

**RALEIGH COURT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR



**Sunday, May 4, 2025
11:00 AM - Sanctuary
Graduate Sunday**

**Resurrection
of the Body**

THE FIVE SENSES OF NEW LIFE

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. Isabella Fagiani
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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

from *Book of Common Worship* (2018)

PRELUDE

Day of Arising

Dillon J. Swanson, organ
James Biery

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Sackett
By Rev. Carol Penner

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

**The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.**

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!

**Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 511

LLANFAIR

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from *Book of Common Worship* (2018)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifference to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ALLELUIA

CELTIC ALLELUIA



*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.

HONORING 2025 GRADUATES

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

Luke 24:13-35
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(p. 964 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

Taste

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani

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

Sanctuary Choir

Stay with Us

Walter L. Pelz

Stay with us, till night has come: Our praise to you this day be sung. Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise. Walk with us, our spirits sigh: Hear when our weary spirits cry, feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to your side. Walk with us, the road will bend: Make all our weeping, wailing end. Wipe our tears, forgive fears: Jesus, life the heavy cross. Talk with us, till we behold a joyful life you will unfold: Heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light. Stay with us, till day is done: No tears nor dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures high and low.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

***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

On each bread tray there are wafers that are gluten, egg, dairy, and nut free for those who need it. (Ingredients: garbanzo bean flour, potato starch, tapioca flour, whole grain sweet white sorghum flour, fava bean flour, palm oil)

Music During Communion

Partita on "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" David Cherwien

Prayer After Communion

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 257

WOODLANDS

The Risen Christ

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 591

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

*POSTLUDE

Postlude-Voluntary on Woodlands

Dillon J. Swanson

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes: Simon Whaley, Diana Dietz

Crucifer: Sam Favor

Ushers: Craig Favor, Helen Favor, Roger Lovern, Steve Burtis

Children's Worship: Elizabeth Chapman, Sam Chapman, and Hope Kessler

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Susan Ard, Ginger Barbour (friend of Elise Hansard), Marvin & Roena Barbre, Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman, Mayuen Chice, Collie Family (friends of Paul Kessel), Beverly Day and family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), Richard Fife and family (friend of Elise Hansard), Cameron & Susie Hutto, Cheryl Gilliland, 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), Amy Starr Redwine, Robin Scott, Erin Tucker (sister of Katelyn Burton), Pat Wade, 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.



MISSION PARTNER SUPPORT Each month, we designate all cash and coin to one of our local mission partners. For the month of May, we are supporting the Haiti Mission Group. 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 Haiti in the text box. Last month, we're thankful for your generosity as we raised \$2,945.03 for Habitat for Humanity.

MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY - May 11

9:00 AM Worship—Chapel

9:30 AM—Mother's Day Brunch—Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM Worship—Sanctuary

"Touch the Earth Lightly" will feature all of the music ensembles of RCPC and more! No Sunday School

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS RCPC is hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday May 11 at 9:30 am after a shortened early service and before the 11:00 am Music Ministry Sunday Service. We are looking for "a few good men" to help as we don't want mothers to work this event. Heather will cook, and disposable/compostable tableware will be used because of the short time frame and large group. We need help with setting tables on Saturday, May 10 at 2:00 pm, serving food on Sunday morning, and cleaning up afterwards. Contact Dawn Long at bdjljlong@cox.net to volunteer.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Will have a meeting today, Sunday, May 4, after the 11:00 AM service to elect new Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2028. **Elders:** Molly Bullington, Josh Goad, Bill Honeycutt, Brad Kennedy, Sharon Stinnette and Paula Mitchell (class of 2026). **Deacons:** Dave Eberhard, Lyndsey Onyett, Tyler Person, Heidi Peters, and Daniel Owen-O'Quill (class of 2026). **Officer Nominating Committee:** Marsha Ellison and Sarah Stephenson.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL Thank you to everyone who participated in our Two-Cents-A-Meal Hunger Offering last week. We collected \$664.40 to support feeding ministries in Roanoke and throughout the Presbytery of the Peaks. Thank you for your generosity!

