



Rocky  
Mountain  
Community  
Church, PCA

### *Welcome to Rocky!*

We are a spiritual family whose embrace aims to be as broad as the embrace of Jesus. We are for the flourishing of all people—adults and kids, engineers and artists, homemakers and CEOs, liberals and conservatives, rich and poor, single and married, happy and depressed, curious and committed, those with advanced degrees and those with special needs. In short, if you are a human being and an incomplete work in progress, you will fit in well at Rocky. We don't show up because we are good. We show up because we need Jesus.

### *Our Vision*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 2, 2018

WORSHIP REFLECTION

*“All notions of justice are inescapably judgmental.”*

—Michael Sandel, Harvard Philosopher

WORSHIP THEME

*God Is Just*

*First Sunday of Advent--The Prophecy Candle*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 33:18-22

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
    **on those who hope in his steadfast love,**  
that he may deliver their soul from death  
    **and keep them alive in famine.**

Our soul waits for the LORD;  
    **he is our help and our shield.**

For our heart is glad in him,  
    **because we trust in his holy name.**

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
    **even as we hope in you.**

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE  
SONGS

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

Philippians 2:9-11  
(Pear Tree Hymnal page 47)

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
Ev'ry tongue confess him: King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Humbled for a season to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came;  
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true:  
Crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;  
Let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again  
With his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;  
For all earthly powers meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him: King of glory now!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Caroline M. Noel, Trudy E. Poirier  
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## COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,  
Day-spring from on high, appear;  
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
Of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news,  
Glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
He whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness,  
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number,  
Born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US—

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 9:14-29

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." <sup>16</sup> So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. <sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." <sup>18</sup> So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

<sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" <sup>20</sup> But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" <sup>21</sup> Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? <sup>22</sup> What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, <sup>23</sup> in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— <sup>24</sup> even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? <sup>25</sup> As indeed he says in Hosea,

"Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'" <sup>26</sup> "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"

<sup>27</sup> And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, <sup>28</sup> for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay." <sup>29</sup> And as Isaiah predicted, "If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah."

## OUR RESPONSE

### CONFESSION OF SIN—

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge our manifold sins and wickedness, which we most grievously have committed, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. Sins of lips, life and walk, of hardheartedness, unbelief, presumption, pride, of bringing dishonor upon Your great name, of deception, injustice, untruthfulness in dealing with others, of impurity in thought, word and deed, sins in private and in the family; good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive. Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### *PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS*

<sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 1 Timothy 1:15-16



## OUR RESPONSE

DIACONAL REPORT--Joe McGinnis

## 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.

## OUR RESPONSE

### SONG

#### SING TO JESUS

By Fernando Ortega

Come and see, look on this mystery:  
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree.  
Christ our God, spilling his holy blood,  
Bowing in anguish his sacred head.  
Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame,  
Lord of our sinful hearts,  
He is our great Redeemer.  
Sing to Jesus, honor his name;  
Sing of his faithfulness,  
Pouring his life out unto death.

Come you weary, and he will give you rest.  
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast.  
Christ who died, risen in paradise,  
Giver of mercy, giver of life.  
Sing to Jesus, his is the throne,  
Now and forever,  
He is the King of heaven.  
Sing to Jesus, we are his own.  
Now and forever,  
Sing for the love our God has shown.

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame,  
Lord of our sinful hearts;  
He is our great Redeemer.  
Sing to Jesus, honor his name;  
Sing of his faithfulness,  
Pouring his life out unto death.

#### Worship Options Available to Children

- Ages 4 to 7 are invited downstairs for the Training Children to Worship lesson during the sermon.
- Special Children's Bulletins are available on the tables in the back of sanctuary for note-taking. Place finished bulletin in the basket for a chance to make next week's cover!

