

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

PRELUDE

Prélude, Fugue et Variation, Op. 18
I. Prélude

Dillon J. Swanson
César Franck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani
Kathleen Norris

"The Christian religion asks us to put our trust not in ideas, and certainly not in ideologies,
but in a God Who was vulnerable enough to become human and die,
and Who desires to be present to us in our ordinary circumstances."

**Together we worship the God who is near as our own breath and known
in the loving touch of those around us.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 667

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are made in your image, O God, and yet we tell ourselves we are "self-made." You form us for connection with others, and yet we say, "I can do it myself." You give us a church so that we have others to journey with, but we are willing to give only when convenient and prefer to face forward rather than acknowledge those around us. We are suspicious, anxious, and afraid. But we cannot be ourselves alone, so we ask you to turn our heads, open our eyes, and calm our fears so that we might know your presence in our neighbors and become your disciples.

(Let us silently offer confessions that are individually ours to make.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*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 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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 17:17; 18:24 (p. 588 in the pew Bible)
The grass withers and the flowers fade but the word of the Lord stands forever. **Amen.**

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

Galatians 2:1-10 (p. 1059 in the pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley
They Pick You Up and Don't Put You Down

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leigh Sackett
from *The Confession of 1967*

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 727

THE SERVANT SONG

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

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

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*DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH, Alt.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God form 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 771

NEW WORLD

What Is the World Like

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Find Your People

Drew Holcomb

In a world of strangers, who can you trust? You see the danger, finding what's lost. You can't do it alone. We all need help. You find your people and you find yourself.

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes: Sam Bullington & Caroline Bullington

Children's Worship: Lisa Goad, Cora Goad, and Eliza Goad

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Ginger Barbour (friend of Elise Hansard), Marvin & Roena Barbre, Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman, David-Charles Campbell, Mayuen Chice, Beverly Day and family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), Jimmy Hunziker (cousin of Stella Snead), Cameron & Susie Hutto, Susan Lindstrom, Megan Mallare (friend of Kathy Grove), Melissa Martin (friend of Lisa Boylan), Rusty McCown, Jon Nance (Bill and Betty Nance's son/stepson), Steve Pottinger (Bob & India Atkinson's son-in-law), Cameron Stanley (Grandson of Betty Nance), Caroline Suess (elementary teacher to Eleanor Lockaby, Joanna Whaley, and Nora Chapman), and all caregivers.

Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with Cathy Guilfoyle and her family following the passing of her husband, Frank Guilfoyle, on Tuesday, January 7.

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 January, we are supporting the emergency support given by Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) and the Presbyterian Community Center (PCC). This emergency support aids neighbors with rent, mortgage and utility payments. All money raised this month will be split between the two organizations so we can aid neighbors throughout the city. 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 the RAM & PCC in the text box. As of January 5, we have collected \$818.09 for the RAM & PCC.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER Friday, January 17 - 6:00 PM—9:00 PM

Parents of little ones 2-years-old and up (and potty trained) are invited to enjoy a night out while the Youth Group watches your kids. We invite you to pay what you want in order to generously support our Youth summer trips to Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference and Montreat Youth Conference. The youth (with adults) will watch kids on Friday, January 17 from 6:00 PM— 9:00 PM providing dinner, a craft, games, and a movie. Sign up using the link in the This Week @ RCPC or by visiting tinyurl.com/ParentsNightOut2025

FELLOWSHIP DINNER A favorite meal for young and old will be offered at January 15th's Fellowship Dinner. Sign up in the gathering area or online at rcpres.org/dinner by January 14, and you can choose Pork BBQ on a bun or Mushroom BBQ for vegetarians. Sides offered are coleslaw, potato chips, and baked beans. I know you'll want to be there if only to try the dessert called "Dirty Pudding!" Your whole family can eat for a suggested donation of \$25, or each person a suggested donation of \$8. Please bring your own container if you need to take yours home.

HUNGER MISSION We need food packers for Lincoln Terrace Elementary. We pack food in the gathering area each Thursday from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. We are currently packing 103 bags of food each week to feed children for the weekend. The hour is both rewarding and a fun time of fellowship. If you have questions, contact Paula Derbyshire (540.309.8816) or use the sign up link in Monday's This Week @ RCPC email.

