

**RALEIGH COURT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR



**Sunday, September 7, 2025
11:00 AM - Sanctuary**

Back to the Basics



The Good Shepherd

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

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The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley
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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

Martin Luther's Smaller Catechism Morning Prayer (1529)

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Dillon J. Swanson, organ

Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Sackett

The Worship space is a very special place. It is a special place to be with God.

In this place we have all the time we need. So we don't need to hurry.

This is a special place to be with God, to talk with God, to listen to God, and to hear the stories of God.

So we need a way to get ready to be in such a special place to be with God.

One way we get ready is to greet one another. The Lord be with you.

And also with you

One way to talk to God is singing. When we're with God, we're so happy we just have to tell God. So we sing our thanks.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 409

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God is Here

Stanzas 1, 2, & 4 – All

Stanza 3 – Choir Only

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess before you, O God, that we understand the world of judgment and punishment better than we do grace and new life. We trust more in the consequences of our failures than a forgiveness that makes us whole. We grow accustomed to the weight on our shoulders and befriend the guilt that accompanies us. Our anger, our envy, even our self-righteousness stems from living in a world ruled by judgment.

We stand here today because we want to trust your grace. We want to lay down the judgment we cast on others, feel from others, and put upon ourselves. We want you to bring us back into your fold, to submit to your mercy and grace. Make us new. Make us whole. Make us one with you.

(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.

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Please take a moment to find the Friendship Folder in your pew rack and sign so we know who was worshiping with us today. If you are new, please leave an address, email address, or phone number if you'd like to learn more about the life of our congregation.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

(p. 491 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

Pastoral Beneficence

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR 2025-2026**

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley & The Rev. Isabella Fagiani

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all,

who is above all and through all and in all.

To our Sunday School teachers, God Alive helpers, Children's Worship greeters and storytellers, Youth Advisors, Adult Small Group guides, Education Committee Members, and Presbyterian Women leaders, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in the ways that serve Christ. God has called you to particular service to the nurture of souls in the way of biblical faith and theological living. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will with God's help.

Will you teach, inspire, reflect, question, encourage, and open yourself and others to the ongoing revelation of God in scripture and in the world around us?

I will with God's help.

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. 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 on the back of your bulletin with your smartphone. Visit rcpres.org and click "Give Now" to learn more.

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir

Shout Glory

Byron Smith

Where can I go? What can I do? When my road gets rocky, don't know what to do. What can I say that will see me through? I shout glory! Glory, glory to the Lord, shout glory to you. Walking through life, can't find my way. Just don't know which way to go, don't know what to say. Who can I turn to, to show me the way? He has changed my life, He has turned me around. He's my Father and my Savior. He has turned my path into smoother ground. I can call Him any day. Glorify the Lord. Lift his holy name. Shout glory, glory to his precious name.

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus & Benedictus

SANCTUS

...who forever sing to the glory of your holy name...

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper by Intinction. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and then return to your seat by the side aisles. There are wafers that are gluten, egg, dairy, and nut free for those who need it. (Ingredients: garbanzo bean flour, po-tato starch, tapioca flour, whole grain sweet white sorghum flour, fava bean flour, palm oil)

Music During Communion

Chamber Choir

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Virgil Thompson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away, thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days, O may thy house be my adobe and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Prayer After Communion

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 802**

ST. COLUMBA

The King of Love My Shepherd

Stanza 1 – All, unison

Stanzas 2 & 3 – All, harmony

Stanza 4 – Choir only

Stanza 5 & 6 – All, unison

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 462**

HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story (refrain only)

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

***POSTLUDE**

“Finale” from Organ Symphony No. 1, Op. 14

Louis Vierne

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes: Lydia Goad & Shaylee Marshall

Crucifer: Anna Favor

Ushers: Marilyn Martin, Eddie Martin, Beverly Oliver, Frank Walkiewicz, and Joshua Dietz

Children’s Worship: Lisa Goad, Cora Goad, & Lizzie Kessler

Choral Accompanist: Deanne Vance

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Susan Ard, Marvin & Roena Barbre, Sandy Barksdale (Bev Stroud’s sister), Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman, David-Charles Campbell, Collie Family (friends of Paul Kessel), Beverly Day and family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), Jim Davis, Nate Ellison (son of Jay and Polly Ellison), Debra Harris, Cameron & Susie Hutto, Sue Garrett, Cheryl Gilliland, Dick Kepley, Susan Lindstrom, Megan Mallare (friend of Kathy Grove), Rusty McCown, Louise Morris, Betty Nance, Amy Starr Redwine, Randy Remington (friend of Betty Remington), Ian Richardson (brother-in-law of Jonathan Crook), Robin Scott, Janis Wertz, and all caregivers.

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.



TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING Thank you to everyone who participated in our Two-Cents-A-Meal Hunger Offering last week. We collected \$440.06 to support feeding ministries in Roanoke and throughout the Presbytery of the Peaks. Thank you for your generosity!

