

November 19, 2023
Rockville Presbyterian Church, Rockville, MD
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Pastor: Rev. Susan Graceson
Guest Preacher: David Tucker

Piano: Howie Jung
Soloist: Shinae Choi
Lay Leader: Rachel Jung
Ushers: Sherry Smith & Pat Wolff

We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience God's Spirit as 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

We Walk by Faith

Henry Alford

Welcome

*Call to Worship

All that we are is a gift from God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

All that we have is a gift from God.

The world, and those who live in it;

There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

For God has founded it on the seas,

Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

God established it on the rivers. Let us worship God.

Amen

*Gathering Hymn

From the Rising of the Sun

STF#2024 (x3)

From the rising of the sun

to the going down of the same,

the name of the Lord shall be praised.

From the rising of the sun

to the going down of the same,

the name of the Lord shall be praised.

So praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord.

From the rising of the sun

to the going down of the same,

the name of the Lord shall be praised.

Announcements (See pages 7-9 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:

Dear God of great abundance, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back and seek out worldly pursuits instead. You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to help, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. Yet, we spend our time serving ourselves. You provide us with opportunities to serve by using the talents and abilities we have been given. Yet, we hide our gifts. You provide us with financial resources, and we sometimes resist sharing because of fear for the future. You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. And still, we take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response in Praise**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

#591 (x3)

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 57: 7-11

My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast.

I will sing and make melody.

Awake, my soul!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Let your glory be over all the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 4:8-11

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.

To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

And All That Jazz

David Tucker

**1. Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

***Refrain:* We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

**2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! (*Refrain*)**

**3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters
and brothers united in love! (*Refrain*)**

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.*



**Give — Rockville
Presbyterian
Church**
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Offertory

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***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.

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**

When the Saints Go Marching In

**Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
Oh Lord I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.**

**And when the sun begins to shine,
And when the sun begins to shine,
Oh Lord I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.**

**Oh, when the trumpet sound its call,
Oh, when the trumpet sound its call,
Oh Lord I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.**

**Oh, when the new world is revealed,
Oh, when the new world is revealed,
Oh Lord I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.**

**Oh when the stars fall from the sky,
Oh when the stars fall from the sky,
Oh Lord I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.**

**Oh, when the Saints go marching in, Oh,
when the Saints go marching in,
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in.**

Benediction

Postlude

The Preacher

Horace Silver

PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

We continue to pray for:

- ❖ Prayers for Sere, Ruth, and Esame (Shaney), per Carine Nouna request; 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, Sunday, November 19th. We are celebrating Howie Jung who will be stepping down as RPC Music Lead. We will honor and celebrate Howie's talent and dedication to God and Church and RPC with a special worship service & luncheon following service.



Next 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.

SAVE THE DATES!



Sunday, December 3rd following worship - Deck the Halls! - In preparation for Christmas, stick around after church on this first day of Advent and help us deck the halls and make our church beautiful for our holiday services. Join in food, fun and fellowship decorating for this special day.



Sunday, December 10th Advent Fair - after worship. Everyone is invited to join together as we celebrate Advent with holiday craft making and a service project at our annual Advent Fair in the Calvin Room.



Tuesday, December 12th from noon to 2:00pm - **Lunch Bunch** - Bring your own lunch and meet in the Calvin Room to break bread together in fellowship. All are welcome.



Sunday, December 17th during Worship - **Children's Christmas Pageant** - Come see the kids of RPC dress up in fun costumes and use props to act out a story that celebrates Jesus' birth. It's sure to bring smiles to kids of all ages! **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.**



Community Reach Toy Drive: This year, Community Reach plans to provide holiday gifts to 200 families. Toys should be new and for children aged 0-12. Gift cards should be \$25 or \$30 and are for children aged 13-17. Recommended gift card locations are Target, Amazon, Visa, or Mastercard. *Bring toys or gift cards to church by **Sunday, December 17th** to support Community Reach's Holiday Distribution.*



Saturday, December 24th at 10:30 am - **Christmas Eve Morning Worship** - Enjoy a holiday celebration featuring a baptism and filled with music and scripture as we retell the nativity story this Christmas Eve during morning worship.

Saturday, December 24th at 5:00 pm **Evening Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** Children and Adults alike are welcome to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, during a worship service filled with carols and candlelight.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

SUNDAY, NOV. 19th

Celebrating Howie Jung

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Soloist: Shinae Choi

Lay Leader: Rachel Jung

Ushers: Sherry Smith & Pat Wolff

Fellowship: Howie Jung's reception

Counters: Paul & Elizabeth Boyer

Sunday School Teachers:

Joel Masselink & Carol Bogezi

THOSE SERVING

NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 26th

Pastor: Rev. Susan Graceson

Musician: Shinae Choi

Lay Leader: David Tucker

Ushers: Sean Macomber & Mike Herzfeld

Fellowship: *Can you help?*

Counters: The Macomber's

Sunday School Teachers:

Elke Herzfeld & Mary Williams



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