

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

*From The Consecration of the  
Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, June 15, 1958*

**PRELUDE**

*Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552ii*

Dillon J. Swanson  
J. S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani  
*From Marilynne Robinson in a lecture at Calvin College in 2012 on Faith & Writing*  
All good prose comes out of good perception.  
**It's an extraordinary discipline, seeing, being alive to what there is to be alive to.**

This loving attentiveness is a God-like trait in human beings when they find their way to it.

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 315**

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

NEW DIMENSIONS

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We confess before you, O God, that we like order and structure that protects us and does not challenge us. We are fearful of new situations, people different from ourselves, and adventures that challenge our comfort. We balk at your Word that calls us into wilderness and Promised Land, that drives us into exile, and then asks us to build again. Your Gospel sends us to all the world, but what we really want are limits and security. Only by your Holy Spirit can we possibly be different. Only by your Holy Spirit, can we live boldly for you. Make that possible for us today.**

*(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**

*Triptych of Praise*

Youth Bell Choir  
Douglas E. Wagner

**WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalms 78:1-7 (p. 526 in the pew Bible)  
The grass withers and the flowers fade but the word of the Lord stands forever. **Amen.**

**SECOND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION**

**Opening Words**

**Presentation to Prayer Sponsors**

**Congregational Response**

**God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light for our path. Inside this book you will find words of comfort, challenge, and guidance throughout your lives. These words help us to live in a relationship with God and others. May God's word to us be God's word to you.**

**Presentation of Bibles to the Children**

<i>Children</i>	<i>Sponsors</i>
Easton Beckett	Janet Davis
Alex Bryant	Hunter Moore
Cate Burtis	Ellen Austin
Omri Dietz	Chip Morris
Emma Feuerstein	Susan Kessler
Lilly LaCroix	Vickie Haynie
Caroline Martin	Hannah Hertz
Henry Moore	Charles Richards
Riley Newman	Robynn Onyett

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Joshua 1:10-17 (p. 192 in the pew Bible)  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley  
Boundary Lines

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**DEDICATION OF 2022-2023 RENOVATION PROJECT**

*(see projection)*

**Sentences of Scripture**

**Words of Introduction**

**Dedication of the Educational Renovation**

Leigh Sackett

**Dedication of Infant Room & Nursery**

Dillon Swanson

**Dedication of the Chancel & Choir Loft**

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani

**Dedication of the Lectern**

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

**Dedication of the Table**

Hugh Wellons & Steve Burtis

**Dedication of the Sanctuary**

**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.**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

THAXTED (ELW #710)

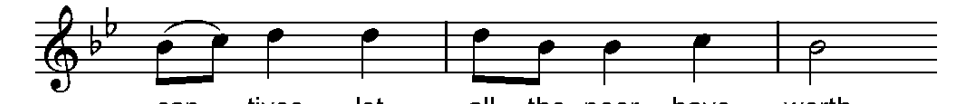
*Let Streams of Living Justice*



1. Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow  
2. For heal - ing of the na - tions, for  
3. Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we



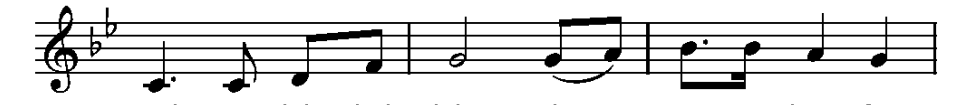
down up - on the earth; give free - dom's light to  
peace that will not end, for love that makes us  
are the stones you seek; your har - mo - ny is



cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our



work - ers claim their rights, the mourners long for  
lives as they are spun; on your loom of time en -  
hope in oth - er's dreams, our love in hand of



laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
roll us till our thread of life is run.  
neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind  
In - scribe our hearts with jus tice; your



down the i - ron pow'r; a - bol - ish an - cient  
church and world in one; dye our tex - ture with your  
way— the path un - tried; your— truth— the heart of



ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
strang - er; your life— the Cru - ci - fied.

