

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

PRELUDE

Mitchell R. Weisiger

Morning Mood (from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1)

Edvard Grieg

Transcribed for organ by Christopher Eva

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani

I celebrate the church, where we are called from half-heartedness to commitment:

commitment to a God who calls us to change, to change our direction, to be reborn, to a way of life where others are significant.

I celebrate the church, where every child of God is hailed as unique and valuable

where arms are opened to the world's outcasts,

where the tired, beaten, disillusioned world is invited and surprised by the life-giving word

that Christ accepts the children, all the children of the world.

Let's celebrate the church of Jesus Christ where the wonderful wildness of God breaks through common clay pots

and fills us with a holy spirit that overflows and we see light in pitch darkness- and every day is a festival of faith!

*HYMN 804

MARION

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one. As it was in the beginning now forever. Amen!

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mission

Nancy Trussell

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4 & 8-9

(p. 678 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

Luke 7:18-23

(p. 940 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

Doxology as Resilience

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 39

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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.

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 Sanctuary Choir

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul T. Langston

God of grace and God of Glory on Thy people pour Thy power; Crown Thine ancient church's story bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour!

Lo! The host of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days. For the living of these days!

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armored will all Christlike graces in the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee! A-men.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 315

NEW DIMENSIONS

In the Midst of New Dimensions

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

THEMBA AMEN

*POSTLUDE

Grand Chœur

Théodore Dubois

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolytes: Colton and Carter Naff

Children's Worship Leaders: Robbie Whitehead and Rosalie Flowers

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dawn Blakeman, Donn Branch, Brendan Brown (Kathy and Les Brown's grandson), Marie Brown, Alice Cabaniss, Pat Davis, Mary Frances Donnelly, Nancy Farthing, Sue and Jerry Garrett, Bill Gordge, Mary Hampton, Lee Jewell, Susan Lindstrom, Helen Lovelace, Joe Lynch, Hazel Newman, Jennifer Owen-O'Quill, June Paxton, Lois Pollash, Marion Raney, Bryan Tims, and all caregivers.

The rose in the chancel today is in celebration of the birth of Elise Rutherford Harrington, granddaughter of Ann and Bob Rutherford, great-granddaughter of Fannie Rutherford, and niece of Molly Rutherford and Scot Thomas. Elise's big sister Claire is loving her new baby sister and so is Mommy and Daddy, Sarah and Matt. Elise was born on Sunday, October 3.

ONLINE GIVING For those who may not remember to bring a check or cash on a Sunday, you can set up your giving to RCPC online. This can be done as a one-time or an on-going way to support our mission and ministry. You can either visit www.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.



RCPC FLOWER GUILD The RCPC Flower Guild offers to arrange flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you would like to honor a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion on a specific Sunday, please contact Anne Currin at anne@rcpres.org or call the church at 540 343-5541. The cost is \$80, which is for two arrangements placed in the chancel of the sanctuary.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY - Get ready for a new Pictorial Directory! Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church will be creating a new pictorial directory for our members and friends of the congregation. Online sign-up for scheduling pictures opens beginning the week of September 5 and runs through the week of October 10. Picture dates: **Thursday, October 28, and Friday, October 29 Thursday, November 4, and Friday, November 5. All dates are 2:00 PM to 8:30 PM each day.** Online sign-ups: tinyurl.com/RCPCPictureSignUp



Please make sure to update your contact information with the office. To do so please contact Anne Currin with your updates at anne@rcpres.org or call the church at 540 343-5541 x 11.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS For the fall fellowship dinners the parking lot will be set up as a dining area so we can gather around a table with others and eat using real plates and silverware. The last fellowship dinner for 2021 is Wednesday, October 13. **Menu for Wednesday, October 13:** Spaghetti, Salad, Italian Green Beans, Fresh Garlic Bread, Pudding Surprise, Veggie Spaghetti

PUMP-A-PINT FALL BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS Many thanks to all who participated in last Tuesday's blood drive. We exceeded our drive goal and collected 47 units! RCPC blood drives collected a total of 176 units in 2021. Well done! -The Pump-a-Pint Mission Group

MINISTRY FAIR You're invited to the Ministry Fair today immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service. Pop into the Fellowship Hall to learn all about the various ministries in the life of RCPC and how you can get involved - from serving at The West End Center to calling those on our prayer list via It's a Calling - you'll have a chance to learn about all of these things!

