

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

Diana Dietz

PRELUDE

Austin Frantz, Youth Organist
Josef Rheinberger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel Owen O'Quill

We come with our faith and with our doubts
We come with our hopes and with our fears.
We come as we are, because you have invited us;
And you have promised never to turn us away.
Keeping us looking to Jesus, the one who started this journey of faith.
For he is the one who completes this journey of faith.
Let us worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN 826

CRUCIFER

Lift High the Cross

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lily Ward

Dear God, we confess that although we are wrapped in your love and know you go with us wherever we go, we do not live as you want us to live. We judge others without even knowing them, we turn the other way, ignoring our family, our friends, and people in need. We are easily distracted by our own lives, our own needs, and our own wants. We don't pay attention when others are struggling to make ends meet, struggling with mental health, or even struggling to fit in. Often times we only pay attention to what is on the outside of people and the places we live. But you teach us that it is what is on the inside that matters. God, we ask your forgiveness. Open our eyes to those around us, and remind us what it might be like to be in their shoes. Hear us now as we silently confess to you the ways we have ignored the needs of others.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Finley Biddle

*GLORIA PATRI

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O Take as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Cora Hertz

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING

Hannah Hertz

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Lydia Goad

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Willie Mae Milani

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colton Naff

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

(p. 162 in the pew Bible)

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Caroline Bullington, Frank Ward, & Carter Naff

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

Griffin Shaver, Cora Goad, Maggie Jarrett

Ruth 1:1-18

(p. 238 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

We Will Go Together

Maggie Jarrett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

GIVING THANKS FOR OUR TRAVELERS

We invite you to give thanks for those who journey into the hard places with you. Write the name of your Ruth or your Naomi on the piece of paper you were given as you entered worship.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Gracie Ward

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 611

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Analise Martin & Amelia Martin

Today's prayer is responsive. When you hear our leaders say "Lord in your mercy," respond with "Hear our Prayer."

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our 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

Anna Favor

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

Morning Has Broken

Youth Bell Choir

Martha Lynn Thompson

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Wilkes Jarrett

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 69

HERE I AM

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Blessed Assurance

This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

*POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach, BWV

Prelude in B Flat from the "Eight Little Preludes and Fugues"

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: Charley Stephenson, Sam Bullington, Marie Tulou, Emma Martin, & Sam Favor

Acolytes: Frank Ward

Children's Worship: Lisa Goad

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dawn Blakeman, Lisa Boylan, Donn Branch, Brendan Brown (Kathy and Les Brown's grandson), Bill Gordge, Billy Grove, Susan Lindstrom, Joe McCrobie, Betsy Neathawk, Nancy Smith (Alan Smith's mother), Roger Tims, and all caregivers.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING TODAY We invite you to contribute a few cents for each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty in the world. Jesus commands, "You give them something to eat." Matthew 14:16

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.



"THIS IS MY STORY" - SERMON SERIES, JANUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 12 "Every time a story is well-told, the Gospel has been served" - Eugene Peterson. In January and February we are embarking on an exciting adventure. Members of the This is My Story class will be sharing parts of their writings with each week's sermon. This is an opportunity to hear how the Gospel has played out in the lives of our fellow travelers in the faith and is an invitation for you to look at your own story and God's presence in it as well.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT: SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER

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 March 24-26, 2023! 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. 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. Registration closes Tuesday, January 31, sign up online at tinyurl.com/RCPC2023Retreat. All forms and payment are due to Leigh Sackett or Lori Tosoni by Tuesday, January 31.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS Fellowship Dinners continue this winter and spring 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 February 1:** Tacos, Black Beans, Red Rice, Toppings Bar, Pudding Surprise, Mushroom Tacos

