

November 5, 2023
Rockville Presbyterian Church, Rockville,
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Pastor: Rev. Susan Graceson

Musician: Howie Jung

Soloist: Shinae Choi

Lay Leader: Rachel Jung

Ushers: Sue & Dave Anderson

We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience God's Spiritas you worship and meet with those around you. If you would like more information about RPC, please talk with anyone wearing a name tag or the Pastor.

Bold Letters Indicate congregational response.
*-- Indicates that all who are able may stand.

GATHERING

Prelude

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

We cry out to God saying help us.

We join together to worship the God who helps us.

We cry out to God saying heal us.

We join together to worship the God who heals us.

We cry out to God saying save us.

We join together to worship the God who saves us.

We cry out to God saying guide us.

We join together to worship the God who guides us.

We cry out to God.

We join together to worship God.

Amen

***Gathering Hymn**

Come and Find the Quiet Center

STF#2128

**1 Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**

**2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.**

**3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.**

Announcements **(See pages 8-10 in purple)**

Prayer of Invocation

Good and gracious God, blanket us with your holy spirit as we worship and praise you on this glorious morning. We have looked high into the heavens and we know that you are God. We lift up songs, prayers, and scripture to you, oh Heavenly One. In this sacred place, we know that you are with us. In this place, we feel your presence. In this place, we know you more deeply. We are your people. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, in your presence now, we confess our unholiness. We confess the unholiness of the whole world. We are a people divided against ourselves over and over again. We cling to the values of this bruised and broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue destroy your land and seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set us against our neighbors. The ideals we worship set nation against nation. We distort your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason. We turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, in your mercy, save us from ourselves.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God, on this glorious Sunday, we ask that you quiet our minds, open our souls, and expand our hearts, that we may hear your Word read, spoken, sung, and proclaimed. Let us now fully devote ourselves to worship. In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Psalm 16

God is a safe place to hide,
ready to help when we are in need.
We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom,
courageous in seastorm and earthquake,
Before the rush and roar of oceans,
the tremors that shift mountains.
Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.
River fountains splash joy, cooling God's city,
this sacred haunt of the Most High.
God lives here, the streets are safe,
God at your service from crack of dawn.
Godless nations rant and rave, kings and kingdoms threaten,
but Earth does anything God says.
Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading:

Habakkuk 1:1-5

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
4 So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
5 Look at the nations and see!
Be astonished! Be astounded!
For a work is being done in your days
that you would not believe if you were told.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

"Our sermon today is a video of Rev. Dr. Jonathan L. Walton, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, preaching at the recent installation of National Capital Presbytery pastors."

Sermon

I Dream A World

***Unity Hymn**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

#309

**1 Come, great God of all the ages;
make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person;
let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment;
give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building;
dedicate us to the task.**

**2 Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,
sure foundation, cornerstone;
help us form the church eternal;
may your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower;
lead all people to your way;
urge us to strong faith and action
as we build the church today.**

**3 Come, great Spirit, in and with us,
tune our ears to hear your call;
through the moving of your presence,
let redeeming love recall
ministry in dedication,
love embodied in our deeds;
challenge us to do your bidding,
see your purpose, fill all needs.**

**4 Come, O come, in celebration,
household of the one true God;
in commitment and rejoicing
let us go where Christ has trod;
as we act in faith and reverence,
let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant,
now and for eternity.**

RESPONDING

Invitation to Present Our Tithes and Offerings

Church offerings can be made electronically through our website:
www.Rockvillepres.org *or by scanning our QR code with your phone.*



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Offertory

All Saints Slide Show

***Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication**

You called forth this church and entrusted it to us, Great God. We bring our offerings to further your reign among us and only you know how adequately we are responding in return for the abundance you have given to us. May what we dedicate here, and the causes that engage our devotion, represent the life you bring to this church.

***The Nicene Creed (excerpt)**

(PC-USA Book of Confessions)

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Anthem

Broken for Me.

M. Nystrom

Prayers of the People

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*Sending Hymn

For Everyone Born

#769

**1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,**

Refrain:

**and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

**2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (*Refrain*)**

**3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (*Refrain*)**

**4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, (*Refrain*)**

**5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (*Refrain*)**

Benediction

Postlude

Heaven Is Singing for Joy

Pablo Sosa

PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

New to the prayer list:

- ❖ Carine Nouna asks for prayers for Sere, Ruth, and Esame (Shaney).

