6—Holy Ground**

Psalm 126 & Jeremiah 30:7-14

**April 13—Palm Sunday—Love Story**

Lamentations & Luke 19:28-40

**April 20—Easter—Wildest Dreams**

Ezekiel & Luke 24:1-12

**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.

**April 27—Children's Ministry Sunday—Sight**

Psalm 27:10-14 & John 20:11-18

**May 4—Graduate Sunday—Taste**

Luke 24:13-25

**May 11—Touch**

Psalm 113:1-9 & John 20:24-29

**May 18—Confirmation Sunday—Smell**

Deuteronomy 4:25-31 & John 21:1-14

**May 25—Hear**

Psalm 10:12-18 & 1 Corinthians 15:3-11

## Holy Week services

**Palm Sunday—Sunday, April 13**

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, April 17**

6:00 PM—Dinner & Worship—Fellowship Hall

On this night we celebrate Jesus' final meal with his disciples before his crucifixion. We will meet at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for this worship service, and dinner will be served as part of the worship service. Additionally, we will have our own "upper room" where worshipers will gather for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**Good Friday—Friday, April 18**

3:00 PM—Grandin Road Cross Walk

7:30 PM—Good Friday Tenebrae Service—We will gather around the story of Christ's crucifixion as the lights slowly extinguish and the chancel is stripped of the symbols of our Christian faith. Special music by the Sanctuary Choir.

**Easter Sunday—Sunday, April 20**

Join us for worship at 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM on Easter Sunday in the Sanctuary. Both services will have a children's message and children's worship. Nursery is provided at both services as well. Join us as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection! Musical offerings: brass, Sanctuary Choir, Raleigh Court Ringers, and singing of the Hallelujah Chorus.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Sunday School—April Classes

### The Seekers—Room 201

#### Lenten and Easter Study – Meeting Jesus at the Table

by Cynthia M. Campbell & Christine Coy Fohr (March 9-May 4)

The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. Whether multiplying bread to feed a whole crowd, relaxing with his inner circle, or telling curious elites stories about even greater banquets, Jesus imparts wisdom as he shares the wine and grants forgiveness as he distributes the fish. This eight-chapter resource provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today.

Illustrations by artist Kevin Burns complement each chapter and invite further meditation on the Gospel story and its meaning for our lives. Each chapter includes questions for small group discussion or personal reflection. A guide for church leaders offers suggestions for preaching this book as a sermon series and incorporating food-related outreach and hospitality efforts.

### Parents as a Verb—Room 102

#### Good Inside by Dr. Becky Kennedy (March 9-May 4)

“This book is for any parent who has ever struggled under the substantial weight of caregiving—which is to say, all of us. *Good Inside* is not only a wise and practical guide to raising resilient, emotionally healthy kids, it’s also a supportive resource for overwhelmed parents who need more compassion and less stress. Dr. Becky is the smart, thoughtful, in-the-trenches parenting expert we’ve been waiting for!”—Eve Rodsky, New York Times bestselling author of *Fair Play* and *Find Your Unicorn Space*.

Dr. Becky Kennedy, wildly popular parenting expert and creator of @drbeckyatgoodinside, shares her groundbreaking approach to raising kids and offers practical strategies for parenting in a way that feels good.

All parents, come join us as we connect our faith to the topics Dr. Becky presents in her book. Including sibling rivalry, separation anxiety, tantrums, and more.

### Tortured Poets Lenten Poetry Study—Led by Leigh Sackett

Journey with us in word and rhythm through the Lenten season. We will study the poets crying out as they name their experience and struggles, so that we too can name ours as we write our own poetry for this time of repentance, reflection, renewal, and finally rejoicing!

### Exploring Christian Theology—Led by Mike Lockaby

As we continue our exploration of the history of how Christians think and talk about God, we’ll be looking at the way we talk about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit throughout April and May

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

### Children’s Ministry Sunday

“I Spy!”  
April 27, 2025

Mary says to the Disciples ... “I have seen the Lord!” We see the Risen Christ in so many ways each day, but no one sees the beauty and wonder of God’s goodness better than children.

