

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**GATHERING MUSIC**

Dillon J. Swanson, organ

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES**OPENING PRAYER**

from the 25th Anniversary bulletin of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church

INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir

I Was Glad

C. Hubert H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for peace of Jerusalem; shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*(Book of Common Prayer, 1662, Psalm 122:1-3. 6-7)****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leigh Sackett

from “*The Church of the Open Door*” by GM Maxwell

Out by the side of the broad highway, where the women and men go by

Busy with cares of the long workaday and weary when night is nigh.

There’s a temple that’s built for the service of God, a Haven of Rest for the poor.

A Beacon of hope for all who plod, called the Church of the Open Door!***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1**

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Stanza 1: All, in unison

Stanza 3: All, in harmony

Stanza 2: All, in harmony

Stanza 4: All, in unison

***CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

from the 75th Anniversary Bulletin of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*(Let us silently offer confessions that are individually ours to make.)****ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Friends believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***GLORIA PATRI**

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one. As it was in the beginning now forever. Amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.***CENTENNIAL PHOTOGRAPH****WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP****WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH****Presentation of New Members****Renewal of Baptismal Vows****Question to the New Members****Question to the Congregation****Prayer of Welcome****PROCLAIMING THE WORD****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 6:1-8

(p. 622 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers and the flowers fade but the word of the Lord stands forever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir, Raleigh Court Ringers,

Youth Choir, & God Alive Choir

The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior. Therefore, you shall draw with rejoicing from the springs of salvation and on that day, you say, “Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name.” Make his deeds known among the nations; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord for He has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

CHILDREN’S TIME*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.***SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Revelation 3:14-4:6

(p. 1119 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

The Church of the Open Door

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**A LITANY OF CELEBRATION AND GRATITUDE**

adapted from the 50th-anniversary bulletin of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church

O God the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;

O God the Son, the Redeemer and only head of the Church;

O God the Holy Spirit, the giver of life and the bond of peace;

O Holy Trinity, ever one God;**Have mercy upon us, and hear our prayer.**

We pray You purify, strengthen, and enlarge Your Church throughout the world, and unite its members in faith, hope and love.

We pray that the Church may strive not for its own success or glory, but for the world’s salvation, seeking only Your kingdom and righteousness.

We celebrate the baptized...

All those baptized at RCPC are invited to stand.

For your saving grace poured out in baptism, we thank you loving God. May these healing waters continue to flow with mercy and love.

We celebrate those who have heard your call and professed faith in you...

All those confirmed at RCPC are invited to stand.

For your voice that speaks to the head and heart and moves our hands and feet to action, we praise you for being the God who continues to call us into your service.

We honor those who have served as leaders in education ministries- Kid’s Kirk, God Alive, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Youth Group, Small Groups, and retreats, who have drawn us into the story of God’s saving love in scripture...

All those who have served in these ministries of education at RCPC please stand.

We thank you, God, for your Word, Jesus Christ, who we meet in the Holy Scripture. Continue to shape our imagination by your story of salvation.

We rejoice with all who have served in music ministries- Children’s Choir, Youth Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir, and Instrumental musicians...

All those who have participated in music ministry at RCPC please stand.

For the gift of song we praise you, God who sang the creation into being. Keep our voices tuned for praise, to sing forever, “Alleluia!”

We commit to the ongoing work of mercy and justice and remember how you have worked among us in your world in ages past both in Roanoke and beyond...

All those who have served as volunteers in RCPC Mission Groups please stand.

O God, may your justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. May we continue to witness to mercy and love until you make all things new.

We remember our dead, O God, the saints who have shown us the way to you who now feast in your realm of glory...

All those who have attended the funeral of a family member at RCPC- spouse, parent, child- please stand.

We are convinced, Gracious Savior, that nothing can separate us from your love, so may we cling to resurrection hope on this side of eternity, trusting in the day when mourning and crying and pain are no more and all is joy and light in you.

You teach us to number our days, and so we count the decades this day, acknowledging your presence and power that has provided and sustained us in times of joy and sorrow....

Members will be invited to stand and remain standing as each decade of membership at RCPC is recalled.

We pray for you to remove from us all hatred, prejudice, narrowness of thought and suspicion; and to guide us in all perplexities of belief and conduct, to the end that we may hold fast that which is true, that we may love and serve our neighbors and may faithfully confess You before the world.

Now to Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, the one who teaches us to pray...

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.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *(see projection)*

HYFRYDOL

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Stanza 1: All, in unison

Stanza 3: Choir only

Stanza 2: All, in unison

Stanza 4: All, in unison

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani

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

Sanctuary Choir

From Generation to Generation

Tom Trenney

From out of darkness, you have shown us light; your Word has been a lamp unto our way. O God, from the beginning, you have been our life; you’ve led us to this day. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, your love is faithful and steadfast from generation to generation. We strive to love our neighbors as ourselves, becoming one beloved community. We long to bring your justice, freedom, peace. You lead us on this day! O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, your love is faithful and steadfast from generation to generation. We pray that all who seek God’s grace may find Christ’s welcome here, Lord, be our children’s strength as year succeeds to year, from generation to generation. Lord, lead us from this day! O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, your love is faithful and steadfast from generation to generation. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN** (see projection) AURELIA
The Church's One Foundation arr. Dan Forrest
Stanza 1: All, in unison Stanza 3: Choir only
Stanza 2: Choir only Stanza 4: All, in unison