SERMON SERIES: *Resurrection of the Body: The Five Senses of New Life*

April 27 – May 25

In the Apostles' Creed we affirm, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." The New Testament goes to great lengths to affirm that the risen Jesus appeared in a physical body and not just as a Spirit or an Idea. Why does it matter? How does it shape our life in the resurrection, to declare that it affects the body of Jesus and thus our bodies as well? In these weeks we will look at stories of the risen Jesus appearing to his followers through each of the five senses, to see how the resurrection affects our bodies and how we use them to the glory of God.

May 4 – Taste

May 11 – Touch

May 18 – Smell

May 25 – Hear

THIRD THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE May 15 at 7:00 PM in the RCPC Chapel. While we explore The Five Senses of New Life in Sunday morning worship, this Evening Prayer service will give us a chance to encounter and use all of our senses during worship. We will pray over the concerns of our neighbors, taste the Eucharist, and spend time worshipping God through the use of all of our senses.

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, May 4

Graduate Sunday

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
12:00PM Congregational Meeting
12:15 PM Youth Trips: Parent Meeting
5:00 PM Youth Choir – 4th & 5th
Graders Invited
6:00 PM Youth Group – Senior Send Off

Monday, May 5

12:30 PM Small Group: Whaley
7:00 PM Confirmation Session
Examination

Tuesday, May 6

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
9:30 AM PW Coordinating Team
4:30 PM Small Group: Dixon
6:30 PM Genesis Ringers
7:30 PM Raleigh Court Ringers
7:30 PM Small Group: Biddle

Wednesday, May 7

4:00 PM God Alive – End of Year Party!
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 8

9:00 AM Hunger Mission Packing
10:30 AM Small Group: Hansard

7:00 PM Officer Training

Friday, May 9

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 4

Music Ministry Sunday

9:00 AM Worship – Chapel
9:30 AM Mother's Day Brunch – Fellowship Hall
(No Sunday School)
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
12:15 PM Earth Care Committee

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
Al-Anon: Friday, 11:45 AM

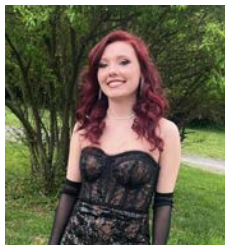
CONGRATULATIONS! HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Harry Anderson



Graduating from
North Cross School
Attending
Washington & Lee
University to study
physics.

Kenzie Bowes



Graduating from
Patrick Henry High
School.
Plans to obtain her
cosmetology license
and a business
degree.

Sam Dowdy



Graduating from
Patrick Henry High
School.
Attending Virginia
Military Institute in
the fall and will be on
the VMI Keydet
men's soccer team.

Maggie Jarrett



Graduating from
Patrick Henry High
School & Roanoke
Valley Governor's
School.
Attending Sewanee:
The University of the
South in Sewanee,
Tennessee.

Amelia Martin



Graduating from
Patrick Henry High
School.
Attending University
of Virginia.

Analise Martin



Graduating from
Patrick Henry High
School. Attending
University of Virginia.

Lillian Onyett

Graduating from Roanoke Catholic.
Attending the University of Lynchburg to study psychology.

CONGRATULATIONS! COLLEGE GRADUATES

Maggie Layman

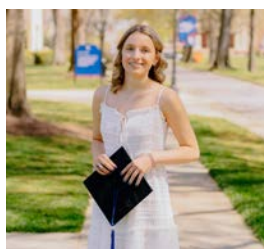


Graduating from
Virginia Western
Community College
with her Associate's
Degree in Science.

Delaney Smith

Graduating from the
University of
Virginia with a
Bachelor's of
Science in
Chemistry and a
minor in Spanish. In
the fall she will
begin pursuing a
Graduate Degree in
Chemistry at UVA.

Sarah Grace Stanley



Graduating from
Presbyterian College
and in the fall is
beginning seminary.