

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

PRELUDE

Let All Things Now Living

Raleigh Court Ringers

Arr. Cathy Moklebust

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Sackett

Reinhold Niebuhr in *Leaves from the Notebook of a Tamed Cynic*, 1926

On the whole, people do not achieve great moral heights out of a sense of duty.

You may be able to compel them to maintain certain minimum standards by stressing duty,

but the highest moral and spiritual achievements depend not upon a push but upon a pull.

People must be charmed into righteousness.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

Youth Bell Choir

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 100

(p. 541 in the pew Bible)

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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

Matthew 25:31-46

(p. 904 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

True Righteousness

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani
from the Belhar Confession (1986)

We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 773

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

Heaven Shall Not Wait

(stanza 1 women of the choir, stanza 2 men of the choir, stanzas 3-4 all)

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 in your bulletin with your smartphone. Visit rcpres.org and click "Give Now" to learn more.

OFFERTORY

The Sanctuary Choir

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice, Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, Come ye before Him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our aid He did us make; we are his folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto; praise laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lords our God is good: His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore, from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH, alt.

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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 367

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

THEMBA AMEN

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfried Karg-Elert

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Sam Bullington

Children's Worship: Elizabeth Chapman

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Easton Beckett, Dawn Blakeman, Donn Branch, Brendan Brown (Kathy and Les Brown's grandson), Jennifer Bryant, Karcy Clark, Eugene Cooley, The Cronin Family, Billy Grove, Skip Hastings, Susan Lindstrom, Joe McCrobie, Betsy Neathawk, Ramona Simmons, Nancy Smith (Alan Smith's mother), Roger Tims, Jill Wood, and all caregivers.

Our sincere thoughts are prayers are extended to the family of Debbie Graves on her passing on November 12.

The flowers in the Gathering Area are given in loving memory of Debbie Graves by her family.

ONLINE GIVING For those who may not remember to bring a check or cash on a Sunday, you can set up your giving to RCPC online. This can be done as a one-time or an on-going way to support our mission and ministry. You can either visit www.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.



FELLOWSHIP DINNERS Fellowship Dinners continue this fall each Wednesday at 6:15 PM. Meals are a suggested donation of \$7 for an individual 12 years and up, \$5 for children ages 4-11, and free for 3 and younger, with a max of \$20 for a family. Please register by noon the Tuesday before each meal online at rcpres.org/dinner. **Menu for November 30:** Salisbury Steak, Rice, Country Green Beans, Homemade Bread, Orange Ginger Tofu, Red Velvet Cake.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP You are invited to a Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal tonight at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Following dinner, we will hold a Thanksgiving worship service in the Chapel. Thanksgiving homily, hymns and gratitude, and a celebration of the Thanksgiving Meal (Eucharist). Please bring a 16oz jar of peanut butter for our Hunger Mission Group so that we can remember that just as the Lord feeds us, so we are sent to feed others in Christ's name. We welcome musical guest Julee Hickcox.

DRUMSTICK DASH Dear Friends, I am a Drumstick Dash Ambassador this year, and if you would like to support the Rescue Mission and get some fun and exercise at the same time; please consider signing up and becoming a Dasher! Please register at drumstickdash.com. You can get a 20% discount by typing in my first name, last initial, and 20 (Leigh-AnneW20) where there shows a coupon box. I also have a team, Two Feet and Four Feet which stands for people walkers and puppy walkers. It's not necessary to join the team, nor is it necessary to be present. You can contribute even if you are going out of town, want to walk in your neighborhood, or have other Thanksgiving Day plans. -Leigh-Anne Williams

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special, please complete the form in the This Week @ RCPC below with name(s) for dedication or complete the envelope in the pews and place the envelope in the offering plate. Please note on the memo line of the check "Poinsettia" or the notes field if paying online. The deadline to order is December 11. A list will be included in the bulletin on December 18. The cost per dedication is \$12.



**CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT:
MARCH 24-26, 2023
SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**

Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water. - John 7:38 Join us at Massanetta Springs for the RETURN of our

Congregational Retreat! This has been a LONG TIME COMING, and we are elated to have this chance to gather again as a community of faith. We will be looking at the healing and restoring power of water in the scripture together as we are immersed in the "Springs" of Massanetta. There will be Bible Study, Worship, Recreation, Quiet Reflection, Games, Food, Sweet Sixteen Basketball, Campfires, S'mores, Songs, and more. Step away from the over-scheduled calendar. Carve out a weekend. Be restored by the one who has claimed you in the water of baptism and who fills you to flow with that same love into the world. Book your room at Massanetta Springs for the 2023 Congregational Retreat today to lock in the early bird pricing! Form and payment are due by Wednesday, November 30 to Leigh Sackett or Anne Currin. Register online at tinyurl.com/RCPCRetreat2023 or fill out a paper form from the Gathering Area.

HEAVEN'S WHISPER: A MEDITATIVE SERVICE IN ADVENT December can be "the most wonderful time of the year." The temptation to rush and buy and over-schedule, however, can also distract us from the mystery and marvel of the incarnation of our God in Jesus Christ. And the emphasis on family gatherings can bring pain to folks who have suffered a loss or an estrangement from another. "Where do I fit into the holidays?" some might be asking. To help us find our center and to remember who we truly are, we invite you to our Advent Evening Prayer worship service on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 PM in the chapel. This will be a time for stillness, the hearing of scripture, a word of hope, special music, and anointing with oil. As we enter the Advent season, let us join our voices together in longing to call out for Emmanuel, God-with-us. We welcome guest musician Bill Parish on oboe.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: A RCPC TRADITION Come join in the fun on Saturday December 3 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM to help RCPC's Chancel Guild transform the Sanctuary, Chapel and Gathering Area for Advent and Christmas. Congregants of all ages are encouraged to participate!

Childcare will be provided for toddlers and children so you can make this a family event. If you need infant care, please contact Leigh Sackett. There will be light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall and opportunities to visit with old friends and make new ones as many hands will make light work for all. And who knows, there just might be a visit from a jolly old elf from up north!!

The Chancel Guild is also still in search of gently used artificial Christmas trees of all shapes and sizes. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Nash at 540-761-2123 or email dpnash@cox.net.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CARIBBEAN The Presbyterian Women invite you to enjoy Christmas music and desserts featuring the *Bahama Mamas Steel Drum Band* on Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Vickie Haynie at vhaynie@fsrv.org by Sunday, December 4, or on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, November 20

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
6:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal & Worship

Monday, November 21

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
5:30 PM Stewardship & Finance
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
7:00 PM BSA Troop 2
7:00 PM Personnel & Administration

Tuesday, November 22

9:00 AM Preschool
9:00 AM Hunger Mission Packing
10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
5:00 PM Family Promise Dinner Guests
6:00 PM Tai Chi

Wednesday, November 23

5:00 PM Family Promise Dinner Guests

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving
10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
5:00 PM Family Promise Dinner Guests
6:30 PM Hip Sober Chicks

Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed
11:45 AM Al-Anon
5:00 PM Family Promise Dinner Guests

Saturday, November 26

5:00 PM Family Promise Dinner Guests

Sunday, November 27

Advent – Alternative Giving Begins
9:00 AM Worship – Chapel
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary

**Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church
Roanoke, Virginia**



The Church of the Open Door
11:00 AM - Sanctuary
Sunday, November 20, 2022

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

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

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