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *Devoted to Devotion*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Joshua 10:40-11:23

SERMON SERIES: Joshua—"I Will Be With You"

<sup>40</sup> So Joshua struck the whole land, the hill country and the Negeb and the lowland and the slopes, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but devoted to destruction all that breathed, just as the LORD God of Israel commanded. <sup>41</sup> And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea as far as Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, as far as Gibeon. <sup>42</sup> And Joshua captured all these kings and their land at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel. <sup>43</sup> Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

11 When Jabin, king of Hazor, heard of this, he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, <sup>2</sup> and to the kings who were in the northern hill country, and in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, and in the lowland, and in Naphoth-dor on the west, <sup>3</sup> to the Canaanites in the east and the west, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, and the Jebusites in the hill country, and the Hivites under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. <sup>4</sup> And they came out with all their troops, a great horde, in number like the sand that is on the seashore, with very many horses and chariots. <sup>5</sup> And all these kings joined their forces and came and encamped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, for tomorrow at this time I will give over all of them, slain, to Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire." <sup>7</sup> So Joshua and all his warriors came suddenly against them by the waters of Merom and fell upon them. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD gave them into the hand of Israel, who struck them and chased them as far as Great Sidon and Misrephoth-maim, and eastward as far as the Valley of Mizpeh. And they struck them until he left none remaining. <sup>9</sup> And Joshua did to them just as the LORD said to him: he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.

<sup>10</sup>And Joshua turned back at that time and captured Hazor and struck its king with the sword, for Hazor formerly was the head of all those kingdoms. <sup>11</sup>And they struck with the sword all who were in it, devoting them to destruction; there was none left that breathed. And he burned Hazor with fire. <sup>12</sup>And all the cities of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua captured, and struck them with the edge of the sword, devoting them to destruction, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded. <sup>13</sup>But none of the cities that stood on mounds did Israel burn, except Hazor alone; that Joshua burned. <sup>14</sup>And all the spoil of these cities and the livestock, the people of Israel took for their plunder. But every person they struck with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them, and they did not leave any who breathed. <sup>15</sup>Just as the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>16</sup>So Joshua took all that land, the hill country and all the Negeb and all the land of Goshen and the lowland and the Arabah and the hill country of Israel and its lowland <sup>17</sup>from Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir, as far as Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. And he captured all their kings and struck them and put them to death. <sup>18</sup>Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. <sup>19</sup>There was not a city that made peace with the people of Israel except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. They took them all in battle. <sup>20</sup>For it was the LORD's doing to harden their hearts that they should come against Israel in battle, in order that they should be devoted to destruction and should receive no mercy but be destroyed, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

<sup>21</sup>And Joshua came at that time and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua devoted them to destruction with their cities. <sup>22</sup>There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the people of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod did some remain. <sup>23</sup>So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war.

## Outline—

### I. War for a Long Time

### II. War for a Lifetime

## Questions—

1. *What are the unique factors in the context of the book of Joshua that make “holy war” unique? Can/should the church engage in holy war?*
2. *Why is the justice of God such an important doctrine to uphold in a day and age that does not seem to appreciate it?*
3. *How would you compassionately and carefully explain the meaning of Joshua 11:20 to someone who was really struggling with this challenging verse? (Consider Romans 9:23 in your answer.)*
4. *How does a good understanding of the justice of God lead to the cross and ultimately give a deep appreciation for mercy?*
5. *Finally, due to the mercy you have received in Christ, what are the sins in your life that you can no longer overlook? What sins can no longer be left unaddressed?*

#### *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

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O Come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.\*

*Chorus:*

\*Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee,  
O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.\*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.\*

O come, thou Day-spring from on high,  
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.\*

O come, thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.\*

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

**OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN**

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413  
Plainsong, 12<sup>th</sup> Century

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
All dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring,  
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore!

## OUR RESPONSE

### CLOSING SONG

#### ONE DAY (WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN)

One day You'll make ev'rything new, Jesus  
One day You will bind ev'ry wound.  
The former things shall all pass away,  
No more tears.

One day You'll make sense of it all, Jesus  
One day ev'ry question resolved.  
Ev'ry anxious thought left behind,  
No more fear.

