

<u>GATHERING AROUND THE WORD</u>	
THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES	
OPENING PRAYER	<i>The Romero Prayer,</i> Archbishop Oscar Romero (El Salvador, 1917-1980)
INTROIT	God Alive Choir <i>Come, Let Us Worship God</i> arr. Katie Houts, USA Come, let us worship God. Welcome everyone to the love of God. Food for the hungry. Rest for the weary. Hope for the children.
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Leigh Sackett Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine. We gather with them in heart and mind. Around the world the broken body is made whole. As part of that body we join in its unity. Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table. We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 504	MUNICH, Germany <i>We Come As Guests Invited</i>
*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION	God of Grace, We grieve that the church which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language, but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity. Forgive our sins as we commit ourselves the prohibit the display of the unity of the body of Christ. <i>(Let us silently offer confessions that are individually ours to make.)</i>
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
*GLORIA 584	Argentina <i>Gloria, Gloria Gloria</i> (see projection) Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high! Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high! And on earth peace to God’s people. Glory to God. And on earth peace to God’s people, Glory to God.
*PASSING OF THE PEACE	May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.
ANTHEM	God Alive Choir (2 nd -5 th Graders) <i>With One Voice</i> Terri Sinclair, USA With the sound of a drum, with a mandolin strum, use your music to sing God's praise! With the pluck of a string, with a dulcimer ring, let your glorious songs be raised! From the African plain, through the Amazon rain, let God's melody now be heard. From Brazil to Japan, from Peru to Iran, let the hearts of God's children be stirred! Alleluia, alleluia, together with one voice. Alleluia, alleluia, all nations now rejoice! Praise him, praise him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love. From the African plain, through the Amazon rain, let God's melody now be heard. From the Syrian land to the Indian sand, let the hearts of God's children be stirred! Alleluia, alleluia, together with one voice. Alleluia, alleluia, let all the earth sing with one voice!
WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP	<i>Please take a moment to find the Friendship Folder in your pew rack and sign so we know who was worshiping 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.</i>
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Mark Derbyshire

<u>PROCLAIMING THE WORD</u>	
CHILDREN’S TIME <i>Children’s Worship follows immediately after the children’s sermon. Children ages 4 through 1st Grade may leave for Children’s Worship, an age-appropriate service.</i>	
SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION	Sanctuary Choir <i>Hallelujah</i> HALLELUJAH-MARAIRE, Zimbabwe
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Genesis 12:1-9 (p. 9 in the pew Bible) This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
SERMON	The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley Covenant with a Family
<u>RESPONDING TO THE WORD</u>	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Rev. Isabella Fagiani The Nicene Creed We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
CALL FOR THE OFFERING	<i>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.</i>
OFFERTORY	Sanctuary Choir <i>For the Healing of the Nations</i> John Becker, USA Peace be yours: Bangladesh and India, Taiwan and China, Japan and Hong Kong, North and South Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines and Australia, Papua New Guinea, Iraq and Iran, Palestine and Israel, Afghanistan, Jordan, Syria and Turkey. For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God. Peace be yours: France and Spain, Switzerland and Italy, Romania and Slovenia, Czech and Slovak Republics, Russia and Ukraine, Austria and Hungary; Croatia, Estonia, Latvia and Poland, Norway and Sweden, Iceland and Denmark, Netherlands and Germany, Ireland and England. For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God. Peace be yours: South Africa, Angola, Uruguay and Paraguay, Ecuador, Guyana, Brazil and Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Mexico, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Greenland and Canada, Haiti and Jamaica, United States and Cuba, all immigrants and exiles. For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God. <i>Today’s offertory is offered as an intercessory prayer for the healing and peace of all nations.</i>

*DOXOLOGY 696	GRATUS, Scotland <i>O God, You Are My God Alone</i> (stanza 2 only) Your faithful love surpasses life, evoking all my praise. Through every day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise. My deepest needs you satisfy as with a sumptuous feast. So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has never ceased.
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION	
*SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER	Invitation to the Table Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Sanctus & Benedictus	Sanctuary Choir <i>You are Holy</i> Per Harling; arr. Helgen, Sweden You are holy, you are whole. You are always, evermore than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed, are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raise from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!
The Lord’s Prayer	from the <i>New Zealand Prayer Book</i> Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.
Words of Institution	
Communion of the People	<i>On each bread tray there are wafers that are gluten, egg, dairy, and nut free for those who need it. (Ingredients: garbanzo bean flour, potato starch, tapioca flour, whole grain sweet white sorghum flour, fava bean flour, palm oil)</i>
Music During Communion	Dillon J. Swanson, organ <i>Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele</i> , BWV 654 J.S. Bach, Germany
Prayer After Communion	
<u>FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD</u>	
*CLOSING HYMN 538	HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South Africa <i>Hallelujah We Sing Your Praises</i> 1 st Refrain – choir only
*CHARGE & BLESSING	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 591	HALLE, HALLE, Traditional Caribbean <i>Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!</i>
*POSTLUDE	Jamaica <i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i> Dillon J. Swanson
TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS: Crucifer: Sam Bullington Acolytes: Lily Ward & Sloan Sebolt Ushers: John Phelps, Joe Ausin, Jane Powell, & Ron Kemnitzer Children’s Worship: Rebecca Whaley & Lizzie Kessler Choral Accompanists: Deanne Vance	

