



Sermon Series: *Find Your People*



Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors came out with a song in 2023 called “Find Your People.” In the lyrics, they talk about the kind of people we each need in our lives in order to know fullness, wholeness, and joy. From the beginning, the Church has been the community in which we “find our people,” and the Apostle Paul mentions many fellow travelers and co-laborers in the ministry who have enriched his life and enabled the Church to flourish. In these weeks, we will look at some of the people you find in the Christian community and how we might continue to nurture those relationships of grace and so manifest God’s purposes today.

Sermon Series: January 12-February 16

February 2

Help You Find Your Way in the Lost and Found
1 Corinthians 1:10-17

February 9

The One that Won't Let You Lose Your Soul
Luke 11:5-8 & 2 Corinthians 7:6-16

February 16

*Who Understands What You're Saying
Before a Word is Spoke*
John 15:14-17 & 1 Corinthians 4:14-21; 16:10-11

**Third Thursday Evening
Prayer Service**

Thursday, 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.

Music Ministry Sunday

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. Both services that morning will take place in the sanctuary featuring the different musical ensembles in our church.

More Profound Alleluia

Led by Dillon J. Swanson—Room 201
Mondays at 5:30 PM—6:30 PM
February 3-25

Have you ever wondered about how hymns and service music are selected for worship at RCPC or why? This four-week class is a discussion-based class about the types of music we sing from our hymnal as well as the discernment process for selecting music for worship. The final class session will be an exercise in hymn selection where the class will actively discern and choose the hymns for an upcoming Sunday. It is the hope that through this class, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the use of hymnody in our church and therefore sing “a more profound alleluia” together in worship.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School—February Classes

The Seekers—Room 201

Spiritual Roots in Archeology – Great Courses (begins February 16)

Stonehenge. Machu Picchu. The Acropolis. The Great Pyramids at Giza. Sites such as these have captivated the world for centuries—even millennia—since their creation. They are works of great beauty whose construction required spectacular feats of engineering, involved the efforts of hundreds of thousands of individuals, and incurred a tremendous financial cost on the civilizations that created them.

But why were these massive sites created? What impulse drove ancient cultures to devote such time and labor into these projects? Why are we so transfixed by their presence today? And what do these and other mysterious sites reveal about our ancestors—and about humanity as a whole?

The answer to these and other eternal questions is the dynamic force of religious belief. Religion, in its many forms, is among the most powerful of all human impulses. The philosophical and intellectual side of religious practice is well studied—but religion also manifests itself physically. From cave art to intricate burial chambers to grand hilltop temples, the material expression of spirituality is less understood but offers equally deep insights into why humans believe in something larger than themselves.

Parents as a Verb—Room 102

Epic Fails and Epic Wins

Real life stories shared from visiting parents on the epic fails and wins that they experienced throughout their parenting days. What worked, what didn't, what were their struggles, and where did they find joy. This will be a lighthearted time together of stories shared that will spur discussion from our class participants currently in the thick of parenting.

Exploring Christian Theology—Room 101

Led by Mike Lockaby

As we continue our exploration of the history of how Christians think and talk about God, we'll be looking at the way we talk about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit throughout the winter/spring semester. And as we conclude our studies in the spring, we'll be discussing a question that early Christians did not actually talk about much -- what it might feel like to be a person (a fraught word, incidentally) who is both a human being and God.

Greeking Out & The Gospel—Room 202

Led by Andrew Whaley

"Greeking Out" is a National Geographic Kids podcast that condenses ancient Greek myths into digestible 20-minute episodes. These stories cover great battles and treacherous journeys. These are stories that the Gospel writers, the Apostle Paul, and others in the first century would have heard in their surrounding culture. Knowledge of these tales can enhance the beauty, wonder, offense, and radical message of the Gospel of Jesus. In this class we will listen to episodes of this podcast and then compare and contrast them with biblical narratives to see how the way of God's grace turns our notions of heroics, justice, and power on their heads. This class is intended to be intergenerational, open to high school students and adults.

Waking Up White Book Study

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*. This book, first published in 2014, has been well received and discussed by many. To quote the back of the book cover, "For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to *befriend*.... Then, in 2009, one 'aha' moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan."