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** THEMBA AMEN

***POSTLUDE**
"Finale" Organ Symphony 1, Op. 14 Louis Vierne

Welcome to worship at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. We invite you to enter into the spirit of worship with us. Enjoy the fellowship of this community of faith. Lift your voice in song. Lift your heart and your burdens in prayer. Listen to and for the Word of God to you. Heed God's message as it comes through the Holy Spirit's presence. Leave this place in joy to love and serve God and neighbor as you seek to follow Christ our Lord. We are glad you are here.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes: Simon Whaley & Cora Goad

Crucifer: Austin Frantz

Children's Worship: Elizabeth & Freda Chapman

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Tom Alcoke, Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman, Brendan Brown (Kathy and Les Brown's grandson), Mayuen Choice, Beverly Day and family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), Nancy Farthing, Betty Garner, Stephen Hampton (Mary Hamton's brother), Susan Lindstrom, Megan Mallare (friend of Kathy Grove), Melissa Martin (friend of Lisa Boylan), Billie Murphree (Dawn Long's mother), Dave Owen-O'Quill, Garland Parry, Hugh Wellons, and all caregivers.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of the M. G. Francis family, one of the founding families of our church. They are M.G., India, and 6 of their 9 children: Neilson, Flora, Thomas, India (Ink Persinger), Elizabeth (Betty Cundiff), and Katheryn (Coke Stewart). Other children Robert, Margaret (Boots Richmond), and John were too young to be charter members. Flowers are given by Bob and India Atkinson and Rachel Erb Birch.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to India Atkinson for the beautiful new Pentecost paraments for the Sanctuary, given in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church.

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 are designating all cash and coin to one of our local mission partners. For the month of May, we are supporting the work of House of Bread. In 2023, House of Bread received \$6,000 in support from our church. Your generosity will encourage us to meet that amount in 2024. 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. As of May 12, we have collected \$1788.30 for House of Bread.

BULLETIN COVERS Each week during our Generation to Generation series, our bulletin cover is modeled after a bulletin cover from the 100 years in the life of our church. Today's bulletin is based on the bulletin cover from 2010.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE Starting Sunday, May 26, Sunday worship will move to one service at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary until Labor Day.

RCPC BIBLE AND MUSIC CAMP, All Creation Sings!: July 29 - August 1

What a gift to learn and sing about creation! From our earliest years we are all fascinated by the world around us and enjoy learning the names of different animals, imitating their sounds, or drawing pictures. In the Bible we learn how God's creative work, including us, is very good, how the birds lift their voices and the lions roar, and how creation sings praise to God even before we do. Half-day camp for rising Pre-K and middle school, and full-day camp for elementary students. Registration and payment are due by June 30. More information and registration are available at rcpres.org/BibleMusicCamp

FAMILY PROMISE You are invited to join in serving the families in Family Promises' care from June 2nd to June 9th. Twice a year RCPC helps serve the families who are homeless by providing them a safe haven to rest in for the evening offering a hot dinner, fellowship, one or two overnight hosts, and a grab-and-go breakfast. As an Overnight Host, you bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and a toothbrush and arrive at the Alexa House (across the street from Second Presbyterian Church) around 8:30 PM. You get to sleep in a private room with two twin beds and a private bathroom. The next morning, families leave for school and job interviews, and you tidy up the kitchen, turn off the coffee pot, and lock up by around 7:15 AM. We also need people to provide dinner. Let Vickie Haynie (vicksbic@aol.com) know if you would like to serve with Family Promise.

PUMP-A-PINT SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE RCPC's Summer Blood Drive is scheduled for June 4, 2024, from 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-ups are available on the Red Cross website at REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG. The sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area

CENTENNIAL BRASS ENSEMBLE

Jake Landau & Brian Quakenbush, trumpet

Josh DeFalco, horn

Will Satterwhite & Stefan Castro, trombone

Michael Grogan & Tom Scott, percussion

This morning's brass ensemble is sponsored by the following contributors in honor of the past Directors of Music and Organists of RCPC: Cassy Ammen, India & Bob Atkinson, Kathleen Carroll, Joe & Becky Kennedy, Rusty McCown, Robynn Onyett, Bill & Judy Snyder, and Dillon J. Swanson

NOTES ABOUT THIS MORNING'S MUSIC This morning's centennial celebration worship service begins with Louis Vierne's *Carillon de Westminster*. Since Director of Music Joel Haywood's ministry, our 11:00 AM worship service has begun with the tolling of *Westminster Chimes* and the chiming of the hour. We are welcomed into worship this morning with this festive French toccata on the theme of the Westminster Chimes. Our opening hymn, *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* was selected because of its reference to Isaiah 6 and the Book of Revelation, the sources for our scripture readings this morning, and because it was The Rev. Zebulon Roberson's favorite hymn. This festive arrangement was composed by the current Director of Music Ministries, Dillon J. Swanson, for the centennial occasion. The combined anthem, *The First Song of Isaiah*, presented in worship this morning holds a very prominent place in the history of the Music Ministry of RCPC. This piece has been presented in many ways during worship since its first use in the early 80s and has since become a musical anchor for our congregation.

- It was a favorite of Director of Christian Education, Mary Lea Hartman, and was sung at her funeral by all the choirs of our church at the time.
- For many years, during the tenure of Ms. Linda Mayes, this anthem served as the sending song for those embarking to Montreat for the summer Worship and Music conference each year in June.
- Last spring, it was presented by the God Alive Choir during their Children's Ministry Sunday more than forty years after its original presentation in worship at RCPC.

This morning, we celebrate our centennial with a festival edition featuring children, youth and adult choirs, brass, handbells, piano, and the voices of the congregation.

Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church
Roanoke, Virginia
The Church of the Open Door



May 19, 2024
11:00 AM - Sanctuary



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

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