



Rocky
Mountain
Community
Church, PCA

Welcome to Rocky Mountain Community Church's Congregation

We're glad you're with us today! If you want to know more about us or if you have any questions, we want to help. There are always leaders up front near the stage at the end of the service to talk with you, pray with you, and help you in any way they can.

Vision of RMCC

A community by grace loving the Lord Jesus and making him known

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A

Q. How are you made right with God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP THEME

Jesus Christ Is Closer Than A Brother

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP-- from Psalm 27—Elder Jeff Laverman

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek,

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE

SONGS

O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:1-17—Elder Jeff Laverman

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sins. Forgive our frivolous attitude towards life, our callousness towards suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may appreciate and believe with full assurance that Jesus Christ is our life. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18

BAPTISMAL VOWS & BAPTISMS— Pastor Rolf Meintjes

Benjamin Robert Kienitz (Son of Tim & Lisa Kienitz)
Anya Faith Kincaid (Daughter of Skyler & Rachel Kincaid)

BAPTISMAL VOWS FOR THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge that your children, being conceived and born in sin and therefore subject to God's condemnation, have the need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly offer your children to God for Christian baptism, and, in humble reliance upon God's grace, do you promise to instruct them in the doctrines of our faith as revealed in Holy Scripture and summarized in the Confession and Catechisms of this Church; and do you promise to set before them a godly example, to pray with and for them and, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Vow for the Congregation

And do you, as brothers and sisters in Christ, and members of this body of Christ, promise to help these families by your encouragement, prayers, and acts of mercy, supporting them in their endeavor to nurture their children to follow the Lord?

OUR RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

IN UNISON:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

SONG

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Words and music by Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

**Chorus*

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. *

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
When he comes at last!*

Training Children to Worship—

invites children ages 4 to 7 downstairs for the TCW Lesson during the sermon

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *Closeness In Christ*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Mark 3:7-19

SERMON SERIES: The Gospel of Mark: Authentic Discipleship

⁷Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹²And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

¹³And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Outline—

I. Close

II. Closer

III. Closest

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you explain what was wrong about the closeness of the crowd and the apostles to Jesus? Where do you notice similar tendencies in your own heart to be more consumed with the quick benefits that we can take from Christ? What are the things that you tend to fixate on that would make your life better other than Christ?
2. Despite the ways in which we try to use Jesus for our gain, he willingly and sacrificially loves us and redeems us from your sins. Why are you so quick to overlook this amazing gospel and focus instead on our light and momentary troubles?
3. James 4:8 commands us to “Draw near to God.” In what practical ways do you need to grow close to Christ and trust more fully in him?
4. James 4:8 concludes, “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” Where do you most need the reassurance of God’s love for you in Christ?

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER—Pastor Rolf Meintjes

Q36: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

In Preparation for the Bread & Wine:

For those who are Christians

RMCC Communing Members are welcome at this table. For our younger members who’ve not been interviewed by your elders, watch and listen carefully as the elements are passed, but withhold for now.

Guests from other Christian churches are invited to partake with us (your children, too, if they have been baptized and publicly professed faith).

All should prepare your hearts by self-examination and prayer (1 Cor. 11). If you’re in conflict, though, and refusing to seek reconciliation, Christ says, “First, go and be reconciled.” (Mt 5)

If you are not a Christian

We are delighted to have you with us today! We ask you not to partake of the bread and wine but instead use this time to consider the claims that you’ve heard this morning and reflect on this invitation: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Mt 11:28-29)

If you have any questions, please speak to any of our pastors or elders in the front of the sanctuary after the service today.

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD WITH SINGING

JESUS, I AM RESTING

Author, Jean Sophia Piggot, 1876 /Music, Alfred Poirier

Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of who you are;
I am finding out the greatness
Of your loving, loving heart.
You have made me gaze upon you,
As your beauty fills my soul,
For by your transforming power,
You have made me, made me whole.

Simply trusting you, Lord Jesus,
I behold you as you are;
And your love, so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies all of my heart.
Satisfies its deepest longings,
Meets, supplies my every need;
Circles me around with blessing,
Yours is love, is love indeed.

As I work and wait, Lord Jesus,
Ever lift your face 'pon me;
Let me rest beneath your smile;
To you always I shall flee.
Brightness of the Father's glory,
Sunshine of the Father's face,
Keep me ever resting, resting,
Fill me, fill me with your grace.

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

SEARCH ME, O GOD

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 70)

(PSALM 139)

O Lord, you have searched me, you have known my heart.
When I sit, when I rise, you know all my thoughts.
My going out, my lying down, before a word is on my tongue,
you know exactly what I'll say, you know all my ways.

Chorus:

*Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up into the heavens, you are there.
And if I fly on wings of morning to the far ends of the earth,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast, will hold me fast.

If I say the darkness hides me and the light becomes the night,
to you the night will shine as brightly as the day.
O God how precious are your thoughts, how vast is the sum!
For all your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

You knit me together inside my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am wonderfully made.
You saw my unformed body; it's not hidden from you.
All the days ordained for me are written in your book.*

OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

GLORIA PATRI

Psalm 29:2

(Pear Tree Hymnal page 55)

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son,
Glory to the Spirit, blessed Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, it is now until the end,
World without end.
Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen.

And we sing glory to the Father, glory to the Son,
Glory to the Spirit, blessed Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, it is now until the end,
World without end.
Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen.

(*Gloria Patri* is Latin for "Glory to the Father" and pronounced "glor-ee-ah pah-tree")

Trudy E. Poirier

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BENEDICTION

Following the worship service, elders will be available at the front of the sanctuary to talk with you, pray for you, or answer any questions you may have. Visitors, please join us for coffee and tea down the hall at the kitchen counter.

RMCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

<i>Today:</i>	11:30 a.m.	Newcomer/Visitor Lunch— Hosted by the Carlson Flock
	8:00 p.m.	RMCC Men's Basketball Game @ Lewis & Clark Middle School
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Time @ Church
	6:45 a.m.	Elders' Prayer @ Church
	4:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study @ Church
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (<i>Good & Angry</i>) @ Kristin Barrie's Home
<i>Wednesday:</i>	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (<i>Good & Angry</i>) @ Church
	12:00 p.m.	Announcements Due in Church Office
	12:00 p.m.	Next Month's Calendar Items Due in Office
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group @ Church
<i>Wednesday:</i>	4:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (<i>Art of Dying</i>) @ Church
<i>Sunday:</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service — Pastor Alfred Poirier preaching (Exodus 32)
	8:00 p.m.	RMCC Men's Basketball Game @ Riverside Middle School

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights Below—

For complete information see announcements
(Hard copies in Foyer and on our website at www.rmccmontana.org)

***Visitor/Newcomer Lunch—Hosted by Carlson Flock, TODAY at 11:30 AM**

***TCW In Need of Help!**

***Baby Shower for Karla Orth—Thursday, February 23rd, 6:30 PM at Church**

***RMCC Variety Show Auditions, Saturday, March 4th at 1 PM at Church**

www.rmccmontana.org

406-259-7811

9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: Smith Small Group

Lord's Supper Servers: Barthel, Brook, Carlson, Feralio, Hubley, Vowell

Reader: Erik Smith

Ushers: Greg Oliphant, Frank Witt, Ernie Jennings

Nursery: Julie* & Joe McGinnis, Krista, Theresa, & Isaac Goudy, Alexis Cain,
Linda Henderson, Britta Dalbey

TCW: Denise & Greg Oliphant
George & Maddie Fink

Admin: Linda Henderson

King's Cupbearers: Joshua Goudy, Boaz & Phin Sironi, Everett Stapler

NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

—Pastor Alfred Poirier preaching (Exodus 32)

WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Jason Barrie

Lord's Supper Servers: Goudy, Laverman, Marble, D. Mattson, Oliphant, Roan

Reader: Andrew Marble

Ushers: Mark Baldwin, Jeff Goudy, Don Russell

Greeters: Compton Small Group

Nursery: Tasha Houlihan*, Amy & Julie Prociv, Bethany Haan, Linda York,
LeAnn Currington, Adam Barrie

TCW: Bo & Chanteal Stapler
Scott & Jessica Felchle

Admin: TaraLee Mattson

King's Cupbearers: Ava Prociv, Evelyn Reck, Bailey Mattson, Grace Mattson,
Abigail Strong, Grace McGinnis

There is an offering box provided in the foyer for those who wish to worship God with their tithes and offerings. Special offering (i.e. missions, diaconal) envelopes are available above the offering box or make a note on the memo of your check to have it applied to the special offering. If you would like to become a member of this church, or find out more about what we believe, please call the church office at 259-7811.

PRAYER NEEDS

If you would like someone to pray for or with you, please consider the following:

1. Share your request with your Small Group. If you are not currently in one, we urge you to consider joining one.

(Check box on Keeping In Touch detachable slip on back page.)

2. Talk with one of the officers who are up front at the end of each service for prayer.

If you are in need of counseling, please call the church office at 259-7811 or CCEF at 294-5533.

Prayer of Belief—

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.

(If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please share with a church officer up front following the worship service, or let one of the pastors know.)

Comments

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. When possible please contact staff by referring to the staff directory, or use the space provided below and place it in the offering box in the foyer.

A dotted-line rectangular box containing seven horizontal lines for writing comments.

PRAYER REQUEST

February 12, 2017

Your Name _____

- For Leaders **Only**
 For Leaders & Email Prayer List

A series of 16 horizontal lines for writing a prayer request.

Our leaders will pray for your request this week.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

*Please leave on your chair or place in the
Prayer Request box in the foyer*

Name _____

Address _____

_____/_____/_____
City State Zip

Home # _____

Work # _____ Cell# _____

E-mail Address _____

- Add me to the address/phone directory
- Check if new address or phone
- Add me to the E-mail announcement list

Attending Today: __Adults__ Children

- Member
- First Time Visitor
- Guest
- Visit Frequently
- Regularly Attend

How did you hear about RMCC?

- Friend/Relative
- Special Events
- Pilgrim Radio
- Mailing
- Other _____

Specific Requests:

- Send me more information about RMCC.
- I'd like to learn more about Jesus; I'd like to know how God can forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life.
- I'd like an elder to call me.
- I am interested in joining a small group.
- I'd like help with a conflict.
- I'd like you to pray for me. (Over)

LET US SERVE YOU

Pastoral Staff

Jason W. Barrie
Rolf D. Meintjes
Alfred J. Poirier

Support Staff

Office Administrator
Tami Haan

Treasurer

Kerry Lou Smith

Facilities Manager
Jeff Gray

Elders

Jeremy Carlson	Rich Mattson
Dom Feralio	David Petsch
Steve Hubley	Sam Reck
Jeff Laverman	Frank Schaner
Andrew Marble	Erik Smith
Daniel Mattson	

Deacons

Fred Barthel	Jon Sholley
Gary Brook	Steve Skiles
Jeff Goudy	Andrew Strong
Greg Oliphant	Lewis Vowell
Dave Roan	

Missions Supported by RMCC

Bangladesh	Great Plains Gathering
Northern Mexico	Montana Church Planting
Global Missions	International Peacemaking