

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

John Calvin (1509-1564)

PRELUDE

Adoration

Dillon J. Swanson, organ

Florence Price

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Sackett

From “The Lord of Life” by Ann Weems

Jesus was into life in such a way

That you either had to follow him or resent his attempt to bring you change.

That's still who he is:

Someone who's going to make you see yourself

if you have ears to hear.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our pride before you, Almighty God. We are resistant to rebuke, we chafe at correction, we disdain disagreement. It is easier to defend ourselves than repent of wrongdoing, but we know that we have sinned before you in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and what we have left undone. Help us to listen to your correction and instruction as it comes in your Word and in the mouths of those you put in our lives. May bonds of affection allow for honest speech, that we may mature in your way.

(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

Funeral Receptions

Cindy Neathawk

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 27:6-10

(p. 597 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

Galatians 2:11-21

(p. 1060 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Find Your People

Robin & Jordan McLamb

Drew Holcomb

You gotta find your people/ The ones that make you feel alright/ The kind you want to stay up with all night/ You got to find your people/ The ones that make you feel whole/ That won't leave your side when you lose control/ The ones that don't let you lose your soul// You gotta find your people/ The ones that get the joke/ Who understand what you're saying before a word is spoke/ You gotta find your people/ That put the needle in the groove/ When you're together, you got nothing to prove/ When you're together, you got nothing to lose// In a world of strangers, you don't know who to trust/ All you see is danger, tryna find what you lost/ You can't go in alone, everybody needs help/ You gotta find your people, then you'll find yourself// You gotta find your people/ That'll call your bluff/ Who'll ride along when the road is rough/ You gotta find your people/ The ones that you feel equal/ They pick you up and don't put you down/ Help you find your way in the lost and found// The ones that understand you/ The ones that lend a hand to you/ The ones that don't demand anything from you// You got to find your people/ The ones that make you feel alright/ That tell you the truth then wish you well/ You gotta find your people, then you'll find yourself.

SERMON

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

That'll Call Your Bluff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani

from Theological Declaration of Barmen (1933)

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

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

Nicole Jennings, Executive Director

Presbyterian Community Center

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

The Prayer of St. Francis

Sanctuary Choir

Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there's despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there's despair, let me bring hope. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH, Alt.

Praise God form 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

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

*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

Toccata on Lift Every Voice

Mark A. Miller

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes: Simon Whaley and Diana Dietz

Children's Worship: Betsy Burtis and Cate Burtis

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Susan Ard, Ginger Barbour (friend of Elise Hansard), Marvin & Roena Barbre, Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman, David-Charles Campbell, Mayuen Chice, Beverly Day and family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), Lynne Fields, Elise Hansard, Cameron & Susie Hutto, Susan Lindstrom, Megan Mallare (friend of Kathy Grove), Melissa Martin (friend of Lisa Boylan), Rusty McCown, Jon Nance (Bill and Betty Nance's son/stepson), Steve Pottinger (Bob & India Atkinson's son-in-law), Cameron Stanley (Grandson of Betty Nance), Caroline Suess (elementary teacher to Eleanor Lockaby, Joanna Whaley, and Nora Chapman), and all caregivers.

Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with Elizabeth Matthews Jones and her family following the passing of her stepmother, Ginny Matthews, on Saturday, January 11.

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 January, we are supporting the emergency support given by Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) and the Presbyterian Community Center (PCC). This emergency support aids neighbors with rent, mortgage and utility payments. All money raised this month will be split between the two organizations so we can aid neighbors throughout the city. 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 the RAM & PCC in the text box. As of January 12, we have collected \$1,380.09 for the RAM & PCC.

RCPC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION RCPC Preschool begins priority registration for the 2025-2026 school year, for church members on January 13. We serve students ages 12 months through 5 years old 5 days a week! Email Betsy at betsy@rcpres.org to set up a tour if you are interested.

HUNGER MISSION We need food packers for Lincoln Terrace Elementary. We pack food in the gathering area each Thursday from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. We are currently packing 103 bags of food each week to feed children for the weekend. The hour is both rewarding and a fun time of fellowship. If you have questions, contact Paula Derbyshire (540.309.8816) or use the sign up link in Monday's This Week @ RCPC email.