We continue to pray for:

- ❖ Mason Dencker who has been hospitalized. Family of Leigh Wirth Dencker who's family member Carolin Dencker, age 22, was killed in the Hamas attack in Israel;
Sue Anderson's son, Christian; Susan's friend Ann who is receiving chemotherapy to treat lung cancer;; Jim Baur, Jack Baur's brother who took a fall. Jim will have a long road to recovery; Betty Harbaugh's, granddaughter Michelle; Pastor Susan's friend Judith; Bernice Brown's family members, Betty and Evan; Verlin Morton (Pastor Doty's husband).

Our Homebound:

- ❖ Beth McDonald (Landfair), Bill Landfair and Nancy Webert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Care: Professional childcare workers are available to care for your children during the worship service. They are CPR-trained and have undergone full criminal background checks. The nursery is colorfully decorated and stocked with age-appropriate toys, changing tables, cribs, and childcare supplies. Speak to one of the ushers if you need help placing your child in the care of our wonderful workers.



Today, November 5th, 11:30 a.m., RPC 101 Class! New Member Class, Want to learn more about the history of RPC? Wondering what it means to become a church member?

Confused about some of the strange words the pastor throws around? At a loss as to how to respond when friends ask you what "Presbyterian" means? This is the class for you! Come and bring your questions. Pastor Susan and RPC elders will lead a lively discussion of all things RPC. Lunch included. Children welcome.



Wednesday, November 8th at 7:30 pm. Learn about Afghan Refugees: New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance, (partner of Rockville Refugee Resettlement) is hosting a discussion on to understand the plight of refugees entering the United States from Afghanistan. It is a family event that will feature two Afghan refugees telling their family's story. For more information, contact Marc Sorini.



Rainbow Place Raffle: The **Rainbow Place Raffle** is open through **Sunday, November 12th**.

Look for RPC as a sponsor of this year's raffle! Buy raffle tickets at <https://rainbowplaceshelter.basketraffle.org/>



Community Reach Thanksgiving Basket Collection: Every year Community Reach distributes Thanksgiving baskets to those in meals. Help us fill baskets! Bring all items to church by **Sunday, November 12th**. You can

donate money online, or by cash or check. Designate your offering for Thanksgiving baskets.

Needed items (for 1 basket):

- \$25 or \$30 gift certificate to Giant or Safeway,
- 2 boxes of stuffing,
- 2 cans/jars of gravy,
- 2 cans of cranberry sauce,
- 5 lbs. of potatoes or a box of instant potatoes,
- 5 large sweet potatoes or 2 cans of yams,
- 3 16 oz. cans of vegetables,
- 1 64 oz container of apple juice,
- 1 dessert (ingredients for an apple or pumpkin pie, or cake mix and icing).



Sunday, November 19th after worship. Join in a special worship service & reception celebrating Howie Jung who will be stepping down as RPC Music Lead as our new Music Ministry Coordinator begins in December. We will honor and celebrate Howie's talent and dedication to God and Church and RPC.

SAVE THE DATE!



Saturday, November 25th from 9:00 am - noon Fall Clean Up.

Grab your rakes and put on your gloves and join us on for the RPC's fall clean up. The rain date is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd – 9:00 am - noon.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

SUNDAY, Nov. 5th

Communion Sunday

All Saints Day

New Members Class

Pastor: Rev. Susan Graceson

Musician: Howie Jung

Soloist: Shinae Choi

Lay Leader: Rachel Jung

Ushers: Sue & Dave Anderson

Communion Server: Mary Williams

Fellowship: Amy Macomber

Counters: The Macomber's

Sunday School Teachers:

Amy Macomber & Pat Wolff

THOSE SERVING

NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 12th

Pastor: Rev. Susan Graceson

Musician: Howie Jung

Lay Leader: Beth Redd

Ushers: Betty Harbaugh & Rachel Jung

Fellowship: Can you help?

Counters: Macomber's

Sunday School Teachers:

Elizabeth Dawson & Pat Wolff



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