



Sermon Series:
Encouragement: The First Letter to the Thessalonians

One of the hallmarks of the early church was not only letters of instruction, acts of care for those in need, or even the practice of radical hospitality that crossed traditional ethnic and religious boundaries. It was the practice of encouragement. This new life in Jesus calls us into new situations with different kinds of people and often demands our discomfort. To continue living in this way, it takes others who see what we have done, name the good in it, and call it out of us further. How can we learn to be encouragers who celebrate the good and thus multiply it for the sake of Jesus our Lord?

November 10—Together—Psalm 62:1-8 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

November 17—Action—Psalm 33:13-22 & 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

November 24—Orientation—Psalm 94:16-23 & 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Thanksgiving Service: *The Feast of Creation*

Sunday, November 24

Dinner at 6:00 PM—Fellowship Hall; Worship at 7:00 PM—Chapel

A Service of Thanksgiving for Creation

Our fall evening prayer series culminates in the Feast of Creation. Following a season of repentance for our sinful desecration of the gift of Creation and prayer for its healing, the Feast honors God as Creator and commemorates the great mystery of the creation of the cosmos. We give thanks for this foundational mystery of our Christian faith and join together around the table singing and praying in gratitude for the One who gives life to all creation.

Congregational Retreat: *Unplugged*
March 14-16, 2025

"...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. Book your room at Massanetta Springs for the 2025 Congregational Retreat today to lock in the early bird pricing! Form and payment are due by November 30 to Leigh Sackett or Julie Satterwhite. Forms are available in the Gathering Area or register online at rcpres.org. **EARLY BIRD PRICING IS LISTED IN RED**



Richmond Hall
 (Dormitory Style)
 Single: \$330 **\$290**
 Double: \$370 **\$320**
 Triple: \$455 **\$410**
 Four+: \$480 **\$430**



Hubler Lodge
 (Hotel Style)
 Single: \$380 **\$340**
 Double: \$500 **\$440**
 Triple: \$520 **\$455**
 Four+: \$540 **\$485**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Small Groups

The Small Group lessons are based on the Sunday sermons and scripture. Being part of a Small Group is an experience rich in personal connection and spiritual growth. Small Groups discuss what is shared in worship, therefore the experience of worship is more deeply ingrained in our minds and hearts. As we contemplate it all together, the concepts take root and our faith grows!

Sermon Reflections: Monday 12:30 PM-2:00 PM - Andrew Whaley, Room 102

The Fools: Tuesdays 4:00 PM-5:30 PM - David Dixon, Room 102

Soul Sisters: Tuesdays 8:00 PM-9:30 PM - Emilie Biddle, Parlor

The After Dinner Crowd: Wednesdays 7:00 PM-8:30 PM - Leigh Sackett, Room 102

Thursday Theology: Thursdays 10:30 AM-12:00 PM - Elise Hansard, Room 101

Sunday School—November Classes

History of Christian Theology, Led by Mike Lockaby, Room 101

Ever wanted to learn about how Christians think by thinking along with them as they grappled with what it means to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and teach it to others? This course is designed to think along with the people before us in the Christian tradition, rather than remember dates, places, and names. The class will follow along with a series of half-hour lectures on the History of Christian Theology by Dr. Phillip Cary, a professor of philosophy at Eastern University and a widely published scholar of Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther, and Protestantism. Following each lecture will be a 20 to 30 minute discussion of the subject matter led by Mike Lockaby, who will also provide copies of additional related materials to people who are interested.

The Seekers, Room 201 — **November 10-24** Creation Care

The Earth Care Team presents a three-part series on the joys and challenges of loving and caring for our natural environment and the ways in which God calls us to be stewards of the land and all things that live and breathe.

Topics will include ...

- An overview of earth care within our church and local community
- Local and global impacts of carbon emissions and climate change
- The amazing world of trees and their incredible impacts on our environment, soil health, and small-scale composting.

Each lesson will provide opportunities for engagement and connection for every age and ability!

Parents as a Verb, Led by Charles Richards, Room 102

October 27-November 24: Spirituality and Children's Literature

Join us in Parent as a Verb as we open ourselves to spirituality and Christian themes found in children's literature. We will use books to explore new perspectives and build community. We'll read books about family relationships, gender, grieving, overcoming obstacles, and much more.

Advent Creation: An Intergenerational Adventure, Led by Leigh Sackett, Fellowship Hall **Starts December 1**

Parents and children come, join us for a hands-on exploration of creating some memorable Advent traditions that you can continue year to year. We will create an Advent wreath, we will make ornaments to give as presents to grandparents or other family members, we will frost cookies for our neighbors, and we will create a Tree of Hope for friends in need.