RCPC VARIETY SHOW 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.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT: UNPLUGGED March 14-16, 2025 at Massanetta Springs "...and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Doesn't it feel like life gets faster and faster? The promises of contemporary society, technology, and convenience have not led us to spend more time in contemplation, recreation, and relationships. Instead, they have driven us to increase our capacity to produce and accomplish more. It feels like we are in an accelerated age and everything from the planet to our own lives is "burning out." Besides eternity with God, there is no way out of this modern malaise, but as Christians we are given moments of resonance, where the Good News of God interrupts the speeding up of life, surprises us, breaks in, and gives us a moment of rest. Such is our retreat in March—a moment of reflection, recreation, and rest—two days of resonance. Doesn't that sound wonderful? Join us this spring as we explore a life a little more "Unplugged" from the pressures, expectations, and envy of modern life. Register online at rcpres.org/retreat before January 31.

WINTER VBS: THE GRANDPARENT EFFECT Saturday, February 8 – 9:00 AM–12:00 PM Grandparents are one of the best support systems. They hold a lot of wisdom. Listening to their stories enriches our lives and guides us! Through their stories, grandparents pass on the legacy of our families from generation to generation. This means we will never forget where we came from ... not just within our own families, but within the family of God! This Winter VBS, we ask that each child participating either bring a grandparent or an older adult that serves that type of role in their life (this could be a neighbor, a church member, another family member, like an aunt or uncle). If you are not sure who your child can bring along, contact Leigh Sackett. Registration: January 6-27 at tinyurl.com/WinterVBS2025



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

FIRST & LAST NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

FELLOWSHIP DINNER Chicken Cordon Bleu sounds quite posh, but that will be the offering for our regular Fellowship Dinner on January 22. Vegetarians will opt for a squash casserole, and we'll all enjoy scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, and homemade bread. Dessert will be Dump Cake that's actually delicious in spite of a silly name! Bring your containers from home if you need to do take-away and sign up online at rcpres.org/dinner or in the gathering area by noon on Tuesday. Suggested donation is \$8/person or \$25/family.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY WORSHIP SERVICE
January 20 at 7:00 PM—Hill Street Baptist Church (111 Madison Ave NW)
"The Dream is Alive in Us!" Dr. Kenneth Wright, Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Gainsboro will deliver the Keynote Sermon and the Rev. Andrew Whaley of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church will provide the Inspirational Message. This service will take the place of the January Third Thursday Evening Prayer Service.

PUMP-A-PINT BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday, January 21 from 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM. Register online at REDCROSSBLOOD.org or contact Lillian Alexander at alexanderlj@yahoo.com or 540-632-8921. Sign-Up sheet is also available in the Gathering Area on Sundays. Join the ranks of faithful donors and leave knowing you've helped save three lives!

ALL RCPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Join us for Game Night on Friday, January 24 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Bring a finger food to share and your favorite board game, and enjoy fellowship with women of all ages (children are welcome). Please RSVP to Dawn Long at bdlijlong@cox.net by Monday, January 20, or on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

SERMON SERIES: Find Your People (January 12-February 16)
 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.

MORE PROFOUND ALLELUIA Mondays, February 3-25, 5:30 PM—6:30 PM
 Led by Dillon J. Swanson—Room 201. 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.

RCPC ORNAMENTS The final order of cross ornaments is in! If you pre-ordered, your ornament will be waiting for you with your name on it at the front desk or on Sunday mornings in the gathering area! Call Emily Jarrett (662-610-2705) with questions.

ELDERS

Class of 2025
 Debra Abbott
 Stephanie Danco
 Chuck Gilliland
 Eddie Martin
 Henry Schaefer

Class of 2026
 Matt Arnold
 Hunter Moore
 Jennifer Owen-O'Quill
 Christopher Ptomey

Class of 2027
 Jessi Beckett
 Mark Derbyshire
 Victoria Skinner
 Marty Trussell
 Hugh Wellons

DEACONS

Class of 2025
 Dawn Long
 Abby Pierson
 Jane Powell

Class of 2026
 Maggie Jarrett
 Will Smith
 Kaitlin Swanner
 Betty Whitehead

Class of 2027
 Chris DeFalco
 Kirk Martin
 Mike Mayo
 Autumn Quinn
 Kathy Sebolt



Sunday, January 19, 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
 Leigh Sackett
 The Rev. David Dixon, MD
 Dillon J. Swanson
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