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FAITHFULNESS
IN A SECULAR
WORLD



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Glorifying God by making disciples who love Christ, his Church, and all people.

Welcome!

VISITOR INFORMATION

During parts of our service, the congregation is asked to stand (indicated by a * in the bulletin). We understand that some are not able to stand for various reasons, please feel free to remain seated.

Please fill out a contact card with your contact information and/or prayer requests. Place the card in the offering bag or give it to one of the ushers. If you have an urgent prayer request, you can email it to admin@rmpca.org.

We love children and believe that God calls us to help them grow in the faith. Children's activity bags are available at the back of the sanctuary, along with a Cry Room. You are welcome to keep your children with you throughout the service.

NURSERY: downstairs is a nursery available during the entire worship service for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old.

Rocky Mountain Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

* **I Lay It All**

Music and Words by Mary Smith
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1. When troubles come,
When darkness crowds,
When fortunes fail and loss surrounds,
My soul is weak, but Christ is strong,
And so to Him I leave it all.
For He Who holds all things
Can bear each care I bring.

CHORUS

**So I lay it all on Jesus;
Steadfast is the love of Jesus.
He hears my cry, He's faithful;
I lay it all on Jesus.**

2. When questions rise,
When faith wears thin,
When fears come fast,
And truth grows dim,
The One Who saved will not forsake;
I'll trust His word and trust His way.
For He Who bore my blame,
Can bear each care I name.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

**I am weak; You are strong.
Jesus, come and take it all;
All my cares I cast on You.
(Repeat)**

CHORUS

**So I lay it all on Jesus;
Steadfast is the love of Jesus.
So I lay it all on Jesus;
Steadfast is the love of Jesus.
He hears my cry, He's faithful;
I lay it all on Jesus.**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

People: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Worship Leader: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

People: For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

Psalm 47:6-9

* Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Lyrics by Robert Robertson, 1758

Music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging Love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood;

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

REFRAIN

**Sing praises to the Lamb,
Who for my peace was slain.
Sing praises to the great I Am,
The Name above all names;
Jesus, Name above all names.**

*** Draw Me Nearer**

Lyrics by Fanny Crosby, 1875; Music by Diane Sheets.

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1. I am Thine, O Lord,
I have heard Your voice
And it told Your love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.

CHORUS

**Draw me nearer
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer
To Your precious, bleeding side.**

2. There are depths of love
That I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy
That I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

CHORUS

3. Oh the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer,
And with Thee, my God
I commune as friend with friend!

CHORUS

BRIDGE

**You draw me with Your mercy,
You draw me with Your Love,
You draw with forgiveness
By Your blood.
You draw me with compassion,
You draw me as a bride,
You draw me closer
To Your precious side.**

4. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

CHORUS (x2)

*** CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Father of mercy, we confess that we are prone to sin, and we are lazy in doing good.

People: All our sins are ultimately against you. We confess that we have sinned by wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love.

Worship Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our sins and to love your ways.

People: Do not cast us out, but draw us near and forgive all our sins on account of your Son and our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who are no longer strangers and aliens, but are now fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

Jesus said: "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day."

John 6:37-39

* **Onward Christian Soldiers**

1. Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before:
Christ the royal master leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see, his banners go.

REFRAIN

**Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.**

2. At the sign of triumph, Satan's host doth flee;
On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory:
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

REFRAIN

3. Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

REFRAIN

4. Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

REFRAIN

OFFERING & PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom
 and the power
 and the glory forever. Amen.

*Fill out an online Next Step card at <https://rmpca.org/nextsteps>
Our offering box is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.
You can also give online at <https://rmpca.org/giving/>*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Parents of 3-5 year olds can use this time to take your kids downstairs
and sign them in for Junior Church - Bible lesson and craft activity.*

The Great Conflict, Part 2
Daniel 11 - 12
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I. The Battles of the Great Conflict (Daniel 11)

Daniel 11:2-4

² And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them. And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece. ³ Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills. ⁴ And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.