Come celebrate the gift of Jesus’ love, as we worship together with our youngest friends leading the way, showing us what is right before us, not hidden, but in plain sight.

Join us for cookies and lemonade on the lawn following the 11:00 AM worship service.

### Palm Sunday Luncheon & Easter Egg Hunt

On Palm Sunday, April 13, stay after the 11:00 AM service for a luncheon full of favorite Easter fixings. Following the luncheon, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of the church for ages birth through 5th grade. Please bring your Easter Egg basket!

It is with love and honor for their daughter, mom, granddaughter, sister, aunt, and friend, that the Davis family dedicates the Easter eggs in memory of Lauren Davis. May our Lord’s joy be known in the laughter of Easter Egg gathering and may Lauren’s love be felt on this morning as children play and seek around her resting place in the Columbarium.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Music Ministry Sunday—May 11 Schedule

9:00 AM—Worship in the Chapel  
9:30 AM—Mother's Day Brunch in the Fellowship Hall  
11:00 AM—Worship in the Sanctuary: "All Creation Sings" will feature all of the music ensembles of RCPC and more!  
No Sunday School

## Roanoke Valley Choral Society

presents

*A Grand Night for Singing...  
Fifty Years of Music!*



Patricia Kelley Trail  
Artistic Director

Dale Yeager  
Accompanist

April 28, 2025

7:00 PM

Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church

1837 Grandin Road, SW Roanoke, VA 24015

Suggested Donation of \$20

Reception to follow



## Music in Raleigh Court Concert: Sunday, May 18

Our season's closing concert is presented in two parts. The first set is an eclectic mass pieced together using various composers, historical periods, musical styles, and languages. Selections include music by Palestrina, Vivaldi, Grechaninoff, Mendelssohn, Barber, and more. The second part features Ralph Vaughan Williams' epic Eastertide choral work "The Five Mystical Songs" with guest baritone soloist Charlie Blueweiss.



## Call and response singing at God Alive

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Graduate Sunday—May 4

We'll celebrate all the graduates within our church family during worship on May 4. Please submit a picture of your graduate with their name and where they are graduating from to [julie@rcpres.org](mailto:julie@rcpres.org) by April 20 so we can celebrate them. If you're a high schooler who is graduating, we'll celebrate with you during the 11:00 AM worship service on May 4 and again at Youth Group that evening with our traditional Senior Send Off.



# FELLOWSHIP & MISSION

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Kristyn Brogan	18 Emilie Biddle
Joe Clark	James Davis
Lillian Onyett	19 Paula Mitchell
Robynn Onyett	Ryan Mutcheson
Mary Lou Prillaman	Christopher Pugh
4 Treva Carter	20 Leslie Baldwin
Judy Coombs	Matt Cook
Kylie Ralston	Forrest Naff
6 Scott Flowers	Susan Waddell
Susan Marney	21 Catherine Burtis
Alesha Stanley	22 Susan Ard
7 Judy Snyder	Carol Brash
8 Barbara Hames	Ruby Lockaby
9 Gail Price	23 Molly Bullington
10 Bentley Bowes	Penny Johnson
Steve Brockman	24 Clare Arnold
Maren Newman	25 Maureen Guelzow
Vivan Powell	26 Karen Blackburn
11 Charlie Garland	Donna McGuirt
Eddie Martin	Griffin Shaver
Jane Harvey Sisson	Katie Williams
12 Ann Rutherford	27 Lanie Jones
13 Liz Holsinger	Burton Newman
15 Robyn Decker	28 Sandra Carson
Joshua Jager	Stella Sganga
16 Katherine Davis	29 John Thisdell
Grace Hamlin	30 Clay Nash
Vickie Haynie	David Ralston
Sara Skinner	
17 Eli Boylan	
Les Brown	
Dinah Morris	
Robin Scott	
Deanne Vance	

### Special Anniversary Wishes:

Carol & Thomas Hahn on celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary on April 29.

### Special Birthday Wishes:

Vivian Powell on celebrating her 101st birthday on April 10.

Charlie Garland on celebrating his 92nd birthday on April 11.

Burton Newman on celebrating his 90th birthday on April 27.