## 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](http://rcpres.org) and click "Give Now" to learn more.

## OFFERTORY

*O How Amiable* Sanctuary Choir  
Ralph Vaughan Williams  
O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of Host! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

## \*DOXOLOGY

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*Now Thank we All Our God*

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

## \*CLOSING HYMN 321

AURELIA

*The Church's One Foundation*

*Stanza 1: All, in unison*

*Stanza 2: Lower voices only*

*Stanza 3: All, in harmony*

*Stanza 4: Treble voices only*

*Stanza 5: All, in unison*

## \*CHARGE & BLESSING

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

THEMBA AMEN

## \*POSTLUDE

*Carillon de Westminster*

Louis Vierne

## TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Children's Worship: Betsy Burris

Acolytes: Cora Hertz & Caroline Bullington

## MINISTRY MESSAGES

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Dawn Blakeman, Brendan Brown (Kathy and Les Brown's grandson), Don Coombs, Jim & Janet Davis, Billy Grove, Kathe Hedges, (sister of Paul Glassbrenner), Susan Lindstrom, Megan Mallare (friend of Kathy Grove), Beth Snead, Roger Tims, and all caregivers.

**ONLINE GIVING** If you prefer to give online you can either visit [rcpres.org](http://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 on-going way to support our mission and ministry.



**COMMUNION FUND** Thank you to everyone who participated in our Communion Fund Offering last week. We collected \$158.27 to support emergency assistance with utilities or rent payments, through the work of Roanoke Area Ministries and the Presbyterian Community Center. Thank you for your generosity.

**PLEDGE CARDS** Please turn in your pledge cards either in the basket in the Gathering Area or mailing it to RCPC if you have not done so already. You can also pledge online at [rcpres.org/pledge](http://rcpres.org/pledge). As of November 7, we have received 140 pledges totaling \$678,763 for 2024.

**FELLOWSHIP DINNERS** Join us eat Wednesday at 6:15 PM for our weekly Fellowship Dinners. Just \$8/person or \$25/family on November 15 gets you chicken alfredo, fettuccine, steamed broccoli, garlic bread, marble cake, or vegetarian alternative: orange ginger tofu. Sign-up by Tuesday at Noon either online at [rcpres.org/dinner](http://rcpres.org/dinner) or on the paper form in the Gathering Area.

**CARE PORTAL VOLUNTEERS** are meeting after worship at 12:15 PM in room 102. Now that RCPC is registered with CARE PORTAL, we'll walk through the logistics of answering needs that come through the portal and making deliveries to families. Unable to make it but want more information? Contact Chris DeFalco at [chris.a.defalco@gmail.com](mailto:chris.a.defalco@gmail.com).

**THRESHOLD: SERMON SERIES** Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church sits on a threshold, a boundary space between different regions of our area. Drive two miles north and east of the church and you will hear stories of systemic racism, segregation, generational poverty, addiction and violence. Drive two miles south and west of our church building, and you are in full suburbia with box stores and new families and travel sports and dance recitals. We sit in a space between two worlds that often feel entirely separate. What does it look like to cross the threshold of understanding, relationship, care and concern?

November 12	Psalm 78:1-7 & Joshua 1:10-17	Boundary Lines
November 19	Psalm 90:1-12 & Luke 10:25-37	Traveling Near
November 26	Psalm 95:1-7a & Acts 15:1-19	A Moving Target

**ILLUMINIGHTS** December 10 at 6:00 PM, church families will be exploring Illuminights at Explore Park! The church will pay half the price of tickets and we ask that those attending pay the other half - \$9.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child! Tickets go FAST! Ms. Leigh is ordering tickets today. Text or email Leigh after worship if you and your family would like to attend! We will collect your payment that evening at Explore Park.

## GRANDIN VILLAGE HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S PARADE: NOVEMBER 18

Join your RCPC family to take in the annual Grandin Village Holiday Children's Parade on Saturday, November 18 at 11:00 AM. Pack a chair and join us to watch from the church parking lot where we'll be serving up hot apple cider and holiday cheer.

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND DINNER** You are invited to a Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal on Sunday, November 19 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 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. All are invited to this pay what you can meal, to help plan, please RSVP either on the paper form in the Gathering Area or online at [tinyurl.com/RCPCThanksgiving](http://tinyurl.com/RCPCThanksgiving).

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** PW's next meeting is this Tuesday, November 14, at 10:15 AM. After the business meeting, they will have a recognition of the saints who have left us this past year and a bible study, then all can share lunch together (\$5 donation). Presbyterian Women would like to hear from you! We are exploring interest in restarting an evening circle. If you might be interested in hearing more, please contact Paula Mitchell at 540-537-5478 or email [Paula.mitchell19@gmail.com](mailto:Paula.mitchell19@gmail.com).

# Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church



## Roanoke, Virginia

The Church of the Open Door

11:00 AM – Sanctuary

Sunday, November 12, 2023

# RALEIGH COURT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

# THRESHOLD

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

Preschool Director

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The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

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