We will meet for seven consecutive Monday evenings at 6:00 PM for one hour beginning on March 3. At that first meeting led by David Dixon, we will end 10 minutes early to allow folks to attend the Concordia Choir Concert at RCPC. For that 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Opera Roanoke: Family Harmony
Sunday, February 16
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 and more information, please visit: operaroonoke.org.



The Concordia Choir
Monday, March 3
7:00 PM—Sanctuary

Since 1920, the 70-voice choir Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota has performed in nearly every major hall, including Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center, as well as numerous international venues, including St. Peter's Basilica. Under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton, the choir continues to affirm its reputation as one of America's finest a cappella choirs. 2025's National Tour of the Southeast United States includes Roanoke, Virginia. To purchase tickets, visit ConcordiaTickets.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Support our Youth as they head to Montreat Youth Conference and Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference through a bowl of Chili on Sunday, February 9. You can purchase Chili-To-Go after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services or stay after the 11:00 AM service for a time of Fellowship over a Chili Luncheon. All proceeds go to support our summer trips. If you can donate a Crock Pot of Chili or a Dessert for the day - sign up online at tinyurl.com/RCPCCChiliLuncheon2025 or email Isabella at Isabella@rcpres.org to provide food.

Our Whole Lives Faith & Sexuality Retreat

February 21-23

9th & 10th graders are invited to join in this retreat with their peers across our Presbytery to explore how faith should and does inform the decisions we make throughout our lives, particular the decisions made about our intimate relationships. The retreat is led by a trained facilitator in the Our Whole Lives curriculum. Our hope is that this time together will build healthy expressions of love for ourselves and others as image bearers of Christ in the world. For more information and to sign up, please check Isabella's weekly Youth Ministry E-Newsletter.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Support our God Alive ministry and join us for hot cocoa after the 11:00 AM Music Ministry worship service on Sunday, February 23.



The God Alive 4th & 5th Graders had a blast making their "Wicked Chili" for the Youth Chili Luncheon Fundraiser!

FELLOWSHIP & MISSION

February Birthdays

1 Andrew Bond	17 Susan Lovern
Jane Visser	Cara Millott
3 Jason Burton	Dillon Swanson
Al Sganga	19 Megan Guthrie
4 Connor Clayton	Darlene Kennedy
Susan Honeycutt	Deborah Walkiewicz
5 Henry Flowers	21 Omri Dietz
Robbie Whitehead	Hope Kessler
7 Riley Newman	22 Alex Bryant
8 Jaye Harvey Wellons	Sheldon Johnson
9 Craig Favor	Dick Jones
Spencer Allen Graves	Walker Stephenson
Jeff Highfill	24 Christopher Kepley
Ruth Marple	Harriet Vance
10 Dorothy Barranger	25 Chuck Gilliland
Forrest Moorman	Will Smith
11 Will Jones	27 Katie Highfill
Hunter Manning Moore	Sarah Shaff
Sarah Grace Stanley	28 Bill Dodson
12 Jackie Dodson	Robert Feuerstein
14 JoAnne Baldwin	Courtney Pugh
George Feuerstein	
Eric Lawson	
Jerry Wertz	
15 Kathy Grove	
Chris Shaver	
16 Mary Alcoke	
Sophie Franklin	
Brad Kennedy	
Augusta Vance	

Special Birthday Wishes:

Dorothy Barranger on celebrating her 94th birthday on February 10.

Fellowship Dinners

Wednesdays at 6:15 PM

Meals are a suggested donation of \$8 per person and free for 3 and younger, with a max suggested donation of \$25 for a family. Please register by noon the Tuesday before each meal either online at rcpres.org/dinner, the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area, or by calling the church office, 540-343-5541 x 106 and leaving Julie Satterwhite a message. In our efforts to become an Earth Care Church, the Fellowship Committee asks you to please bring your own container if you would like a takeout meal on Wednesday nights. We thank you for your help with this.