MISSION PARTNER SUPPORT Each month, we designate all cash and coin to one of our local mission partners. For the month of September, we are supporting the Hunger Mission Team. 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 Hunger Mission in the text box. We're thankful for your generosity in the month of August as we raised \$3,344.90 for RAM.

RCPC T-SHIRTS The Worship & Music Committee is selling RCPC T-shirts as a fundraiser to help offset the costs for the Montreat Worship & Music Conference for youth and children! T-shirts will be available for purchase on Rally Day. Adult-size shirts are \$20 and youth-size shirts are \$15.

PUMP-A-PINT BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, September 30 from 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-ups are available on the Red Cross website at REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG. You can also contact Lillian Alexander at 540-632-8921 or alexanderlj@yahoo.com to schedule your appointment. A sign-up sheet will also be available in the Gathering Area before and after Sunday worship services in September. 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!

TAILGATE FOR HUNGER - Wednesday, September 24.

This fun cornhole tournament event is the kickoff to our weekly fellowship dinners and is our most significant fundraising event of the year. Consider signing up to be a player, sponsoring a corn horn station or help us set up or clean up the event. Full details and registration links available online at rcpres.org/tailgateforhunger

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is October 5 and we need your help. We will come to the Lord's Supper with a visual arrangement of breads from around the world. We are asking for world globes to use at this service as well as different types of natural fabrics such as silk, linen, batik, Indian cotton, and the like. Please bring your fabric and globes to the church by Thursday, October 2 labeled with your name so that you can reclaim your items. Please plan on picking up your items after worship on October 5.

RALLY DAY—IS TODAY! Following the 11:00 AM worship service, join us out on the lawn for lunch and carnival fun. There will be a dunk tank, bounce house, corn hole, and other games. You can also enjoy dessert from a Kona Ice food truck or Pop's Ice Cream, so make sure to bring money to dunk your favorite ministry staff member, purchase a snow cone, and to donate towards the cost of lunch. We hope to see you there as we celebrate together!

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, September 7

Rally Day

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel
10:00 AM Sunday School & Discover
RCPC
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
4:30 PM Alleluia ringers
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Group
7:30 PM Youth Group – Grown-Ups
Meeting

Monday, September 8

7:00 PM Deacons

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
10:15 AM Presbyterian Women
4:00 PM Small Group: Dixon
7:15 PM Raleigh Court Ringers

Wednesday, September 10

3:15 PM Genesis Ringers
4:00 PM God Alive
5:00 PM Hospitality Committee
6:45 PM Chamber Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Presbyterian Women
Evening Circle
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 11

5:30 PM Justice, Equity, & Belonging

6:00 PM Young Adult Fall Party @
Leigh's

Friday, September 12

Youth Group Fall Lock In

Saturday, September 13

Youth Group Fall Lock In
10:00 AM PW Fall Gathering at
Northminster Presbyterian

Sunday, September 14

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel
10:00 AM Sunday School & Discover
RCPC
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
12:15 PM Visitation Committee
4:30 PM Alleluia ringers
5:00 PM Youth Choir

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS

RCPC Preschool: Monday-Friday, 9:00
AM
Centering Prayer at St. Elizabeth's
Episcopal Church: Monday, 10:00 AM
Scouts-Troop 2B: Monday, 7:00 PM
AA-Primary Purpose: Tuesday &
Thursday, 10:30 AM
Tai Chi: Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30 PM
Hip Sober Chicks: Thursday, 6:30 PM
Opera Roanoke Chorus: Thursday, 7:00
PM
Al-Anon: Friday, 11:45 AM

ADULT SMALL GROUPS Being part of a Small Group is an experience rich in personal connection and spiritual growth. Here we grow in love and faith as we share in the joys and sorrows of life focused on the grace of God.

The Sermon Reflection Groups listed below reflect on the Sunday sermons and Sunday scripture during their gatherings. In discussing what is shared in worship, the experience of worship is more deeply ingrained into minds and hearts.

- Monday Small Group: 12:30 PM—2:00 PM, Room 102

Contact person Reif Kessler (drk611@aol.com)

- Tuesday Small Group: 4:00 PM—5:30 PM, Room 102

Contact person David Dixon (dixonnd50@gmail.com)

- Wednesday Small Group: 7:00 PM—8:30 PM, Room 102

Contact person Stephanie Danco (scvdanco1@gmail.com)

- Thursday Small Group: 10:30 AM—12:00 PM, Room 101

Contact person Elise Hansard (ehansard@verizon.net)

Additional Small Group

- Tuesday Women's Small Group: 8:00 PM—9:30 PM

Contact person Sarah Stephenson (sarah.t.stephenson@gmail.com)

Three more small groups will be starting in the fall!

- Autumn Quinn will be leading a small group geared towards people with young children.

