



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 23, 2018

## WORSHIP REFLECTION

*“The major impression Israel is to receive from this section is that the power is solely Yahweh’s.”* —Dale Ralph Davis

## WORSHIP THEME

*God Demands Our All*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent--The Shepherds Candle*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

CALL TO WORSHIP—John 1:10-14

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

**He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.**

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US WORSHIP

OUR RESPONSE  
SONGS

**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

Words by Charles Wesley  
Music by Felix Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th’incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris’n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

## O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him born the King of angels;

*Chorus:*

\*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light;  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
Very God, begotten, not created;\*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest;\*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;\*

GOD SPEAKS TO US—Elder Jeremy Carlson  
SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14:25-33

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,<sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

## OUR RESPONSE

### CONFESSION OF SIN—

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### *PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS*

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5*

## 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

### ADULT CHOIR

*The Sussex Carol*



## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SERMON TITLE: *Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve*

SPEAKER: Pastor Rolf Meintjes

SERMON SCRIPTURE: Joshua 24

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

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your Fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. <sup>3</sup> Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac. <sup>4</sup> And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out.

<sup>6</sup> "Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. <sup>7</sup> And when they cried to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. <sup>8</sup> Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you.

<sup>9</sup> Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, <sup>10</sup> but I would not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. <sup>11</sup> And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand.

<sup>12</sup> And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. <sup>13</sup> I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.' <sup>14</sup> "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." <sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." <sup>19</sup> But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." <sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD." <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." <sup>23</sup> He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel." <sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." <sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. <sup>26</sup> And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God." <sup>28</sup> So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

*Outline—*

I. The Reason For Choosing

II. The Need For Choosing

III. The Cost of Choosing

Questions—

1. *What reasons does Joshua give for choosing the Lord?*
2. *What's the purpose behind forcing the people to choose? What was Joshua's chief concern?*
3. *The commitment that Joshua calls for requires us to be "all in." Does Jesus demand the same of us? (Read Luke 14:25-33 again)*
4. *Why would anyone be willing to renounce all in order to be a disciple of Jesus? Isn't he asking too much? Why or why not?*

## 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

I CANNOT TELL

W.Y. Fullerton  
Traditional Irish Melody

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,  
Should set His love upon the sons of men,  
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers  
To bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that He was born of Mary  
A lowly manger was His only home,  
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,  
And so the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered  
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,  
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken,  
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, He heals the broken hearted  
And stays our sin and calms our lurking fear.  
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship  
When at His bidding every storm is stilled,  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
And countless voices then will join to sing,  
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth will answer:  
“At last the Savior, Savior of the world, is King!”

## 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:* 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
- Monday:* *Christmas Eve*—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Concert @ Church
- Tuesday:* *Christmas Day*—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Next Sunday:* NO Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching

### 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))

- Christmas Eve Concert—Tomorrow evening at 6 PM
- Nursery Updates
- Interested in a Women’s Group? Please contact Jessica Roan or Kristin Barrie
- Year-End Giving Information—Details in announcements
- RMCC is moving to a new online giving donation system
- Latest GPG Updates are 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:** High School Youth

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Wes Holmes

**Reader:** Jeremy Carlson

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

**Ushers:** Bob Schicktanz, Bill Blewett, Jim George

**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

## NEXT SUNDAY AT RMCC

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**WORSHIP SERVICE** —Pastor Rolf Meintjes preaching 10:00 AM

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Jason Barrie

**Lord's Supper Servers:** Petsch, Reck, Roan, Sholley, Smith, Vowell

**Reader:** Andrew Marble

**Ushers:** Clark Vowell, Shawn Reinhart, Jerry Elliott

**Greeters:** McGinnis Small Group

**Nursery:** Infants: Julie McGinnis\*, Bo & Chanteal Stapler  
2's & 3's: Joe McGinnis\*, Grace Skiles

**NO TCW**

**King's Cupbearers:** Abigail, Bethany & Charity Strong, Margaret & Will Jeter,  
Kennedy, Noah & Haddie Kincaid, Boaz & Elijah Kohler

*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 23, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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