LENT BAGS It is time to sign up for your Lent Bag! These bags are full of Lenten practices to enrich your journey, drawing you closer to God in this coming Lenten season. The activities in your bags can be used by a single person or an entire family. They are for families with 2-year-olds as well as homes with 80-year-olds. Sign up today and you will receive 1 kit per household that will be in the Gathering Area for you to pick up on Sunday, February 19. The deadline to request a Lent Bag is February 5. Sign up link: tinyurl.com/RCPCLEnt2023

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROSITY: RAM HOUSE This January, you're invited to support the daily operations of Roanoke Area Ministries, RAM House. RAM House provides a safe day shelter and a source of lunch for over 160 neighbors. \$4 supports one RAM client per day including their stay in the day shelter and lunch. To give a gift, you can donate by cash labeled in an envelope or by check denoting RAM House in the memo line.

RCPC VARIETY SHOW The Fellowship Committee invites you to come and enjoy a night of fellowship and fun at the Variety Show on Friday, February 3 at 7:00 PM. You won't want to miss the variety of talents found at RCPC!

HISTORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT The History Committee has been hard at work documenting our church's history picking up where Betty Merritt's book concluded, The History of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church from 1990 to 2020, 30 years of RCPC history! The History of RCPC is available through a link at the top of the RCPC Website (rcpres.org). Any questions contact Carole Banks at pixiebowls@gmail.com.

CHILI LUNCHEON Support our Youth Group and enjoy some church fellowship with our Chili Luncheon on February 12 after the 11:00 AM worship service. Dine in or take chili-to-go donating what you want with all proceeds going to support our Youth's summer activities such as Montreat Youth Conference and Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference. See you in the Fellowship Hall!

WINTER VBS: WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE! We will dive into the Bible as we dive into water adventures at our One-Day Winter VBS - "Water, Water, Everywhere!" Winter VBS is on Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All 3-yearolds through 1st graders are invited to attend. Come see how many animals you can fit on the ark, take a walk through the Red Sea, live in a whale like Jonah, grab a pole and go fishing like the disciples, calm the storm with Jesus on a wild boat ride, see what messages you can pull up from the well, and learn about water and what it means to our lives both physically and spiritually! Sign up online at tinyurl.com/WinterVBS2023

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, January 29

Youth Sunday
 9:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
 12:15 PM Adult Education Committee

Monday, January 30

9:00 AM Preschool
 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
 10:30 AM Small Group: "The Pastor's Porch" - Whaley
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 2
 7:00 PM Session

Tuesday, January 31

9:00 AM Preschool
 10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
 1:30 PM Pump-A-Pint Blood Drive
 4:00 PM Small Group: "The Parking Lot Fools" – Dixon
 5:30 PM Tai Chi
 7:00 PM Hospitality Committee
 7:15 PM Raleigh Court Ringers
 8:00 PM Small Group: "Soul Sisters" - Biddle

Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM Preschool
 4:00 PM God Alive
 6:15 PM Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 PM Small Group: "The After Dinner Crowd" – Sackett
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2

9:00 AM Preschool
 9:00 AM Hunger Mission Packing
 10:00 AM Centering Prayer (St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church)
 10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
 4:30 PM Tai Chi
 6:00 PM BSA Council Meeting
 6:30 PM Hip Sober Chicks

Friday, February 3

9:00 AM Preschool
 11:45 AM AI-Anon
 7:00 PM Variety Show

Saturday, February 4

Sunday, February 5

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel
 10:00 AM Sunday School & This is My Story
 11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
 12:00 PM Discover RCPC
 5:05 PM Youth Bells
 5:45 PM Youth Group

**Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church
 Roanoke, Virginia**



The Church of the Open Door
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - Sanctuary
 Sunday, January 29, 2023
 Youth Sunday



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

Ministers	All the People of Raleigh Court
Pastor and Head of Staff	The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Isabella Fagiani
Director of Christian Education	Leigh Sackett
Minister of Care	The Rev. David Dixon, MD, Episcopal Deacon
Director of Music Ministries & Organist	Mitchell R. Weisiger
Preschool Director	Betsy Prillaman

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