Childcare will be provided. Saturday - 11:00 AM

- Chris DeFalco will be leading a Men's small group. Monday - 7:00 PM

- A '20-something' small group is forming that will meet monthly. Third Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Sign-ups online at tinyurl.com/RCPCSmallGroups2025 or on the paper form in the Gathering Area, with small group gatherings beginning the week of September 22.

YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF Sunday, September 7 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a parents' meeting at 7:30 PM. Youth (6th—12th grade). are invited to a time of celebration & getting to know one another as the upcoming Youth Ministry Year begins. Youth will share a meal together, learn about the rhythms of youth group, meet their youth advisors, and play games. Grown Ups are invited to a meeting at 7:30 PM to receive the calendar, learn about opportunities to support youth ministry, and ways for grownups to keep growing in their faith while their youth does as well!

GOD ALIVE KICKOFF Wednesday, September 10 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at RCPC. Kids will enjoy the inflatable slide on the church lawn. They will also be able to play on the playground. The children will be supervised by adult volunteers and youth volunteers. Parents/Guardians, while the kids play, we will host a parents meeting for you! This will begin at 4:15 PM in the Chapel. It is required that one parent be present. We will be presenting you with important information about the God Alive ministry and the season ahead. This meeting will last about 30 minutes. Everyone will then join together (following our meeting) for a pizza

dinner on the lawn. At our dinner we will welcome our new Kindergartners and other new friends to the God Alive family!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR Tuesday, September 9 at 10:15 AM in the RCPC Fellowship Hall: Business Meeting, Bible Study, Lunch, & Fellowship! Presbyterian Women is an organization for ALL women of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. Our morning meetings occur during the months of September through May on the second Tuesday of every month from 10:15 AM-1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Women gather to sign cards for homebound members, collect donations for Turning Point, and leave a least coin offering for worldwide missions. The business meeting starts at 10:15 AM followed by a Bible study led by Ruth Marple. This year's Bible study curriculum is "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." The morning concludes with a time of fellowship over a delicious lunch. This past year PW added an evening circle to the options in addition to the daytime circle. The evening circle meets on the Wednesday evening following the Tuesday meeting at 7:00 PM at RCPC.

Christian Education Leaders 2025-2026

Adult Christian Education Committee

Nancy Ayling, David Dixon, Mike Lockaby, Paulla Mitchell, & Leigh Sackett

Adult Small Group Leaders

Debra Abbott, Ellen Austin, Sarah Danco, Stephanie Danco, Chris DeFalco, David Dixon, Elise Hansard, Dawn Long, Marilyn Martin, Autumn Quinn, Ann Rutherford, & Rennie Snow

Adult Sunday School Leaders

Nancy Ayling, David Dixon, Mike Lockaby, Catilin Smith, Will Smith, & Andrew Whaley

Presbyterian Women Leaders

Linda Brundrett, Katelyn Burton, Camilla Cabaniss, Bonnie Cooper, Frankie Doyle, Marsha Ellison, Maureen Guelzow, Ruth Marple, Betty Nance, & Beth Snead

Youth Christian Education Committee

Emilie Biddle, Steve Burtis, Hunter Moore, Sarah Stephenson, & Rebecca Whaley

Youth Advisors

Alex Abbott, Christopher Bryant, Matt Cook, Sarah Danco, Isabella Fagiani, Jordan McLamb, Robin McLamb, & Stu Stephenson

Youth Sunday School Leaders

Ester Brockman, Leigh Ann Hamlin, Eric Kessler, & Rebecca Whaley

Children's Christian Education Committee

Ellen Austin, Jessi Beckett, Compton Biddle, Betsy Burtis,
Elizabeth Chapman, Robynn Onyett, & Leigh Sackett

Children's Worship Leaders

Caroline Bullington, Cate Burtis, Betsy Burtis, Elizabeth Chapman, Cora Goad, Eliza Goad,
Lisa Goad, Vickie Haynie, Lizzie Kessler, Hope Kessler, Brittany Mallory, Charles Richards,
Leigh Sackett, Will Smith, Kaitlin Swanner, Rebecca Whaley, & Robbie Whitehead

Children's Sunday School Leaders

Ellen Austin, Jessie Beckett, Betsy Burtis, Elizabeth Chapman, Isabella Fagiani, Susan
Kessler, Caroline LaCroix, Emma Martin, Abby Pierson, Leigh Sackett, Kathy Sebolt, Sarah
Stephenson, Jimmy Ward, Andrew Whaley,
& Wade Whitehead

God Alive Leaders

Jessi Beckett, Rachel Brockman, Betsy Burtis, Elizabeth Chapman, Rosie Flowers, Hannah
Hertz, Susan Kessler, Susan Knighton, Shaylee Marshall, Paula Mitchell, Robynn Onyett,
Leigh Sackett,
Caroline Stephenson, & Dillon Swanson

Living the Word Leaders

Cora Goad, Shaylee Marshall, Leigh Sackett, Trey Satterwhite, Gracie Ward, & Lily Ward

Nursery Caregivers

Esly Cruzy, Chloe Herold, & Emma Martin