



RALEIGH COURT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

# Resurrection of the Body

**THE FIVE SENSES OF NEW LIFE**

Sermon Series: April 27 – May 25

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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

## Graduate Sunday

**Sunday, May 4**

Join us as we celebrate the graduates in the life of our church during the 11:00 AM worship service.

## Music Ministry Sunday

**Sunday, May 11**

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

## Third Thursday Evening Prayer Service

**Thursday, May 15**  
**7:00 PM—Chapel**

While we explore The Five Senses of New Life in Sunday morning worship, this Evening Prayer service will give us a chance to encounter and use all of our senses during worship. We will pray over the concerns of our neighbors, taste the Eucharist, and spend time worshipping God through the use of all of our senses.

## Confirmation Sunday

**Sunday, May 18**  
**11:00 AM—Sanctuary**

We'll celebrate our new confirmands during the 11:00 AM worship service. Confirmands, families, and mentors are invited to a reception in the Columbarium at 10:00 AM. As confirmation begins in January, please pray for these youth embarking on a journey in their faith together: Finley Biddle, Rachel Brockman, Caroline Bullington, Diana Dietz, Cora Goad, Cora Hertz, Frank Ward, Gracie Ward, and Simon Whaley.

## Summer Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, May 25, Sunday worship will move to one service at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary until Labor Day.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Sunday School—May Classes

**The Seekers—Room 201**

**Spiritual Roots in Archeology – Great Courses** (May 11-18)

Stonehenge. Machu Picchu. The Acropolis. The Great Pyramids at Giza. Sites such as these have captivated the world for centuries—even millennia—since their creation. They are works of great beauty whose construction required spectacular feats of engineering, involved the efforts of hundreds of thousands of individuals, and incurred a tremendous financial cost on the civilizations that created them.

But why were these massive sites created? What impulse drove ancient cultures to devote such time and labor into these projects? Why are we so transfixed by their presence today? And what do these and other mysterious sites reveal about our ancestors—and about humanity as a whole?

The answer to these and other eternal questions is the dynamic force of religious belief. Religion, in its many forms, is among the most powerful of all human impulses. The philosophical and intellectual side of religious practice is well studied—but religion also manifests itself physically. From cave art to intricate burial chambers to grand hilltop temples, the material expression of spirituality is less understood but offers equally deep insights into why humans believe in something larger than themselves.

**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

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Senior Send Off

**Sunday, May 4  
6:00 PM—8:00 PM**

Youth grades 6th—12th will gather for a time of fellowship, celebration, and offering a blessing upon our seniors before they graduate. Senior Send Off will serve as our final Sunday evening Youth Group until the Fall.

### Summer Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Ministry Sign Ups have gone live! Look to Isabella's weekly newsletter to sign up for things like: Canoe Float on June 8 and Hometown Mission Week August 4-6. As a reminder, rising 6th graders are invited to participate in Hometown Mission Week!

### Confirmation

Pray for our Confirmands during their Session Examination on Monday, May 5 at 7:00 PM.

Confirmation Retreat at Camp Bethel is Friday, May 16 to Saturday, May 17. Confirmands will spend an evening & day away full of fellowship, celebration, and reflection as Confirmation comes to a close. As a reminder, mentors are asked to join us on Saturday morning from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Camp Bethel.

Confirmation Sunday is May 18. Confirmands and their families and mentors are invited to a reception at 10:00 AM in the Columbarium. We'll take pictures with mentors and families, and celebrate this milestone. We'll celebrate Confirmation during the 11:00 AM worship service that morning.

## MUSIC MINISTRY



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

Our season's closing concert program celebrates the promise of new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ as we look to the next 100 years of ministry at RCPC. Music includes an assortment of Eastertide hymns and anthems including Ralph Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs led by guest conductor William G. Snyder and baritone soloist Charlie Blueweiss.



