

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. John Buchanan (1938-2025)

PRELUDE

Mit Freuden zart

Dillon J. Swanson

Ernst Pepping

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani
"Blessing the Baptism" by Jan Richardson

As if we could call you
anything other than
beloved
and blessed
**drenched as we are
in our love for you
washed as we are
by our delight in you
born anew as we are
by the grace that flows
from the heart of the one
who bore you to us.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 645

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Before you, righteous God, no one can stand. You are holy, pure, and upright in all things. We are trapped by our selfishness and sin. Even our best intentions turn praise upon our actions and desires. We are unwilling to look upon others with kindness and compassion. We abuse your creation. We support structures that perpetuate oppression and poverty. We crave power and sacrifice all virtue to attain it. We cannot see another way unless you break us of our pride and defenses and humble us. Humble us today, O God, and raise us to new life.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Meal Trains

Katelyn Burton

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 11:5-8

(p. 947 in the pew Bible)

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

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.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 7:6-16

(p. 1054 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

The One that Won't Let You Lose Your Soul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the *Heidelberg Catechism (1563)*

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 435

IN BABILONE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

MISSION PARTNER SUPPORT

Amy Morgan, Executive Director

Family Promise

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

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. For the Lord our God is gracious, and His mercy is everlasting; His truth endureth forevermore. Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice.

This 16th-century anonymous English anthem has served as the Sanctuary Choir's musical journey of the sermon series "Find Your People." Renaissance polyphony is entirely dependent on the team work of all voice parts together singing difficult rhythms, harmonies, and melodies with precision. It takes everybody and sometimes it's easy to get lost in the complexity, but often times by listening to others around you is all it takes to find yourself back on your feet and in the dance.

*DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH, Alt.

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 BAPTISM

The Meaning of Baptism

Presentation: Callan Edwin Peters

Son of Heidi & Adam Peters

Vows of the Parents & Congregation

Vows of Baptismal Candidate

Vows of the Children

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Baptism & Blessing

Welcome & Prayer

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 175

LAFFERTY

Seek Ye First

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Find Your People

Drew Holcomb

In a world of strangers, who can you trust? You see the danger, finding what's lost. You can't do it alone. We all need help. You find your people and you find yourself.

*POSTLUDE

Exsultate

Stanley Vann

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes: Caroline Stephenson and Charley Stephenson

Children's Worship: Lisa Goad and Lydia Goad

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Susan Ard, Ginger Barbour (friend of Elise Hansard), Marvin & Roena Barbre, Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman, Mayuen Chice, Beverly Day and family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), Lynne Fields, Richard Fife and family (friend of Elise Hansard), Cameron & Susie Hutto, Susan Lindstrom, Megan Mallare (friend of Kathy Grove), Melissa Martin (friend of Lisa Boylan), Rusty McCown, Louise Morris, Steve Pottinger (Bob & India Atkinson's son-in-law), Cameron Stanley (Grandson of Betty Nance), and all caregivers.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in loving Memory of Christine Eberhard given by Dave Eberhard, John Bartee, and Family.

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 designate all cash and coin to one of our local mission partners. For the month of February, we are supporting Family Promise. 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 Family Promise in the text box. As of February 2, we have collected \$505.75 for Family Promise.

RCPC VARIETY SHOW Join us this Wednesday, February 12 for our annual variety show! Fellowship Dinner is at 5:30 PM and the Variety Show will follow at 6:30 PM.

CHILI LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER TODAY The Youth Group is hosting their Chili Luncheon today! You're invited to purchase chili to go after the 9:00 AM service or to stay for a luncheon after the 11:00 AM service and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 23 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM—Sanctuary Our theme for Music Ministry Sunday takes its name and shape from the hymn "Touch the Earth Lightly." Together we will explore the wonder and awe of creation and our call to care for everything in it.

THIRD THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE – FEBRUARY 20

7:00 PM—Chapel. We'll end our "Find Your People" sermon series with an Evening Prayer service by practicing living into our roles as members of the body of Christ. We will pray over the concerns of our neighbors, share in the eucharist and reflect on 1 Corinthians 12.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Today following the 11:00 AM worship service, there will be a congregational meeting to approve the 2025 Pastors' Terms of Call, hear updates on the 2025 budget and post-centennial conversation workgroups, and a recap of the life of the church in 2024.

Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

Effective Salary (Salary + Housing): \$100,983.85
 Benefits: 45,834.33 SECA: \$7,725.26
 Professional Expenses: \$6,500.00
 TOTAL: \$161,043.44

Rev. Isabella Fagiani

Effective Salary (Salary + Housing): \$61,985.20
 Benefits: \$17,597.88 SECA: \$4,741.87
 Professional Expenses: \$4,300.00
 TOTAL: \$88,624.95

FELLOWSHIP DINNER Mark your calendars to eat at 5:30 PM this Wednesday so you can eat and then enjoy or participate in our annual variety show that begins at 6:30 PM. Dinner is a suggested donation of \$8 per person or a suggested donation of \$25 for the whole family! Menu is oven fried chicken, roasted sweet potatoes, country cabbage, and homemade bread. Vegetarian option is spice roasted cauliflower & green beans. Dessert is yummy cherry cobbler. Please sign up online at rcpres.org/dinner or in the Gathering Area so Heather can make enough food for all! Hard to imagine you'd want to take food home and miss the show, but if you must, please bring your own containers.

MUSIC IN RALEIGH COURT Opera Roanoke: *Family Harmony*. Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 PM—Sanctuary. Soprano, Danielle Talamantes and bass-baritone, Kerry Wilkerson are thrilled to present an all-American program of vocal selections featuring selections from Copland's iconic Old American Songs, original compositions written especially for their voices as well as cherished gems of the musical theater and American Songbook canon. For tickets (must be purchased in advance) and more information, please visit: operaroonoke.org

WAKING UP WHITE BY DEBBY IRVING BOOK STUDY Sponsored by the Justice, Equity, and Belonging Mission Group of RCPC. The JEB Mission Group invites you and people of all races and ethnic groups to join in a discussion of Debby Irving's book, *Waking Up White*. The group will meet for seven consecutive Monday evenings at 6:00 PM for one hour beginning on March 3. For the first meeting you will have procured your own book and have read pages xi—26 in preparation. We will meet in room 201. If you have questions, please contact David Dixon at 540-330-6095 or dixonnd50@gmail.com. We hope you will want to join us for honest, straightforward, and loving conversation about issues of racial justice and social equity.



If you would you like to learn more or are interested in joining the Meal Trains group please complete the form below, tear off, and drop it in the offering plate.

FIRST & LAST NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WRITERS: POETS & PROPHETS This Lent we will meet "The Original Tortured Poets," a play on Taylor Swift's album title. Our poets are the prophets of Israel and Judah. We are looking for modern prophets among us! We are looking for 40 prophetic voices of the RCPC community who will be reflecting on the words of the prophets of old! If you are interested in writing for the Lenten Devotional Book, please contact Leigh Sackett at leigh@rcpres.org

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, February 9

9:00 AM Worship—Chapel
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship—Sanctuary & Congregational Meeting
 12:15 PM Strategic Mission Workgroup
 12:15 PM Chili Luncheon Fundraiser
 5:00 PM Youth Choir
 6:00 PM Youth Group Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 10

10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
 12:30 PM Small Group: Whaley
 5:30 PM More Profound Alleluia
 7:00 PM Deacons

Tuesday, February 11

Family Promise Overnight Hosting & Dinners
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 10:15 AM Presbyterian Women
 4:00 PM Small Group: Dixon
 5:30 PM Officer Nominating Committee
 6:30 PM Genesis Ringers
 7:30 PM Raleigh Court Ringers
 7:30 PM Small Group: Biddle

Wednesday, February 12

Family Promise Overnight Hosting & Dinners
 4:00 PM God Alive
 5:30 PM Fellowship Dinner
 6:30 PM Variety Show
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 13

Family Promise Overnight Hosting & Dinners
 9:00 AM Hunger Mission Packing
 10:30 AM Small Group: Hansard
 5:30 PM Justice, Equity, & Belonging Committee

Friday, February 14

Saturday, February 15

Sunday, February 16

9:00 AM Worship—Chapel
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship—Sanctuary
 3:00 PM Opera Roanoke Concert
 5:00 PM Youth Choir
 6:00 PM Youth Group

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS

Preschool: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 Centering Prayer at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church: Monday, 10:00 AM
 Cub Scouts: Monday, 6:30 PM
 BSA Troop 2: Monday, 7:00 PM
 Roanoke Valley Choral Society, Monday, 7:00 PM
 AA-Primary Purpose: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 AM
 AA-Seeds of Hope: Tuesday, 5:30 PM
 Tai Chi: Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30 PM
 Hip Sober Chicks: Thursday, 6:30 PM
 Opera Chorus: Thursday, 7:00 PM
 AI-Anon: Friday, 11:45 AM

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



Sunday, February 9, 2025
 11:00 AM - Sanctuary



Find Your People

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

Ministers
 Pastor & Head of Staff
 Associate Pastor
 Director of Christian Education
 Minister of Care
 Director of Music Ministries
 Preschool Director

All the People of Raleigh Court Church
 The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley
 The Rev. Isabella Fagiani
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