

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

PRELUDE

Mitchell R. Weisiger

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Paul Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karl Barth

God is hidden from us.

Therefore Jesus is a disturbance in our life and His call to repentance is as a stone rolled in our path.

God is- this word, spoken by Him, is something incomprehensibly new in the midst of all that which is natural to us;

a mystery in the midst of all that which is otherwise plain to us;

something hostile, alone important, over against all affairs of weight.

Hostile because he wishes really to give us that which ignorantly we think we already have.

He slays us so that He may make us alive.

*OPENING HYMN 509

HOLY MANNA

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, much of our life is carried out separate from any awareness of you. We are burdened with sorrows and stresses that arise from circumstance and from our own behaviors. We are weighed down and anxious, angry, and exhausted. We try to work harder or we hide away in despair. We seek distraction, escape, and try to find solutions within ourselves. We are here right now because we know we need to find ourselves in you once more. We need a time and place set for this moment of encounter with you. Make yourself known to us, so we might begin to trust you, to turn to you, to live with you each day.

(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

Leigh Sackett

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:16-33

(p. 1010 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

The One Challenge

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Les Brown, Tenor Saxophone

The Old Rugged Cross

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

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. As the elder passes your pew, 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. The elder who comes down the center aisle can offer the bread and cup to people who wish to be served in their pew. The pastors have bread that is gluten, egg, dairy, and nut free.

Prayer After Communion

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 475

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

THEMBA AMEN

*POSTLUDE

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

arr. Wilbur Held

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dawn Blakeman, Kerry Bossert, Donn Branch, Brendan Brown (Kathy and Les Brown's grandson), The Cook Family, David Dale (Janis Wertz's brother), Billy Grove, Dick Kepley, Susan Lindstrom, Tweetie Lyon, Rusty McCown, Joe McCrobie, Nancy Smith (Alan Smith's mother), Roger Tims, Ed Whitehead, Jill Wood, and all caregivers.

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.



ALERT SAFETY TRAINING is being offered at RCPC on Saturday, August 20, from 9AM to Noon. ALERT is a program designed to provide civilians with knowledge and confidence to respond to an active threat situation within our church or place of business. This program is an awareness tool that helps give an understanding, guidance, and a proven plan in an active situation. If you are an elder, deacon, usher, staff member or Preschool staff you are encouraged to attend this training. Virginia Western Chief of Police Craig Harris will conduct the program and be available for questions afterwards. Refreshments will be provided. Childcare is provided by contacting Leigh at leigh@rcpres.org by August 15.

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, August 7

10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, August 8

10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group

Tuesday, August 9

10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
5:30 PM Tai Chi

Wednesday, August 10

7:00 AM Communion
10:00 AM God Alive Garden

Thursday, August 11

10:00 AM Centering Prayer (St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church)
10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
4:30 PM Tai Chi
6:30 PM Hip Sober Chicks

Friday, August 12

11:45 AM Al-Anon

Saturday, August 13

10:00 AM Living the Word

Sunday, August 14

10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
2:00 PM Youth Pool Party

Elders

2023

Jim Ellison
Helen Favor
Becky Marsh
Dave Ralston
Robbie Whitehead

2024

Ellen Austin
Susan Kessler
Liz Heddleston
Anne Newman
Bob Snead

2025

Deb Abbott
Stephanie Danco
Chuck Gilliland
Eddie Martin
Henry Schaefer

Deacons

2023

Katelyn Burton
Frankie Doyle
Scott Flowers
Nancy Trussell

2024

Emilie Biddle
Jeff Bossert
Mac Snead
Josh Williamson

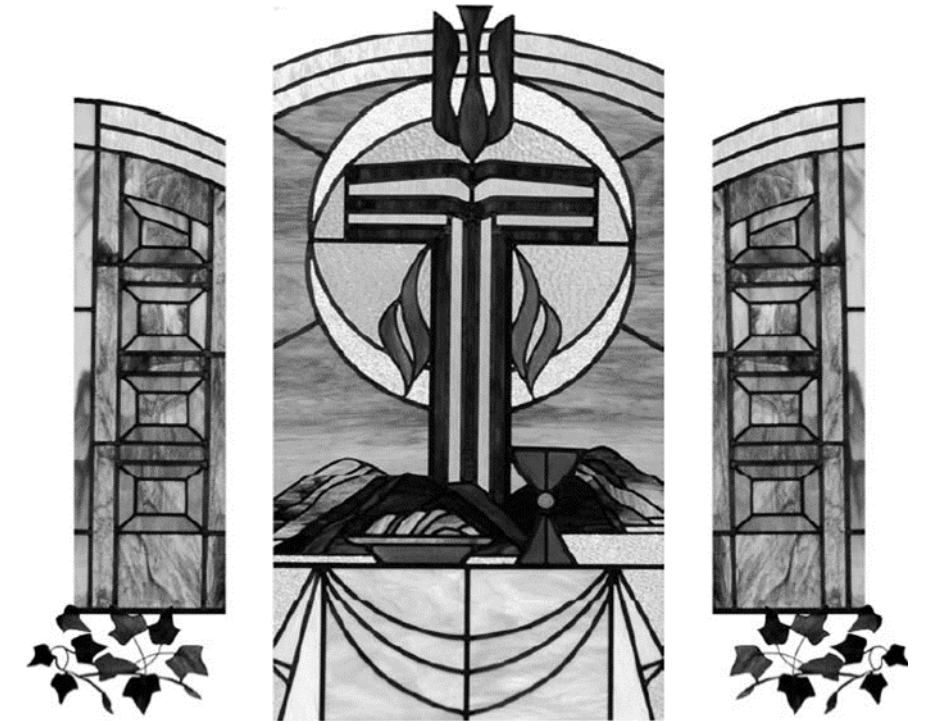
2025

Dawn Long
Abby Pierson
Jane Powell

**Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church
Roanoke, Virginia**



The Church of the Open Door
10:00 AM - Sanctuary
Sunday, August 7, 2022



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 & Organist
Preschool Director

All the People of Raleigh Court

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley
The Rev. Isabella Fagiani
Leigh Sackett
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