ABOUT RPC

We at Resurrection Presbyterian Church are excited about bringing glory to God through worship that celebrates the good news of Jesus Christ and by serving those in need of Christ-like compassion.

RESURRECTION | We believe the Bible is God's Word and that it has the power to change people's lives. That is why our ministry is rooted in Scripture. God is pleased to use the simple preaching of the person and work of Jesus Christ to give us eternal, resurrection life. This is why we chose the name, "Resurrection" for our church. When the Son of God, came to earth, he lived a perfect life and died on the cross in our place, so that we could be forgiven of our sins. And three days later, he, Jesus Christ, rose from the grave, overcoming the powers of sin and death in his resurrection. Now he reigns with God the Father over all things. He delights to share his power over sin and death with all those who trust in him by faith as he gives us his Holy Spirit. As a community of this faith, we have this hope of eternal life. One day soon, Jesus Christ will return from heaven, and everyone who put their faith in him will be raised like he was to join him in glory forever.

PRESBYTERIAN | Presbyterianism provides safety for church members and accountability for church leaders. Most people don't know the word, "presbyterian," but it's just a reference to the kind of leadership we have in our church. Presbyter is a Greek word that means "elder." Our pastor does not lead our church like a CEO or a pope. Rather, we are led and cared for by a "session," a group of mature, Christian men that serve together with our pastor. Our elders and our pastor are, themselves, under the authority of the elders and pastors of other churches in our denomination. We are affiliated with a reformed Christian denomination called the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

WELCOME

We are glad you have come to worship the true and living God with us. You are invited to stay after worship for refreshments and fellowship.

This Lord's Day, December 22nd, 2019

10:00 A.M. | **MORNING WORSHIP** | This morning, Pastor Bob Holda will be preaching an Advent sermon from THE GOSPEL OF LUKE.

COVENANT CHILDCARE | We love to have our children present in worship because the covenant promises of our God extend to the entire family and our Savior welcomes the praises of children. However, we do provide safe and loving childcare for children ages 0-3. Our childcare volunteers are grateful for the opportunity to serve families by caring for their children during service. Covenant Childcare is provided off of the front foyer of the church, next to the women's bathroom. You may obtain a copy of our Covenant Childcare policies located in our childcare room; simply ask a volunteer for a copy.

This Week's Volunteers: Next Week's Volunteers: Alex & Esther Monroe Michael & Cindy Smith

OFFERING | Please make checks out to: *Resurrection Presbyterian Church*. Unless otherwise noted, all checks will go to the general fund.

5:00 P.M. | **CHRISTMAS HYMN SING** | Return to RPC this evening for a time of singing, fellowship, and refreshments as we praise our God for the gift of our Savior, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Bring a friend with you to sing to the Lord! All are invited.

RESURRECTION ——PRESBYTERIAN ——CHURCH



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Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.

Our Need For Jesus' Virgin Birth

Luke 1:34-38, Pastor Bob Holda

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 PETER 1:3

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

The Service of Praise

***THE LORD'S GREETING**

"Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the LORD, Jesus Christ."

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Luke 2:8-14* (PEW BIBLE, P.857)

*HYMN OF PRAISE:

Angels We Have Heard On High (PSALTER-HYMNAL, #318)

*PRAYER OF INVITATION AND PRAISE

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

The Nicene Creed (PSALTER-HYMNAL, P.852)

DOXOLOGY: (PSALTER-HYMNAL, #567) "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

THE SERVICE OF RENEWAL

*THE READING OF GOD'S LAW: *Psalm 15:1-5* (PEW BIBLE, P.453)

***PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN:**

Father God, as we draw near to you today, we confess that we do not walk blamelessly, but sin daily in thought, word, and deed. We are guilty of loving what is evil and hating what is good. We have not always honored those who fear you, yet we have praised godless and worldly people. We have selfishly hoarded our time, talents, and treasure, while failing to be faithful or generous to our neighbors. Lord, our iniquities disqualify us from sojourning in your tent or dwelling on your holy hill. Left to ourselves, we would have no hope of life or blessing, for we cannot find true joy or satisfaction apart from you. But you have qualified us to possess the inheritance of saints by the gift of Christ and the covenant of grace! And so, we praise you God for your eternally begotten Son, the only man righteous enough to dwell with you, who takes our sins away and makes us holy and complete!

We come into your presence resting only in *his* righteousness. And in Christ Jesus, we draw near to you with thanksgiving, joyfully praying in his great and gracious name. Amen.

Assurance Of Pardon:

Ephesians 2:13 (PEW BIBLE, P.977)

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:

What Child Is This? (PSALTER-HYMNAL, #317)

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD: Luke 17:11-19 (PEW BIBLE, P.876)

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

THE SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF PREPARATION:

O Little Town Of Bethlehem (PSALTER-HYMNAL, #323)

THE READING AND PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD:

Luke 1:34-38 (PEW BIBLE, P.855) Our Need For Jesus' Virgin Birth (LUKE 1:34-38)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS: (1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10)

"...godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."

*HYMN OF RESPONSE:

O Come, All Ye Faithful (PSALTER-HYMNAL, #319)

***THE BENEDICTION**

"The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, our Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen."

*GLORIA PATRI: (PSALTER-HYMNAL, #572)

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen."