

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

Morning WorshipNine o'clock and Eleven o'clock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The Westminster Chimes

Welcome and Opening Prayer Eliza Goad

Prelude Hunter Manning Moore, piano

*Call to Worship Sloan Sebolt

Pay attention today!
Open the Bible, see yourself in the story.

We are all wrapped up in God's glory!

Pay attention today ...
and love with all your might!

**Grab hands, praise God
and say THANKS with delight!**

*Opening Hymn 12 ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession Owen Bryant

We are sorry God.

**We are sorry for the ways we hurt you,
and for the ways we hurt one another.**

**We are sorry when we only pay attention to ourselves and forget
to see you.**

You give us so much and we take it for granted.

Forgive us.

Open our eyes and our hearts to your love and light.

That love is always leading us, every single day.

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

*Assurance of Pardon Owen Bryant

*Glory to God MACHU-PICHU

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

*Passing of the Peace Joanna Whaley

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Two-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering Henry Flowers

Sloan Sebolt, 9:00 AM

Sarah & Hazel Skinner, 11:00 AM

Welcome and Opportunities for Discipleship Joanna Whaley &

Nora Chapman

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Sylvia Mutcheson

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 13:17-22 (p. 59 in the pew Bible)

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

Preschool Anthems (11:00 AM only) RCPC Preschool

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the little bitty babies in his
hands. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. He's got you and me friends
in his hands.

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Combined Anthem (11:00 AM only)RCPC Preschool & God Alive Choir

This Little Light of Mine arr. Mark Patterson

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Shine, shine, shine. Take this
little light. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine. I'm gonna let it shine 'til Jesus comes. I'm gonna let it
shine. Take this little light and let it shine!

Second Scripture Lesson Sloan Sebolt

John 8:12-18(p. 975 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hunter Manning Moore, Caroline Stephenson, Owen Bryant,

Eliza Goad, & Sylvia Mutcheson

Pay Attention!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith Hunter Manning Moore

from a *Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image**

male and female, of every race and people

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth,

exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people

to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sloan Sebolt, Sylvia Mutcheson, Sophie Franklin, & Eliza Goad

**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 Henry Flowers

*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 Dillon J. Swanson

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light arr. Dillon J. Swanson

*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 Nora Chapman

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn 377 (9:00 AM only) HOUSTON

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*God Alive Anthem (11:00 AM only) God Alive Choir

Encourage One Another Mark Burrows

Encourage one another and build up each other. Be the hands of friendship. Be
the feet of action. Be the heart of peace and hope, of kindness and care, and
love we all share. Encourage one another and build up each other. Be the ears
that listen, be the words that comfort. Be the song that sings out strong of
wonder and light, of joy taking flight. Encourage one another and build up
each other. Be the hands, be the heart, be the song, and build up each other.

*Charge and Blessing 4th & 5th Graders

*Postlude Dillon J. Swanson

Toccata on O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Michael Burkhardt

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes: Aiden Davis & Carter Naff

Ushers: Second Graders (11:00 AM only)

CHURCH NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Tom Alcock, Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman,
Brendan Brown (Kathy and Les Brown's grandson), Beverly Day and
family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), 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.

Thank you to Deanne Vance for sharing her musical gifts in accompanying
the God Alive Choir this morning.

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 April, we are supporting the work of Habitat for Humanity. In 2023, Habitat for Humanity received \$3,000 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 Habitat for Humanity in the text box. As of April 21, we have collected \$1,674.66

for Habitat for Humanity.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY Today is Children's Ministry Sunday, in both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services, Our preschool, God Alive kids, and even some youth and adults will lead us as we praise our Lord Jesus for all the ways his light guides us from generation to generation! With the expansion of the area in front of the Chancel, we are able to expand the number of children participating in this year's worship. You are invited to join us after the 11:00 AM service for cookies and lemonade on the front lawn.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS: April 7-May 12, 2024

• **The Seekers: Book Study - *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr**

In *Falling Upward*, Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and to show them that those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down" are the only ones who understand "up." Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward." In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain, as we have all seen with elders who have come to their fullness. The Seekers will study this book together as they contemplate how growth and transformation is for all of God's people, no matter where they are in life. Led by Nancy Ayling & David Dixon | Room 201

• **Discover RCPC** is a way to learn more about our life together as followers of Jesus. In these gatherings, we will get to know one another better. We will learn about how and why we worship and what is distinctive about being a Reformed Church. We will learn about how Presbyterians practice their life in covenant with each other, and we will learn the story specifically of the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church: The Church of the Open Door.

Teacher: Andrew Whaley / Room: 202. April 14 - May 5

• **Parent is a Verb** class will continue throughout the spring! Led by Leigh Sackett, Wade Whitehead, & others | Room 102

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 1948. Be ready each week until May 19 to see different visual presentations that display the worship life of our church over the last 100 years!

SERMON SERIES: FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

In this Season of Easter, we move from the Resurrection of Jesus to the coming of the Holy Spirit. This year we mark Pentecost, the birth of the Church, by celebrating the 100th anniversary of our congregation, Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. In 1924, Dr. G.M. Maxwell crafted a poem to mark the church's founding, calling it "The Church of the Open Door." During these Easter weeks, we will look at some of the stanzas of that poem and where, biblically, they originate. We will also be sharing stories and anecdotes from the 100 years of RCPC in sermons each Sunday in April and May to frame our life together in Jesus Christ as we begin to ask, "Who is God calling us to be in our next hundred years?"

April 28	<i>A Beacon of Hope</i> & John 8:12-16	Exodus 13:21-22
May 5	<i>For the Travel-Stained, Weary & Sore</i>	Matthew 11:28-30
May 12	<i>My Spirit Responds to the Call</i> & 1 Samuel 3:1-18	Psalms 100
May 19	<i>The Church of the Open Door</i> & Revelation 3:14-4:6	Isaiah 6:1-8

DIRECTORY OF THE CHURCH

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Sunday, April 28, 2024
Children's Ministry Sunday
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - Sanctuary



Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church

GRANDIN ROAD, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Friend, you enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal men who, in the name of Jesus Christ, builded this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praises. Beseech His blessing on those who love this home of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and on your coming in in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and on your coming in..

(From a twelfth century church in Boldre, Hampshire, England)

A. C. WHALEY

Senior Minister

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