**New Children's Choir Robes!**





# Once Upon a Parable

**RCPC BIBLE AND MUSIC CAMP 2025**  
RALEIGH COURT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - ROANOKE, VA

## July 28-31, 2025

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30**

Jesus was a storyteller! Jesus engaged the crowds with tales meant to teach, amuse, puzzle, inspire, and sometimes even irritate. Two thousand years later, his stories still captivate audiences and draw people close to God. Unlike fairy tales, where the king reigns over the people, Jesus, our King, walks alongside us. He tells us stories of a man who cares for an injured stranger, a father who welcomes his wayward son home, a banquet where everyone is invited and welcomed, and a tiny seed of faith that grows and grows with God's love!

Bible and Music Camp will celebrate these stories of God's love through music, dance, storytelling, puppetry, and play! The structure of Bible and Music Camp contains half-day & full-day programming schedules to allow for the participation of a variety of age groups:

### **Rising Pre-K** **Potty Trained**

**Half-Day Camp**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
\$25/week

### **Rising** **Kindergarten** **- 5th Grade**

**Full-Day Camp**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
\$50/week for 1st child  
\$35/week for 2nd child  
\$30/week for 3rd+ child

### **Rising 6th -** **8th Grade**

**Half-Day Camp**  
12:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
\$25/Week  
Youth Campers may also  
volunteer for the morning  
half-day camp & their  
fee is waived!



**Fees cover cost of  
supplies, snacks,  
& a t-shirt!**

**FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER, VISIT**  
**[rcpres.org/BibleMusicCamp](http://rcpres.org/BibleMusicCamp)**

# FELLOWSHIP

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Peter Anderson  
Kirk Grove  
2 Barry Marsh  
3 Chris DeFalco  
Frank Ward  
Grace Ward  
5 Janet Miller  
6 Chip Morris  
8 Trish O'Quill  
Stella Snead  
Grace Whitehead  
10 Rod Poffenberger  
11 Ellen Austin  
Marty Saviers  
Victoria Skinner  
12 Katie Thisdell  
13 Holly Poffenberger  
14 Kerry Bossert  
15 Sam Favor  
Alex Martin  
Barbara Neal  
16 Rusty McCown  
17 Mary Grace Knappe  
Hunter Moore  
Lucy Smith  
Sharon Stinnette  
18 Tom Alcoe  
Ashley Feuerstein  
Ron Kemnitzner  
Bennett Kessler  
Rebecca Lovingood  
20 David McFarland  
21 Heidi Peters  
Rennie Snow

24 Christopher Bryant  
Joshua Goad  
Chad Heddleston  
25 Kathy Sebolt  
Simon Whaley  
27 Joanne Foster  
Susan Knighton  
28 Mary Elizabeth Frantz  
Katherine Utley  
29 Lisa Goad  
Wilkes Jarrett  
30 Joshua Dietz  
Mary Whittaker Garner  
31 Isabella Fagiani  
Cora Hertz

### Special Anniversary Wishes:

Kurt & Maureen Guelzow on celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary on May 27.

### Special Birthday Wishes:

Barbara Neal on celebrating her 93rd birthday on May 15.  
Rebecca Lovingood on celebrating her 91st birthday on May 18.

## Book Group

Nancy Ayling's monthly book group will meet on May 14 in room 201 at 10:30 AM.

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

## Salem Red Sox Game

Our next RCPC Salem Red Sox outing will be on Friday, June 6 at 6:30 PM. We'll be back in Section 303 (upper level, up from the first base line) where we've been for most games. Tickets are \$11. You can bring your money to the church office, where it can be left in Dawn Long's mailbox, or get it to Jeff Bossert. Register online at [tinyurl.com/RCPCRedSox2025](http://tinyurl.com/RCPCRedSox2025) or on the sheet in the Gathering Area.

