



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 16, 2018

WORSHIP REFLECTION

“But you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear.”

Romans 11:20

“Whenever our love for this world by its apparently reasonable arguments takes away our fear lest we love it too much, then we are less than spiritually minded.”

— John Owen

WORSHIP THEME

God Fulfills His Promises

Third Sunday of Advent--The Angels Candle

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
 his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
 great is your faithfulness.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE

SONGS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR—

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Sing We Now Of Christmas

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Chorus:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US—Elder Erik Smith
SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

¹⁸As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. ¹⁹For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. ²⁰For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. ²¹And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²²and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

OUR RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN—

Heavenly Father, you are faithful. All of your promises are faithfully kept by you. When you promise to never leave us or forsake us, we can trust your promise in our hearts and souls. And yet, as we plan for our futures we think more of our safety, comfort, and financial profit, and we trust in those gifts more than in the Giver. We are slow to consider your calling and your glory as our highest goal. In your faithfulness, we plead in the name of Christ that you forgive us and help us to trust in your promises and live for your glory alone. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

³¹*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?* ³²*He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?* Romans 8:31-32

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

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

English Carol, 18th century

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray;

Chorus:

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father,
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name. *

“Fear not, then, said the angel,
Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him
From Satan's pow'r and might.” *

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks feeding,
In tempest, storm and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The Son of God to find. *

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: *Cling To The LORD*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Joshua 23

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

23 A long time afterward, when the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their surrounding enemies, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years, ²Joshua summoned all Israel, its elders and heads, its judges and officers, and said to them, "I am now old and well advanced in years. ³And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake, for it is the LORD your God who has fought for you.

⁴Behold, I have allotted to you as an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, along with all the nations that I have already cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea in the west. ⁵The LORD your God will push them back before you and drive them out of your sight. And you shall possess their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. ⁶Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, ⁷that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, ⁸but you shall cling to the LORD your God just as you have done to this day. ⁹For the LORD has driven out before you great and strong nations. And as for you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day. ¹⁰One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the LORD your God who fights for you, just as he promised you. ¹¹Be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God.

¹² For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you, ¹³ know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good ground that the LORD your God has given you.

¹⁴ “And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things^[a] that the LORD your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed. ¹⁵ But just as all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you have been fulfilled for you, so the LORD will bring upon you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land that the LORD your God has given you, ¹⁶ if you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them. Then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land that he has given to you.”

Outline—

I. Threats as Promises

II. Promises as Promises

Questions—

1. What are some of the critical contextual circumstances that shape the significance of Joshua's last words?
2. What role should God's warnings or threats have in the Christian life? Do we take them seriously? Discuss among the group how this should practically apply to your daily life.
3. Seeing the fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus (Joshua 23:14; 2 Corinthians 1:20), which of God's promises do you need to be encouraged by and reminded of? Take some time to help one another consider the following:
 - What are your besetting sins? Where are you most prone to wander? (Fear, Anxiety, Worry, Anger...)
 - Why do you think those areas exist in your life?
 - What promises of God apply to your specific struggles?
 - Ex: If it's greed/materialism, then consider 1 Timothy 6:6 & Philippians 4:11-13
 - Ex: If it's bitterness/resentment, then consider Ephesians 4:31-32...

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

NOEL

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*

Chorus:

*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

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*

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 Noel
Born is the King of Israel

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PRAYER & DISTRIBUTION OF WINE 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.*

OUR RESPONSE

CLOSING SONG

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.

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
4:00 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
6:00 p.m. Angel Tree Party @ Church

Next Sunday: NO Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching
11:40 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
4:00 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 GIFTS DUE TODAY!**
- Christmas Eve Concert—Monday, December 24th at 6 PM @ Church
- Nursery Updates
- Advent devotional—*Unwrapping the Names of Jesus*—It’s Not Too Late To Pick Yours Up! Available on the information counter for \$11
- Year-End Giving Information—Details in announcements
- RMCC is moving to a new online giving donation system
- Titus 2 Ministry—See more in announcements

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406-259-7811

9 AM Sunday School / 10 AM Worship Service

TODAY AT RMCC

Greeters: Petsch Small Group

Worship Leader: Pastor Jason Barrie

Reader: Erik Smith

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

Ushers: Robert Saunders, Doug Iams, Rick Stevens

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

NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP SERVICE —Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching 10:00 AM

Worship Leader: Pastor Wes Holmes

Lord's Supper Servers: Goudy, Hanson, Laverman, Marble, McGinnis, Oliphant

Reader: Jeremy Carlson

Ushers: Bob Schicktanz, Jim George

Greeters: High School Youth

Nursery: Infants: Karla Orth*, Andrew Strong, Chrissie Reinhart, Katie Hudgins
2's & 3's: Kristell* & Loree Reck, Shawn Reinhart

NO TCW

King's Cupbearers: Seth, Boaz & Corrie Meintjes, Raleigh & Claire Kindsfater

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 16, 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