



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 9, 2018

WORSHIP REFLECTION

"We know God's presence when he protects us from his own judgment."

—Dale Ralph Davis

WORSHIP THEME

Remember—The LORD Is Worthy Of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent--The Bethlehem Candle

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 27

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

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Isaac Watts, 1719
Based on Psalm 98
Music by G.F. Handel, 1742

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

**Chorus:*

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:*

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
See the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star:*

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear:*

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One:*

GOD SPEAKS TO US—Elder Sam Reck

SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN—

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors, and refuse your grace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.” Hebrews 12:28

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.

OUR RESPONSE

SONG

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood.
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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: *Witness That The LORD Is God*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Joshua 22

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

22 At that time Joshua summoned the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, ²and said to them, "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you and have obeyed my voice in all that I have commanded you. ³You have not forsaken your brothers these many days, down to this day, but have been careful to keep the charge of the LORD your God. ⁴And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brothers, as he promised them. Therefore turn and go to your tents in the land where your possession lies, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan. ⁵Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." ⁶So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

And when Joshua sent them away to their homes and blessed them, ⁸he said to them, "Go back to your tents with much wealth and with very much livestock, with silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and with much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers."

¹⁰And when they came to the region of the Jordan that is in the land of Canaan, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar of imposing size. ¹¹And the people of Israel heard it said, "Behold, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built the altar at the frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that belongs to the people of Israel." ¹²And when the people of Israel heard of it, the whole assembly of the people of Israel gathered at Shiloh to make war against them.

¹³Then the people of Israel sent Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, ¹⁴and with him ten chiefs, one from each of the tribal families of Israel, every one of them the head of a family among the clans of Israel. ¹⁵And they came to the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, in the land of Gilead, and they said to them, ¹⁶"Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD, 'What is this breach of faith that you have committed against the God of Israel in turning away this day from following the LORD by building yourselves an altar this day in rebellion against the LORD?' ¹⁷Have we not had enough of the sin at Peor from which even yet we have not cleansed ourselves, and for which there came a plague upon the congregation of the LORD, ¹⁸that you too must turn away this day from following the LORD?"

And if you too rebel against the LORD today then tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. ¹⁹But now, if the land of your possession is unclean, pass over into the LORD's land where the LORD's tabernacle stands, and take for yourselves a possession among us. Only do not rebel against the LORD or make us as rebels by building for yourselves an altar other than the altar of the LORD our God. ²⁰Did not Achan the son of Zerah break faith in the matter of the devoted things, and wrath fell upon all the congregation of Israel? And he did not perish alone for his iniquity.”

²¹Then the people of Reuben, the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh said in answer to the heads of the families of Israel, ²²“The Mighty One, God, the LORD! The Mighty One, God, the LORD! He knows; and let Israel itself know! If it was in rebellion or in breach of faith against the LORD, do not spare us today ²³for building an altar to turn away from following the LORD. Or if we did so to offer burnt offerings or grain offerings or peace offerings on it, may the LORD himself take vengeance. ²⁴No, but we did it from fear that in time to come your children might say to our children, ‘What have you to do with the LORD, the God of Israel?’²⁵For the LORD has made the Jordan a boundary between us and you, you people of Reuben and people of Gad. You have no portion in the LORD.’ So your children might make our children cease to worship the LORD. ²⁶Therefore we said, ‘Let us now build an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice, ²⁷but to be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we do perform the service of the LORD in his presence with our burnt offerings and sacrifices and peace offerings, so your children will not say to our children in time to come, “You have no portion in the LORD.”’ ²⁸And we thought, ‘If this should be said to us or to our descendants in time to come, we should say, “Behold, the copy of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifice, but to be a witness between us and you.”’ ²⁹Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD and turn away this day from following the LORD by building an altar for burnt offering, grain offering, or sacrifice, other than the altar of the LORD our God that stands before his tabernacle!”

³⁰When Phinehas the priest and the chiefs of the congregation, the heads of the families of Israel who were with him, heard the words it was good in their eyes. ³¹And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said “Today we know that the LORD is in our midst, because you have not committed this breach of faith against the LORD. Now you have delivered the people of Israel from the hand of the LORD.”

³²Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the chiefs, returned from the people of Reuben and the people of Gad in the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the people of Israel, and brought back word to them. ³³And the report was good in the eyes of the people of Israel. And the people of Israel blessed God and spoke no more of making war against them to destroy the land where the people of Reuben and the people of Gad were settled. ³⁴The people of Reuben and the people of Gad called the altar Witness, “For,” they said, “it is a witness between us that the LORD is God.”

Outline—

I. Allotment

II. Altar

A. Commended

B. Confronted

C. Contrite

D. Committed

Questions—

1. *The allotment chapters seem so repetitive and, frankly, a little pointless at first glance. If all of scripture truly is profitable (2 Tim 3:16) then what are we to glean from this portion of the book of Joshua?*
2. *What were some of the striking elements of Joshua 22:12? How does that deepen our understanding of the severity of false worship?*
3. *What are some key distinctions between the altar, the cross and the sacraments we have graciously been given to observe as modern day Christians?*
4. *We know God's presence when he protects us from his own judgment. This is what leads Phinehas to the conclusion of verse 31. How are Christians ultimately protected from judgment, and why is that significant in your life—today, tomorrow, next week, and throughout your life?*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

I WONDER AS I WANDER

Appalachian Carol
Collected by John Jacob Niles

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor, ornery people like you and like I,
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cows' stall,
With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;
Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing,
He surely could have had it, 'cause He was the King!

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor, ornery people like you and like I,
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE WITH SINGING

NOEL

Solo:

Love incarnate love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The savior of humanity
Unto us a Child is born
He shall reign forevermore
Noel Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel Noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world given for us
Noel

All:

Son of God and Son of Man
There before the world began
Born to suffer born to save
Born to raise us from the grave
Christ the everlasting Lord
He shall reign forevermore
Noel Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel Noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world given for us
Noel

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought
And with His blood mankind hath bought

Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Negro Spiritual

Chorus:

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.*

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.*

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

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

- 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 Christmas Party @ Clark & Elizabeth Vowell home
- 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)

- Angel Tree Is Up In The Foyer—There are plenty of angels left to be taken
- Advent devotional—*Unwrapping the Names of Jesus*—Available on the information counter for \$11
- Year-End Giving Information—Details in announcements
- RMCC is moving to a new online giving donation system
- December calendars available on the information counter

www.rmccmontana.org

406-259-7811

9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: Strong Small Group

Worship Leader: Pastor Wes Holmes

Reader: Sam Reck

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

Ushers: Mark Baldwin, Jeff Goudy, Don Russell

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

NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00AM

WORSHIP SERVICE —Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching

10:00 AM

Worship Leader: Pastor Jason Barrie

Lord's Supper Servers: Cryder, Hanson, Houlihan, Hubley, Sholley, Vowell

Reader: Erik Smith

Ushers: Robert Saunders, Doug Iams, Rick Stevens

Greeters: Petsch Small Group

Nursery: Infants: Bethany Haan*, Clark & Elizabeth Vowell, Sandi Gilreath
2's & 3's: Jake Haan*, Emily Skiles, Donna Holden

TCW: Skyler & Rachel Kincaid, David Petsch & LeAnn Currington
Admin: Nancy VanMaren

King's Cupbearers: Evelyn & Kathryn Reck, Grace Mattson,
Grace & LilyAnn 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 REQUEST

December 9, 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.

Your Name _____

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

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, 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