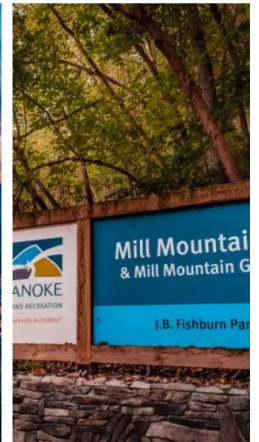
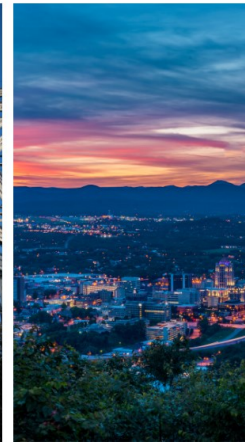
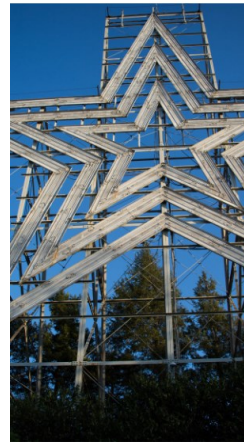
Anyone with questions can reach out to him at [jbossert71@outlook.com](mailto:jbossert71@outlook.com).

## Mother's Day Brunch

Join us on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11 for a brunch between worship services on this Music Ministry Sunday. The Fellowship Committee is still seeking "a few good men" to help make this day a possibility so the Mothers in our church do not have to serve. Contact Dawn Long at [bdjljlong@cox.net](mailto:bdjljlong@cox.net) for more details.

## Worship & Potluck Picnic @ Mill Mountain

Save the Date: Sunday, June 15



## Pump-a-Pint Summer Blood Drive

RCPC's Summer Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday June 10 from 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-ups are available at [REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](http://REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG). You are also welcome to contact Lillian Alexander at 540-632-8921 or email [alexanderlj@yahoo.com](mailto:alexanderlj@yahoo.com) and she will gladly get you on the schedule! The sign-up sheet will also be available in the Gathering Area before and after Sunday worship services in May. The Pump-a-Pint Mission Group would love to have you join the ranks of faithful donors here at RCPC. Come for the snacks and fellowship, leave knowing you have saved three lives!





# MISSION

## April Mission Partner: Haiti

There are many troubled locations in our world of 2025. Some have been troubled for many years. One such location is Haiti. For several decades, we as the congregation of RCPC have strived to make things better for the one small Haitian village of Larevoir, where the St. Timothee School is located. Some of our accomplishments there have been large and visible - others have been small and more difficult to measure. In the difficult reality of current circumstances in Haiti, the continuity of our RCPC presence at St. Timothee's has positively affected multiple individuals and families. It is something of a station of hope. Although mission trips there are no longer at all safe, communication with the leadership does continue.

Here are a couple of recent notes (minimally annotated) from the Rev. Jean Junior Jean, the Priest in Charge of the School.

"In January the Church celebrated the Feast Day of St. Timothee. The entire community was present. It was a beautiful party. We can say that the entire area is spared from the violence of armed groups and insecurity. We can walk at any time without fear and without dread. We pray that God protects us more and that the peace that we have at St. Timothee also comes to Port au Prince and to the whole of Haiti." "I greet you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ and wish you a good and holy time of Lent, a time that invites us as Christians to meditate on the sacrifice of Christ on the cross for the salvation of the world. This is to thank you for the money sent to replace the filters and accessories for the water treatment. A big thanks to you and to our friends, May God bless you and keep you."

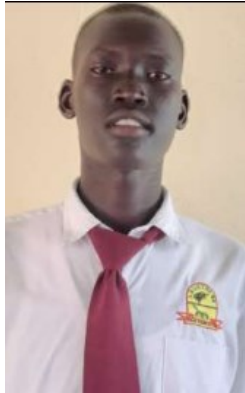
May is Haiti Month on this year's Generosity Calendar. Please consider contributing to the weekly loose plate offering or render a more direct contribution towards sustaining our relationship with St. Timothee's and maintaining hope for our troubled Haitian friends. And PLEASE, PLEASE pray for the children we serve there.

## Abukloi Student Sponsorship

Meet the students sponsored by RCPC at Abukloi Secondary School!