Presbyterian Women—November Event

November 22: Line Dancing and Lots of Food



All RCPC Presbyterian Women are invited to join us for Line Dancing and Lots of Food on Friday, November 22 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre and enjoy fellowship with women of all ages. Following food and fellowship, we invite you to join in or watch an introductory line dancing lesson. Please RSVP to Ellen Austin at ebaustin11@gmail.com by Monday, November 18, or on

the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. Save the date for future PW events:

January 24: Game Night

February 21: Women, Wine, and the Word

March 29: Walk, Talk, and Taste at Mill Mountain Gardens

April 26: Paint and Praise

May 25: Taste, Talk, and Walk on the Roanoke Greenway (lunch at Wasena Tap and Grill)

Please reach out to Ellen Austin (ebaustin11@gmail.com) with any questions.

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATES

Requiem by John Rutter

Sunday, November 10 at 4:00 PM

We honor the legacy of the deceased members in RCPC history with an All Saints Concert featuring John Rutter's Requiem. This concert will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir and a chamber ensemble of six instrumentalists and the organ. Rutter's eclectic setting of the Requiem is one of the most popular choral works composed in the last 35 years praised for its simplicity, brevity, and memorable melodies.

All Saints' Sunday—November 3

Saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversaries of deaths of martyrs—their birthdays as saints through the completion of their baptism. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, remembered and forgotten, known and unknown. It has been celebrated on or around November 1 since the ninth century.

In the Reformed tradition, the emphasis of this festival is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, we also give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. At RCPC, we use this day to give thanks for the members of our community of faith who have died in the past year and we celebrate collectively all who have begun their baptismal journey in our community in the past year. Our 9:00 AM service will take place in the Gathering Area overlooking the Columbarium, and we will light a candle for each member who has entered the Church Triumphant in the past year at both services.

Grandin Village Holiday Children's Parade

Join your RCPC family to take in the annual Grandin Village Holiday Children's Parade on Saturday, November 23 at 11:00 AM. Pack a chair and join us to watch from the church parking lot where we'll be serving up hot apple cider and holiday cheer. This year our handbell choirs, Genesis Ringers and Raleigh Court Ringers, will be ringing on a float in the parade!

**2024 GRANDIN VILLAGE
HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S PARADE
NOV 23 | 11 AM**



Hanging of the Greens: A RCPC Tradition

Come join the fun on Saturday, November 30 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM to help RCPC's Chancel Guild transform the Sanctuary, Chapel, and Gathering Area for Advent and Christmas. Men and women of all ages are encouraged to participate!



**Fall Festival
& Organ
Spooktacular!**



FELLOWSHIP & MISSION

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Linda DeVogt Bruce Loving Gil Lynch	13 Owen Clayton Nick Fox	21 Andrew Agee Becky Carty
4 Carol Burmeister Prichard	14 William Haynie Carolyn Pollash	23 Diana Dietz Linda Mayes
5 Freda Chapman Betty Flora	15 Henry Jones	24 Chris Hodges
7 Andy Oliver Connie Pearlman	16 Nancy Hoffman Tom Scott	25 Phil Brundrett
8 Elise Hansard John Phelps	17 Grayson Kessler Tyler Person	26 Anne Agee Austen Earls
9 Molly Rutherford	18 Andrew Whaley	27 Eric Kessler
10 Geoffrey Weaver	19 Kelly Alcoke Tom Webster	28 Eliza Goad Beth Snead
11 Lynne Fields Jerry Garrett	20 Sam Derbyshire Carol McFarland Carolyn Wilson	29 Martin Trussell
		30 Juliana Wilcher

Special Birthday Wishes:

Lynne Fields on celebrating her 92nd birthday on November 11.

Special Anniversary Wishes:

Nancy & Charles Ayling on celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on November 4.

Young Adults

Young Adults are invited to go bowling at Lee High Lanes on Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 PM. RSVP to Leigh Sackett at leigh@recpres.org

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 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.

November Menus

11/13—Beef Stroganoff, White Rice, Buttered Corn, Homemade Bread, Marble Cake, & Cauliflower Stroganoff

11/20—Herb Roasted Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Lima Beans, Homemade Bread, Spice Cake, Roasted Veggie Salad

SUNDAY 11/24—Turkey/Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Homemade Bread, Sweet Potato Casserole, Quinoa Stuffed Squash

Railyard Dawgs Game

Fellowship Committee invites you to our next Roanoke Railyard Dawgs hockey outing on Saturday, November 16 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$14; team staff also recommends buying a Berglund Center parking pass for \$5, or fans can take the shuttle from the Elmwood Park garage. Sign up online at tinyurl.com/NovemberRailYardDawgs.

Ticket money can be turned in to Dawn Long's mailbox outside the Church Office.



Wrapped in Love

Are you interested to learn how to crochet or knit? Do you have a yarn project you'd like to work on surrounded by friends? Come join the Wrapped in Love ministry for coffee and refreshments on Saturday, November 9 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the home of Emily Jarrett. RSVP to Rebecca Whaley at rebecca.whaley@gmail.com for more details. All ages and experience levels welcome!