RCPC VARIETY SHOW Almost time for RCPC's annual variety show! The past few years have brought out skits, soloists, duets, small ensembles, and poets. The evening is a great opportunity to get know our church families a little better. The event will be Wednesday, February 12 following Fellowship Dinner. We'll give special consideration for younger performers who need to perform early due to their school schedule. Acts can sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area or online at tinyurl.com/RCPCVarietyShow2025. Anyone with questions can contact Jeff Bossert at jbossert71@outlook.com.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT: UNPLUGGED March 14-16, 2025 at Massanetta Springs "....and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Doesn't it feel like life gets faster and faster? The promises of contemporary society, technology, and convenience have not led us to spend more time in contemplation, recreation, and relationships. Instead, they have driven us to increase our capacity to produce and accomplish more. It feels like we are in an accelerated age and everything from the planet to our own lives is "burning out." Besides eternity with God, there is no way out of this modern malaise, but as Christians we are given moments of resonance, where the Good News of God interrupts the speeding up of life, surprises us, breaks in, and gives us a moment of rest. Such is our retreat in March—a moment of reflection, recreation, and rest—two days of resonance. Doesn't that sound wonderful? Join us this spring as we explore a life a little more "Unplugged" from the pressures, expectations, and envy of modern life. Register online at rcpres.org/retreat before January 31.

WINTER VBS: THE GRANDPARENT EFFECT Saturday, February 8 – 9:00 AM–12:00 PM Grandparents are one of the best support systems. They hold a lot of wisdom. Listening to their stories enriches our lives and guides us! Through their stories, grandparents pass on the legacy of our families from generation to generation. This means we will never forget where we came from ... not just within our own families, but within the family of God! This Winter VBS, we ask that each child participating either bring a grandparent or an older adult that serves that type of role in their life (this could be a neighbor, a church member, another family member, like an aunt or uncle). If you are not sure who your child can bring along, contact Leigh Sackett. Registration: January 6-27 at tinyurl.com/WinterVBS2025

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

January 20 at 7:00 PM—Hill Street Baptist Church (111 Madison Ave NW) “The Dream is Alive in Us!” Dr. Kenneth Wright, Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Gainsboro will deliver the Keynote Sermon and the Rev. Andrew Whaley of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church will provide the Inspirational Message. This service will take the place of the January Third Thursday Evening Prayer Service.

RCPC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION RCPC Preschool begins priority registration for the 2025-2026 school year, for church members on January 13. We serve students ages 12 months through 5 years old 5 days a week! Email Betsy at betsy@rcpres.org to set up a tour if you are interested.

PUMP-A-PINT BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday, January 21 from 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM. Register online at REDCROSSBLOOD.org or contact Lillian Alexander at alexanderlj@yahoo.com or 540-632-8921. Sign-Up sheet is also available in the Gathering Area on Sundays. Join the ranks of faithful donors and leave knowing you’ve helped save three lives!.

ELDERS

Class of 2025

Debra Abbott
Stephanie Danco
Chuck Gilliland
Eddie Martin
Henry Schaefer

Class of 2026

Matt Arnold
Hunter Moore
Jennifer Owen-O’Quill
Christopher Ptomey

Class of 2027

Jessi Beckett
Mark Derbyshire
Victoria Skinner
Marty Trussell
Hugh Wellons

DEACONS

Class of 2025

Dawn Long
Abby Pierson
Jane Powell

Class of 2026

Maggie Jarrett
Will Smith
Kaitlin Swanner
Betty Whitehead

Class of 2027

Chris DeFalco
Kirk Martin
Mike Mayo
Autumn Quinn
Kathy Sebolt

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, January 12

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel
10:00 AM Sunday School & Discover RCPC
10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
12:15 PM Earth Care committee
12:15 PM Youth Reps
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, January 13

10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
12:30 PM Small Group: Whaley
5:30 PM Stewardship & Finance
6:00 PM Fellowship Committee
7:00 PM Deacons

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
10:15 AM Presbyterian Women
4:00 PM Small Group: Dixon
6:00 PM Mission Workgroup
6:30 PM Genesis Ringers
7:30 PM Raleigh Court Ringers
7:30 PM Small Group: Biddle

Wednesday, January 15

4:00 PM God Alive – 4th & 5th Graders Chili Making
5:00 PM Hospitality Committee
6:15 PM Fellowship Dinner
7:00 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Presbyterian Women Evening Circle
7:00 PM Small Group: Sackett
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 16

9:00 AM Hunger Mission Packing
10:30 AM Small Group: Hansard

Friday, January 17

6:00 PM Parents Night Out Fundraiser
6:00 PM Young Adults: Starcade

Saturday, January 18

1:00 PM Living the Word

Sunday, January 19

9:00 AM Worship - Chapel
10:00 AM Sunday School & Discover RCPC
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Group

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
AI-Anon: Friday, 11:45 AM

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



Sunday, January 12, 2025
11:00 AM - Sanctuary



*Find Your
People*

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

Ministers
Pastor & Head of Staff
Associate Pastor
Director of Christian Education
Minister of Care
Director of Music Ministries
Preschool Director

All the People of Raleigh Court Church
The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley
The Rev. Isabella Fagiani
Leigh Sackett
The Rev. David Dixon, MD
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