*\*Chorus:*

When we all get to heaven  
What a day of rejoicing that will be,  
When we all see Jesus  
We'll sing and shout the victory!

One day we will see face to face, Jesus  
Is there a greater vision of grace?  
And in a moment we shall be changed,  
On that day.  
And one day we'll be free, free indeed, Jesus  
One day all this struggle will cease,  
And we will see Your glory revealed  
On that day.\*

Yes one day we will see face to face Jesus  
Is there a greater vision of grace?  
And in a moment we shall be changed,  
Yes in a moment we shall be changed,  
In a moment we shall be changed  
On that day.\*

CCLI Song # 7091537

Beth Redman/Eliza Edmunds Stites Hewitt/Leonard Jarman/Matt Redman

*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

- Today:* 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching  
11:40 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
3:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Tuesday:* 6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Time @ Church  
4:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study @ Church
- Wednesday:* 12:00 p.m. Announcements Due in Church Office  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group @ Church
- Friday:* 11:15 a.m. Senior Lunch—JOY TO THE WORLD! @ Church
- Next Sunday:* 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching  
11:40 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
3:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal @ Church

## KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights Below—

For complete information see announcements

(Hard copies on Information Counter and on our website at [www.rmccmontana.org](http://www.rmccmontana.org))

- Angel Tree Is Up In The Foyer—More information in the announcements
- Advent devotional—*Unwrapping the Names of Jesus*—Available on the information counter for \$11
- Ladies Christmas Brunches—Today is the deadline to sign up
- December Senior Lunch is Friday, December 7th—See announcements for complete details
- Year-End Giving Information—Details in announcements
- RMCC is moving to a new online giving donation system
- News from Chip Zimmer in Bangladesh
- December calendars available on the information counter

[www.rmccmontana.org](http://www.rmccmontana.org)

406-259-7811

9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

## TODAY AT RMCC

**Greeters:** Oliphant Small Group

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Jason Barrie

**Reader:** Andrew Marble

**Lord's Supper Servers:** Cryder, Goudy, Hubley, Laverman, Nelstead, Vowell

**Ushers:** Greg Oliphant, Frank Witt, Ernie Jennings

**Nursery:** Infants: Amy Petsch\*, Jess & Scott Felchle, Dale Dalbey  
2's & 3's: Andrew Strong\*, Angie Laird, Joshua Goudy

**TCW:** Andrew & Nora Meier, Aaron & Kellie Sironi  
Admin: Christina Kohler

**King's Cupbearers:** Elijah, Luke & Isaac Gerstner, Nathan Paterson, Noah Felchle

## NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:00AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE** —Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching

**10:00 AM**

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Wes Holmes

**Lord's Supper Servers:** Carlson, McGinnis, Oliphant, Petsch, Roan, Smith

**Reader:** Sam Reck

**Ushers:** Mark Baldwin, Jeff Goudy, Don Russell

**Greeters:** Strong Small Group

**Nursery:** Infants: Melodee Skiles\*, Jaimee Erickson, Lisa Dalbey, Julia Holmes  
2's & 3's: Jessica Roan\*, Cindy Zimmer, Jeremiah Skiles

**TCW:** Greg & Denise Oliphant, George & Maddie Fink  
Admin: Angie Laird

**King's Cupbearers:** Boone & Trek Roan, Boaz & Phin Sironi,  
Everett & Gabrielle Stapler

*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 REQUEST

December 2, 2018

## 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.

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Leaders **Only**  
 For Leaders & Email Prayer List

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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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, Co-Pastor  
Rolf D. Meintjes, Co-Pastor  
Alfred J. Poirier, Teaching Pastor  
Tami L. Haan, Office Administrator

### Elders

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Jeremy Carlson | David Petsch  |
| Steve Hubley   | Sam Reck      |
| Jeff Laverman  | Frank Schaner |
| Andrew Marble  | Erik Smith    |

### 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 |