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Marvin & Roena Barbre, Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman, David-Charles Campbell, Collie Family (friends of Paul Kessel), Cathy Crawley, Beverly Day and family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), Jim Davis, Nate Ellison (son of Jay and Polly Ellison), Debra Harris, Cameron & Susie Hutto, Sue Garrett, Cheryl Gilliland, Susan Lindstrom, Megan Mallare (friend of Kathy Grove), Rusty McCown, Louise Morris, Betty Nance, Amy Starr Redwine, Randy Remington (friend of Betty Remington), Ian Richardson (brother-in-law of Jonathan Crook), Janis Wertz, and all caregivers.

Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with Bev Stroud and her family following the passing of her sister, Sandy Barksdale, on Sunday, September 28.

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.



TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING Thank you to everyone who participated in our Two-Cents-A-Meal Hunger Offering last week. We collected \$444.94 to support feeding ministries in Roanoke and throughout the Presbytery of the Peaks. Thank you for your generosity!

MISSION PARTNER SUPPORT Each month, we designate all cash and coin to one of our local mission partners. For the month of October, we are supporting the House of Bread. 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 House of Bread in the text box. We’re thankful for your generosity in the month of September as we raised \$13,856.20 for the Hunger Mission Team.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS Fellowship Dinners occur each Wednesday from October - May at 6:15 PM. Our amazing chef, Heather, has a delicious lineup of meals planned, and each week offers a vegetarian option as well. **Menu for October 8:** Chicken Divan over Rice Pilaf, Steamed Broccoli, Homemade Bread, Cauliflower in Chasew Cream Sauce, Deluxe Chocolate Cake. Meals are a suggested donation of \$8 per person and free for 3 and younger, with a max of \$25 for a family. Please register by noon the Tuesday before each meal either online at rcpres.org/dinner or on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

RCPC T-SHIRTS The Worship & Music Committee is selling RCPC T-shirts as a fundraiser to help offset the costs for the Montreat Worship & Music Conference for youth and children! T-shirts are available for purchase in the Gathering Area before and after worship. Adult-size shirts are \$20 and youth-size shirts are \$15.

MUSIC AT RCPC: Blacksburg Master Chorale.

Friday, October 17 at 7:00 PM—Sanctuary

Let the Pipes Resound! Music for Choir & Organ. Celebrating the best of what the instrument and voices can do together. The Blacksburg Master Chorale will be joined by the Blacksburg Children’s Chorale for a portion of the performance. Our first night will be in Roanoke, with a second night of the same program in Blacksburg.

FALL FESTIVAL: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

All proceeds benefit the RCPC Preschool

5:00 PM – Organ Spooktacular

5:30 PM – Dinner & Games & Raffle Tickets

6:45 PM – Trunk or Treat (sign up to have a trunk in the This Week @ RCPC email or supply the trunk volunteers by donating candy, drop off by October 26)

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES Flat fun items are needed to fill packages for 20 RCPC youth away at college. Please consider donating items such as post-its, index cards, stickers, cup-o-noodles, hot cocoa packets, popcorn, etc....Items dropped off at RCPC by next Sunday, October 12.

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary

12:15 PM Reception for Andrew & Isabella

12:45 PM Discover RCPC

4:30 PM Alleluia Ringers

5:00 PM Youth Choir

6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, October 6

12:30 PM Monday Small Group

7:00 PM Men’s Small Group

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

4:00 PM Small Group: Dixon

5:00 PM PW Coordinating Team

5:00 PM Mission Committee

7:00 PM Youth Committee

7:15 PM Raleigh Court Ringers

7:30 PM Women’s Small Group

Wednesday, October 8

12:10 PM Preschool Committee

3:15 PM Genesis Ringers

4:00 PM God Alive

5:00 PM Hospitality Committee

6:15 PM Fellowship Dinner

6:45 PM Chamber Choir

7:00 PM Christmas Choir

7:00 PM Wednesday Small Group

7:00 PM Presbyterian Women Evening Circle

8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9

10:00 AM Hunger Mission Packing

10:30 AM Thursday Small Group

5:30 PM Justice, Equity, & Belonging

5:30 PM Parents of Young Children Small Group

Friday, October 10

Saturday, October 11

10:00 AM Living the Word

Sunday, October 12

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary

12:15 PM Discover RCPC

12:15 PM Earth Care Committee

4:30 PM Alleluia Ringers

5:00 PM Youth Choir

6:00 PM Youth Group

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS

RCPC Preschool: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM

Centering Prayer at St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church: Monday, 10:00 AM

Scouts-Troop 2B: Monday, 7:00 PM

AA-Primary Purpose: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 AM

Tai Chi: Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30 PM

Hip Sober Chicks: Thursday, 6:30 PM

Opera Roanoke Chorus: Thursday, 7:00 PM

AI-Anon: Friday, 11:45 AM



Sunday, October 5, 2025
11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Back to the Basics



Abram & Sarai

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

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Minister of Care
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