February Menus

- 2/5—Beef Patties in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Country Green Beans, Homemade Bread, Fruit Cocktail Cake, Cauliflower Steaks in Mushroom Gravy
- 2/12 (5:30 PM)—Oven Fried Chicken, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Country Cabbage, Homemade Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Spice Roasted Cauliflower & Green Beans
- 2/19—Meatballs over Spaghetti, Italian Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Red Velvet Cake, Simmer Chickpeas, Gluten Free Pasta Option
- 2/26—Chicken Fajitas, Red Rice, Black Beans, Salsa and Chips, Sour Cream, Over the Rainbow Jello, Sweet Potato & Black Bean Stew

Young Adults Gathering

Ice Skating at Lancerlot
Friday, February 7 at 7:15 PM

February Mission Partners: Family Promise

All loose plate cash & coin in February will go to Family Promise. Family Promise seeks to support families experiencing short term homelessness by providing them with support, shelter, food, and case management until they can be in permanent housing again. Churches support the work of Family Promise by hosting guests during the year. Our Church partners with Christ Lutheran, Church Women United and the Lion's Club to serve the guests of Family Promise four times during the year. Together we provide dinner for the week and overnight hosts on the weeks we serve using the Alexa House (across from Second Pres). It's an exciting time for Family Promise as they welcome Amy Morgan as the new Executive Director and are close to obtaining a Habitat House that will allow Family Promise to expand their work into helping with long-term housing stability. If you're interested in helping to serve dinner, or serve as an overnight host, you can contact Abby Pierson at armorris24@gmail.com.



Almost time for RCPC's annual variety show! The past few years have brought out skits, soloists, duets, small ensembles, and poets. The evening is a great opportunity to get know our church families a little better. The event will be Wednesday, February 12 following Fellowship Dinner which will be at 5:30 PM. We'll give special consideration for younger performers who need to perform early due to their school schedule. Acts can sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area or online at tinyurl.com/RCPCVarietyShow2025. Anyone with questions can contact Jeff Bossert at jbossert71@outlook.com.

Presbyterian Women Event

Friday, February 21: Women, Wine, and the Word
More details will be provided closer to the event date. If you have questions please reach out to Ellen Austin at ebaustin11@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROSITY

Find Your People—Congregational Care & Church Support

As we explore the people that shape our Christian life, we look to the people who shape the life of our church through our Congregational Care and Church Support ministries.

Visitation—The members of the visitation committee visit with homebound members of our church family once a month. Each member of the committee is assigned 1-2 people to visit. Through this ministry deep and caring relationships are often formed. And even though you are the person going and doing the visiting, soon you'll discover how blessed you are to be spending time with these folks. Contact Betty Whitehead at eww1945@aol.com or 276-791-9625.

It's a Calling—As you flip through the bulletin on Sunday you notice there's a prayer list. Perhaps you've even taken your bulletin home and prayed for the names even when you haven't known them. Or perhaps you've found yourself curious, "Why is this person on the prayer list? Are they okay?" If you've ever found yourself here, consider joining It's a Calling. Each month a member of this Ministry is the assigned caller and contacts everyone on the prayer list by phone call or card to check in on them. Contact Frankie Doyle at fcartist@gmail.com or 540-309-5535.

Funeral Ministry—The Funeral Reception Mission Group provides blessings of concern and care for grieving families by organizing receptions following funerals or memorial services. People can support this ministry in two ways: one, in being willing to make an item of food for a funeral reception or two, by helping to work the funeral reception with set up, serving, and clean up. If interested in joining this ministry, contact Cindy Neathawk at neathawkc@yahoo.com or 540-798-1169.

Meal Train—Church members organize meal deliveries for families welcoming a new baby, recovering from illness or surgery, or experiencing a loss. To join the Meal Train email list and be notified of opportunities to provide a meal, contact Katelyn Burton at katelyntucker09@gmail.com or 434-251-2368.

Wrapped in Love—Wrapped in Love seeks to create items that literally help wrap our members up in love by creating baptism blankets and prayer shawls. This group makes knit or crochet blankets for children being baptized as well as tie fleece blankets for teenagers being baptized. This group also makes Prayer Shawls for members or friends experiencing illness, grief, or other challenges. If you're interested in joining this group contact Rebecca Whaley at Rebecca.whaley@gmail.com or 404-520-4544.

Receptionists—Each weekday volunteers sit at the front desk to answer phones and transfer calls and greet and assist members and visitors who come to the church between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Receptionists serve in two shifts, one in the morning (8:30 AM – 12:30 PM) and one for the afternoon (12:30 PM – 4:30 PM). Some people serve weekly in this role, others one or twice a month, and still others as substitutes. Contact Julie Satterwhite at julie@rcpres.org or 540-343-5541.