## Fellowship Dinners Wednesdays at 6:15 PM

Meals are a suggested donation of \$8 per person and free for age 3 and younger, with a max suggested donation of \$25 for a family. Please register by noon the Tuesday before each meal either online at [rcpres.org/dinner](http://rcpres.org/dinner), the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area, or by calling the church office, 540-343-5541 x 106 and leaving Julie Satterwhite a message. In our efforts to become an Earth Care Church, the Fellowship Committee asks you to please bring your own container if you would like a takeout meal on Wednesday nights. We thank you for your help with this.

### April Menus

4/2—Apple Cider Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes, Veggie Medley, Homemade Bread, Blueberry Cake, Hasselback Squash

4/9—Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Country Green Beans, Homemade Bread, Orange Cake, Lentil Loaves

4/13 **PALM SUNDAY**—Ham, Mac & Cheese, Green Bean Casserole, Homemade Bread, Marble Cake, Root Vegetable Casserole

4/17 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**—Minestrone Soup, Homemade Bread

## Music Ministry Sunday—May 11 Mother's Day Brunch

Not sure what to get the Mother in your life? Why not attend the Mother's Day Brunch at church from 9:30 AM—10:40 AM? This will be a perfect chance to celebrate and enjoy time with your church family. The food will most definitely be delicious, and it will be much easier to get a seat at RCPC than anywhere else in town! Suggested donations of \$8 per person with a chance to tip our Chef Heather Wilson who is spending her Mother's Day cooking for all of us! No reservations required.

## Supporting Family Promise in April

Please pray for our Family Promise team & the families we will serve on April 20, 21, and 22. If you'd like to join in making or serving dinner or staying overnight with families at the Alexa House, please contact Isabella Fagiani at [Isabella@rcpres.org](mailto:Isabella@rcpres.org). If you would like to be involved with Family Promise but cannot help with dinner or staying overnight, there are several ways you can join in to help:

- Serve as a sponsor for the Mark Donihe Memorial Golf Tournament. For more information scan the QR code.
- Save the day of May 9th to play in the Tournament - more information to come.
- Follow *Family Promise of Greater Roanoke* on Facebook and answer a Wish List Wednesday request.



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## April Mission Partner: Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build



This Spring RCPC, along with a number of other churches and organizations, will partner with Habitat for Humanity to participate in the 2025 Apostles Build. This home will be built for Dina Aristilde and her children, Lashauna, Kyliyah, King, and Princephilip at 625 Church Avenue SE, Roanoke 24013. Property owners donated several lots in this area to Habitat and one house has already been built.

To qualify for a no-interest 30-year loan from Habitat, Dina is required to complete over a year of homeownership classes and sweat equity hours on other properties as well as her own. Mortgage payments are used to build future Habitat houses.

In lieu of a Wall-Raising Ceremony, an 8 ½ ft. 2x4 was provided for each participating church to decorate and/or place well wishes. The Youth Group decorated RCPC's 2x4 in their distinctive fashion and added messages. Afterwards, it was placed in the Gathering Area for those who wished to leave their messages of blessing or encouragement. On March 7, the decorated board was taken to the construction site and nailed to a "Wall of Many Colors" as part of a permanent wall in the house. In addition to financial support, we will actively participate in the build by providing construction volunteers for work days on Thursday, April 24 and Saturday, May 3.

All work days will be 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM and daily groups must be 12 volunteers or less. No experience is necessary but all volunteers must be at least 16-years-old. Habitat will provide all required tools and safety equipment, water, coffee and snacks. Volunteers will need to provide their own lunch and a refillable water bottle; work gloves are strongly advised. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy closed-toed shoes like hiking boots.

Volunteers can sign up on line at: [tinyurl.com/RCPCHabitat2025](https://tinyurl.com/RCPCHabitat2025)

We have a goal this year of a total of 20 different RCPC volunteers participating.

### Presbyterian Women Event

Saturday, April 26: Paint & Praise

More details will be provided closer to the event date. If you have questions please reach out to Barbara Kern at [addy520@aol.com](mailto:addy520@aol.com).