Youth Fellowship Dinner

You're invited to join the Youth of our church for a Fellowship Dinner Fundraiser on November 6 at 6:15 PM. The meal will be a baked potato bar. During the meal you'll have a chance to hear stories from three youth about the impact our summer trips have had on their faith as well as a chance to enjoy a slideshow of pictures from the last year in youth ministry. We invite the congregation to pay what you'd like in order to support our youth attending Massanetta Middle School Conference, Montreat Youth Conference, and our Hometown Mission Week.



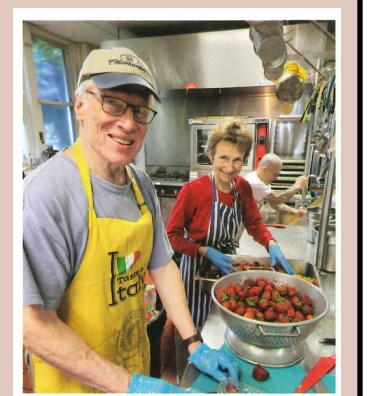
MISSION GROUPS UPDATES

Opportunity for Generosity: Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM)



RAM House seeks to provide hope by preventing and alleviating homelessness and hunger in the Blue Ridge Region. In 2023, RAM served 1618 homeless clients. Over 65,700 meals were served (both breakfast and lunch) to clients. A total of \$302,393 was spent in direct assistance to 1622 individuals including 590 children. RAM was able to stabilize and house 182 homeless individuals all while searching for a new property in order to expand its services to address the needs of their clients and help the city combat

homelessness. A new facility has been purchased and a capital campaign is underway to renovate it to provide expanded services including: on-site mental health care providers, mobile medical access, substance - alcohol abuse peer groups, day labor programs, computer access, showers, and increased office space. Our loose plate gifts this month will go to support the general operating budget of RAM as they seek to continue regular services all while expanding services.



Kurt Guelzow volunteering in the RAM kitchen

Youth Mission Project - Your Help is Needed!

Our RCPC Youth Group is asking for your assistance in a mission project to help the homeless. "I tell you the truth, whatever you did unto one of the least of these, you did unto me." (Matthew 25:40)

Our youth are collecting items for Roanoke's Homeless Assistance Team (HAT)! Youth will canvas the Raleigh Court neighborhood on Sunday, November 10 encouraging the neighborhood and the congregation to participate in this year's collection. The following list of items are needs identified by HAT to support individuals moving into housing as well as those who are still homeless. HAT has limited storage for items outside of those listed so if this inspires you to do some cleaning out, we encourage you to take a look at what can be donated to the Rescue Mission and take items to them. Please bring the following items for HAT to the church by Sunday, November 17.

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| Soap | Dishes |
| Travel size body wash | Pots/pans |
| Travel size lotion | Reading glasses |
| Chapstick | Men's and women's underwear |
| Deodorant | Backpacks |
| Travel size toothpaste | Laundry baskets |
| Razors | Blankets |
| Travel size shampoo | Travel tissues |
| Brooms/dustpans | Sunscreen |
| Mops/buckets | Winter hats and gloves |
| Shower curtains/hooks | |



2023 RCPC Youth delivering items to HAT



Earth Care Team: Roanoke Tree Stewards



The Earth Care Team at RCPC is excited to join the Roanoke Tree Stewards for two tree planting events this Winter, November 16 and December 7. The first opportunity on November 16 will be hosted by Chris Bryant at Fishburn Park where she will be offering a planting demonstration for us to learn the best way to transplant trees and share about their importance in our community. Then on December 7 we have the opportunity to volunteer as a church group and plant trees to serve the community in Old Southwest! Roanoke City declared 2024 to be the Year of the Tree. In addition to the beauty and importance to wildlife, our

city's trees have tangible value in many ways, including reducing stormwater runoff and providing canopy cover and shade which helps reduce the heat island effect. Planting trees in our yards and in our neighborhood is a simple way we can help mitigate the effects of climate change and strengthen our communities. Come to both or either event to learn more! If you're interested in joining us, please text Chris Bryant at 540-314-9977.



November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 All Saints' Sunday 9am—Worship: Gathering Area 10am—Sunday School 11am—Worship: Sanctuary 11am—New Member Welcome 12:15 PM—Officer Retreat 5pm—Youth Choir 6pm—Youth Group	4 10am—Monday Morning Prayer Group 12:30pm—Small Group: Whaley 6:30pm—Officer Retreat	5 9am—Staff Meeting 9:30am—PW Coordinating Team 4pm—Small Group: Dixon 6:30pm—Genesis Ringers 7:30pm—Raleigh Court Ringers 7:30pm—Small Group: Biddle	6 4pm—God Alive 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 7pm—Small Group: Sackett 7pm—Christmas Choir 7:45pm—Sanctuary Choir	7 9am—Hunger Mission Packing 10:30am—Small Group: Hansard 7pm—RCNA Board Meeting	8	9 10am—Wrapped in Love
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS

Monday-Friday	9:00 AM—12:00 PM																															
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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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