Grounds and Building Support—Volunteers spread mulch, refinish exterior doors, weed flower beds, install new drains, paint hallways and classrooms, and help in a variety of ways to keep our building functional. More hands are always needed. Contact Linda Marshall at rcpcbuilding@rcpres.org or at 540-343-5541.

Office Assistance—We regularly need helpers to come to the office to help fold publications, stuff envelopes, and prepare mailings. Other duties to assist the office staff are also needed. Contact Julie Satterwhite at julie@rcpres.org or 540-343-5541.

Ushers & Greeters—Each Sunday you are met by a team of Ushers and Greeters- welcoming you in at the door and again in the Narthex offering you a bulletin. You're invited to join this group as an Usher (helping with the welcoming, the bulletin, and the offering) or as a Greeter (who helps guide people where they need to go e.g. Sunday School, Nursery, Sanctuary). Usher teams serve in one-month long rotations each year and Greeters sign up for individual Sundays. If you're interested in being an Usher please contact Kirk Martin 540-520-8767 or kmartin@pattersonpope.com or if you are interested in being a Greeter contact Kaitlin Swanner at 434 964-6532 or kaitlin.swanner@gmail.com.

Fellowship Dinners—The Fellowship Committee is always looking for people willing to help with Fellowship Dinner. Sign up to set up, serve food, or take leftovers to RAM on Thursday morning by contacting Dawn Long at bdlijlong@cox.net or 540-312-8505 or by using the Sign Up in the This Week @RCPC.

Floral Guild—This team of volunteers assembles or procures flower arrangements for the Chapel and Sanctuary each week for Sunday worship. They work with the Chancel Guild to ensure the arrangements compliment the worship spaces according to the season. Contact Cindy Phelps at momcmp@aol.com or 540-598-9510.

Chancel Guild—This team of volunteers prepares the elements for communion each month, places the correct liturgical elements in the worship spaces by season, and prepares the necessary pieces for a baptism Sunday. Some of them also help with arranging flowers for worship. Contact Caroline LaCroix at 803-345-1664 or lacroixcaroline24@gmail.com.

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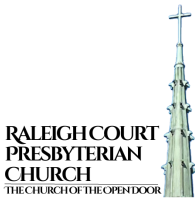
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16 9am—Worship: Chapel 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 3pm—Opera Roanoke Concert 5pm—Youth Choir 6pm—Youth Group	17 10am—Monday Morning Prayer Group 12pm—Preschool Committee 12:30pm—Small Group: Whaley 4:30pm—Personnel & Administration 5:30pm—Stewardship & Finance 5:30pm—More Profound Alleluia	18 9am—Staff Meeting 1:15pm—Worship & Music 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm—Endowment Board 6:30pm—Genesis Ringers 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Small Group: Biddle	19 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 7pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Confirmation Class 7pm—Sanctuary Choir 7pm—Presbyterian Women Circle 2	20 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 7pm—Third Thursday Evening Prayer Service	21 6:30pm—PW Event: Women, Wine, & the Word <div style="background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Youth: Faith & Sexuality Retreat w/2PC February 21-23 </div>	22
23 Music Ministry Sunday 9am—Worship: Sanctuary 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 12pm—Children's Ministry Hot Cocoa Fundraiser 5pm—Youth Choir 6pm—Youth Group	24 No Preschool 10am—Monday Morning Prayer Group 12:30pm—Small Group: Whaley 5:30pm—More Profound Alleluia 7pm—Session	25 9am—Staff Meeting 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm—Officer Nominating Committee 6:30pm—Genesis Ringers 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Small Group: Biddle	26 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 7pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Confirmation Class 7pm—Sanctuary Choir	27 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard	28 6pm—Confirmation Class at temple Emanuel	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS

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



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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Services:
9:00 AM—Chapel, Nursery Available
10:00 AM—Sunday School
11:00 AM—Sanctuary, Nursery Available, Livestream (Facebook & YouTube)

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley	Pastor and Head of Staff
The Rev. Isabella Fagiani	Associate Pastor
Leigh Sackett	Director of Christian Education
The Rev David Dixon, MD	Minister of Care
Dillon J. Swanson	Director of Music Ministries
Betsy Prillaman	Preschool Director

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