Save the Date for future events:

May 25—Taste, Talk, & Walk: Lunch at Wasena Tap and Grill followed by a walk on the Greenway

### Young Adults Gathering

Pickleball

Friday, April 4, at 6:30 PM

### Book Group

Nancy Ayling's monthly book group will meet on the following days in room 201 at 10:30 AM: April 9, and May 14.

For book information or more details contact Nancy at [ayling42@verizon.net](mailto:ayling42@verizon.net)

### Congregational Retreat



# April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 9am—Staff Meeting 9:30am—PW Coordinating Team 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5pm—Mission Council 6:30pm—Genesis Ringers 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Small Group: Biddle	<b>2</b> 7am—Lent Communion Service 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 7pm—Confirmation Class 7pm—Sanctuary Choir 7pm—Small Group: Sackett	<b>3</b> 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 7pm—RCNA Board Meeting	<b>4</b> 6:30pm—Young Adult Pickleball	<b>5</b> 10am—Love Thy Neighbor Walk
<b>6 LENT</b> 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 5pm—Youth Choir 5:30pm—New Member Dinner at Jarretts' House 6pm—Youth Group	<b>7</b> 12:30pm—Small Group: Whaley	<b>8</b> 9am—Staff Meeting 10:15am—Presbyterian Women 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 6:30pm—Genesis Ringers 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Small Group: Biddle	<b>9</b> 7am—Lent Communion Service 4pm—God Alive: Palm Sunday & Children's Ministry Sunday Rehearsal 5pm—Hospitality Committee 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 7pm—Presbyterian Women Evening Circle 7pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Sanctuary Choir 7pm—Confirmation Class	<b>10</b> 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 5:30pm—Justice, Equity, & Belonging	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm— Congregational Luncheon & Egg Hunt	<b>14</b> 12:30pm—Small Group: Whaley 7pm—Deacons	<b>15</b> 9am—Staff Meeting 1:15pm—Worship & Music 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm—Endowment Board 6:30pm—Genesis Ringers 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Small Group: Biddle	<b>16</b> 4pm—God Alive: Children's Ministry Sunday Rehearsal 7pm—Sanctuary Choir 7pm—Small Group: Sackett	<b>17 MAUNDY            THURSDAY</b> 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 6pm—Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship Service	<b>18 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 3pm—Grandin Road Cross Walk 7:30pm—Good Friday Tenebrae Service	<b>19</b> 10am—Easter Choir Rehearsal

## April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>20 EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9am—Worship: Sanctuary 11am—Worship: Sanctuary	<b>21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5:30pm—Stewardship & Finance	<b>22</b> 9am—Staff Meeting 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 4:30pm—Personnel & Administration 6:30pm—Genesis Ringers 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Small Group: Biddle	<b>23</b> 4pm—God Alive: Children's Ministry Sunday Rehearsal 7pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Confirmation Class 7pm—Sanctuary Choir	<b>24</b> 8am—Habitat for Humanity Workday 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11am—PW Event: Paint & Praise 1pm—Living the Word: Cucumber Planting
Family Promise Overnight Hosting & Dinners						
<b>27 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY</b> 9am—Worship: Sanctuary 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm—Visitation Committee 5pm—Youth Choir 6pm—Youth Group	<b>28</b> 10am—Monday Morning Prayer Group 12:30pm—Small Group: Whaley 7pm—Session 7pm—Choral Society Concert	<b>29</b> 9am—Staff Meeting 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 6:30pm—Genesis Ringers 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Small Group: Biddle	<b>30</b> 4pm—God Alive: Music Ministry Sunday Rehearsal & 5th Graders meet with Isabella 7pm—Sanctuary Choir 7pm—Small Group: Sackett			

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS

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



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## Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Services:  
 9:00 AM—Chapel, Nursery Available  
 10:00 AM—Sunday School  
 11:00 AM—Sanctuary, Nursery Available, Livestream (Facebook & YouTube)

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley	Pastor and Head of Staff
The Rev. Isabella Fagiani	Associate Pastor
Leigh Sackett	Director of Christian Education
The Rev David Dixon, MD	Minister of Care
Dillon J. Swanson	Director of Music Ministries
Betsy Prillaman	Preschool Director

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