SMALL GROUPS Starting today all our Small Groups will resume. We have space for newcomers in several of our existing small groups, contact Leigh Sackett if you need more information! Being a part of a small group is an experience rich in personal connection and spiritual growth. In small groups we discuss what is shared in worship, therefore the experience of worship is more deeply ingrained into our minds and hearts. As we contemplate it all together the concepts take root and our faith grows! Weekly small group schedules:

Sunday: 10:00 AM-10:45 AM *Sneak Peek* (room 101)

Monday: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Andrew Whaley (outside at Andrew's house)

Tuesday: 4:30 PM-6:00 PM David Dixon (church parking lot)
8:00 PM Jennifer Bryant (rotating homes)

Wednesday: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM Leigh Sackett (room 102)

Friday: 10:00 AM Elise Hansard (room 101)

HELP MY UNBELIEF *"Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"* Nothing has motivated Fleming Rutledge in her preaching more than addressing people's struggles with doubt. Now with a new preface from the author, *Help My Unbelief* speaks directly to the "faithful doubters" and the "unbelieving believers" of the church who wrestle with questions and uncertainties about Christian faith.

What if I'm not very religious? Why isn't it enough just to be good and loving? Isn't Christianity outmoded? Can we still believe in the Resurrection today?

Fleming Rutledge approaches these questions with a combination of past oral warmth and theological fearlessness, aligning herself with those seeking answers and pointing readers toward the One who creates and sustains faith. Join our senior pastor Andrew Whaley on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in room 202 beginning October 17 through November 21 to ask these questions, and find where God might just still be speaking. Email Andrew@rcpres.org to register. Books are available at the church for \$10 or you can order your own online.

THE REST ON PURPOSE - October 17- November 21 As we engage once again in our full calendars, school assignments, and work deadlines, are we forgetting the lessons we learned in the pandemic? Who among us said, "This has taught me the value of time at home, with family, simplifying?" Are we honoring that learning or stepping right back into the overscheduled, hectic pace we knew before 2020? Israel's principal identity in its culture is to practice Sabbath as a way of honoring God, neighbor, and the creation. It is a gift that we as Christians can claim as well. It doesn't take a pandemic to shape our weekly rhythms. The Word of God gives us a pattern to follow.

October 17 - Creation at Rest: Genesis 2:1-3

October 24- That Sabbath Beat: Exodus 20:8-11

October 31- That Sabbath Story: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

November 7- Sabbath Under Siege: Nehemiah 13:15-22

November 14- Bodily Restoration: Mark 1:21-28

November 21- The Purpose of Sabbath: Mark 2:23-28

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, October 10

Commitment Sunday

9:00 AM Worship in Chapel
10:00 AM Sunday School & Discover RCPC #4
11:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary
12:15 PM Ministry Fair
1:00 PM New Member Lunch

Monday, October 11

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
10:30 AM Small Group: Whaley
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
7:00 PM BSA Troop 2
7:00 PM Mill Mountain Ringers
7:00 PM Deacons

Tuesday, October 12

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM PW
10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
12:30 PM Open Door Prayers in Sanctuary
4:30 PM Small Group: Dixon
5:30 PM Tai Chi
7:00 PM Raleigh Court Neighbor Association
7:15 PM Raleigh Court Ringers
8:00 PM Small Group: Bryant

Wednesday, October 13

7:00 AM Communion Outdoor Worship
9:00 AM Preschool
10:30 AM Book Club
12:00 PM Israel's Praise #4 (Zoom)
4:00 PM God Alive
6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner
6:45 PM Tenor Sectional
7:00 PM Small Group: Sackett
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 14

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Centering Prayer @ St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
5:30 PM Tai Chi
6:30 PM Hip Sober Chicks
6:45 PM Cub Scout Roundtable

Friday, October 15

9:00 AM Preschool
9:30 AM Columbarium Planting
10:00 AM Small Group: Hansard
11:45 AM AI-Anon

Saturday, October 16

2:00 PM Pieter Jager Columbarium Service

Sunday, October 10

9:00 AM Worship in Chapel
10:00 AM Sunday School & Theology Reading Group #1
11:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 PM Called Session Meeting for New Members
12:15 PM Children Christian Education Committee
5:00 PM Youth Choir/Bell Choir
6:00 PM Youth Group

Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church Roanoke, Virginia



The Church of the Open Door
11:00 AM - Sanctuary
Sunday, October 10, 2021



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

Ministers

Pastor and Head of Staff

Associate Pastor

Director of Christian Education

Minister of Care

Director of Music Ministries & Organist

Director of Children's Music

Preschool Director

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