Mary Akuch Mading  
19 years old  
loves volleyball and  
wants to become a  
medical doctor



Samuel Marop Madut  
20 years old  
loves to play  
basketball and wants  
to become a medical  
doctor

Letter from Mary Akuch Mading:

*"To the members of Raleigh Court.*

*I want to say that thank you for all you did to me, especially paying my school fees. I am proud of you and happy for myself because I am in school working hard for my future to be a medical doctor.*

*I am by name Mary Akuch Mading, student at Abukloi Secondary School. I am senior four student. Thank you for supporting me in school. I participate in the Peace and human rights club at our school.*

*Thank you. God bless you in everything you do.*

*Yours Faithfully,*

*Mary Akuch Mading  
Senior Four Student"*

## Hometown Mission Week—Shepherds Wanted

**August 4—6, 2025**

Shepherds accompany and serve with a small group of youth 1-3 days of our Hometown Mission Week. As a Shepherd, you arrive with the youth, worship alongside them, help drive them to mission sites, and work alongside them at the sites. At times, you will serve as a small group leader—prompting kids to think on questions (given to you) about their service. You make sure the kids in your group are always present as we move from site to site and the places where we are eating a brown bag lunch (often in a local park). While mission sites are not yet determined, activities in the past have included gardening at the Carver Garden, sorting food at the PCC, making PB&J sandwiches at the Rescue Mission, decorating lunch bags at RAM, landscaping at the Bradley Free Clinic, sorting donations at the Rescue Mission, waterway clean up at Wasena Park, and many more! If you are interested or would like more information, contact Isabella at [Isabella@rcpres.org](mailto:Isabella@rcpres.org).

## May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 7pm—RCNA Board Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8am—Habitat for Humanity Workday 2:30pm—Funeral: Steve Prichard
<b>4 Graduate Sunday</b> 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12pm—Congregational Meeting 12:15pm—Youth Trips Parents Meeting 5pm—Youth Choir 6pm—Youth Group: Senior Send Off	<b>5</b> 12:30pm—Small Group: Whaley 7pm—Confirmation: Session Examination	<b>6</b> 9am—Staff Meeting 9:30am—PW Coordinating Team 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5pm—Mission Committee 6:30pm—Genesis Ringers 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Small Group: Biddle	<b>7</b> 4pm—God Alive: End of Year Party 7pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Sanctuary Choir	<b>8</b> 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 5:30pm—Justice, Equity, & Belonging 7pm—Officer Training	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 Music Ministry Sunday</b> 9am—Worship: Chapel 9:30am—Mother's Day Brunch 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm—Earth Care Committee	<b>12</b> 12:30pm—Small Group: Whaley 6pm—Fellowship Committee 7pm—Deacons	<b>13</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>14</b> 5pm—Hospitality Committee 6:30pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Presbyterian Women Evening Circle 7pm—Sanctuary Choir	<b>15</b> 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 7pm—Officer Training 7pm—Third Thursday Evening Prayer Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1pm—Living the Word
					Confirmation Retreat-Camp Bethel	Confirmation Retreat-Camp Bethel

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<b>18 Confirmation Sunday</b> 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm—Youth Committee 4pm—Centennial Series Closing Concert	<b>19</b> 12:30pm—Small Group: Whaley 3:30pm—Preschool Committee 4:30pm—Personnel & Administration 5:30pm—Stewardship & Finance	<b>20</b> 9am—Staff Meeting 1:15pm—Worship & Music 5:30pm—Endowment Board 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Small Group: Biddle	<b>21</b> 6:30pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Sanctuary Choir	<b>22</b> 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 9:30am—Preschool Graduation 11am—Preschool Staff Workday 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 7pm—Officer Training	<b>23</b> 9am—Preschool Staff Workday
<b>25</b> 10am—Worship: Sanctuary	<b>26</b> <b>Church Office Closed for Memorial Day</b>	<b>27</b> 9am—Staff Meeting 9am—Preschool Camp 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers	<b>28</b> 9am—Preschool Camp 7pm—Sanctuary Choir	<b>29</b> 9am—Preschool Camp 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 7pm—Officer Training	<b>30</b> 9am—Preschool Camp
					<b>31</b> 3pm—DeFalco & Epling Wedding

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