Daniel 11:11-19

¹¹ Then the king of the south, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his hand. ¹² And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. ¹³ For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first. And after some years he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies. ¹⁴ "In those times many shall rise against the king of the south, and the violent among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail. ¹⁵ Then the king of the north shall come and throw up siegeworks and take a well-fortified city. And the forces of the south shall not stand, or even his best troops, for there shall be no strength to stand. ¹⁶ But he who comes against him shall do as he wills, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, with destruction in his hand. ¹⁷ He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall bring terms of an agreement and perform them. He shall give him the daughter of women to destroy the kingdom, but it shall not stand or be to his advantage. ¹⁸ Afterward he shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many of them, but a commander shall put an end to his insolence. Indeed, he shall turn his insolence back upon him. ¹⁹ Then he shall turn his face back toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.

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Daniel 21, 31-32

²¹ In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries...

³¹ Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate. ³²He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

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Daniel 11:36-45

³⁶ “And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. ³⁷ He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all. ³⁸ He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. ³⁹ He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price.

⁴⁰ “At the time of the end, the king of the south shall attack him, but the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. And he shall come into countries and shall overflow and pass through. ⁴¹ He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom and Moab and the main part of the Ammonites. ⁴² He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³ He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Cushites shall follow in his train. ⁴⁴ But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction. ⁴⁵ And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him.

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II. Victory in the Great Conflict (Daniel 12)

Daniel 12:1-13

¹ “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. ⁶ And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?” ⁷ And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. ⁸ I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” ⁹ He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. ¹¹ And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. ¹² Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. ¹³ But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.”

The Lord's Supper

Minister: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

People: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

Minister: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118:27-29

All who trust Christ for salvation and desire to live for him are invited to participate. If that doesn't describe you, feel free to sit and reflect on what God may be saying to you through His Word.

Please come forward down the center aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles. Select either grape juice (in the clear cups) or wine (in the red cups). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. After receiving the elements, we return to our seats to partake together.

Children who have not yet made a profession of faith are invited to come forward for prayer at a prayer station. If your child is ready to profess their faith, please speak with our pastor or one of the Elders

* **For All the Saints**

Words William W. How; Music Chris Miner.

1. For all the saints,
Who from their labors rest,
To Thee by faith
Before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their Rock,
Their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain
In the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear,
Their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Oh, may Thy soldiers,
Faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old
And win with them
The victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. The golden evening
Brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful
Warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. But, lo, there breaks
A yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

* **Benediction**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

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THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Join us on **today** immediately after worship, to enjoy a time of fellowship at our annual Thanksgiving Potluck. There is plenty of food. Everyone is invited whether you brought something or not!

ADVENT DECORATING

After our Thanksgiving Potluck **today** please stay for continued time of fellowship as we decorate our sanctuary for this advent season!

NO YOUTH GROUP ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

NO ADULT DISCIPLESHP CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY

WINTER ADULT DISCIPLESHP CLASSES

Our winter Adult Discipleship Classes will be starting on **Sunday, December 5**. Two classes will be offered. A class on **Marriage**, taught by Cliff Olson will be using Tim Keller's Book *The Meaning of Marriage* which is available on Amazon. **The Beauty of God Exposed: Exploring Reformed Theology** will be taught by Pastor Chris Weniger. Both classes will be held from 9:00 - 9:45. There are sign up sheets on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

BASEMENT CLEANING DAY

Many hands make light work. Now that Playology is no longer here, the basement is in need of a deep cleaning. The Deacons are planning to do some cleaning on **Saturday, December 4** and would appreciate help. Please stop by and lend a hand for any amount of time you can spare.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The next Women's Ministry meeting will be **Friday, December 10**, at 6:30pm in the church sanctuary. We will be combining a short Christmas party with our discussion of God Most Good, chapter 3 in our book, *In His Image* by Jen Wilkin. You are welcome whether you've had time to read the chapter or not.

Please wear something Christmas-y and invite your friends to what is sure to be a fun and encouraging evening. Since we are combining a chapter discussion with a party we are extending our time together until 8:30pm. If you have a favorite holiday cookie or treat we invite you to bring some to share to the party!

OUTREACH PRAYER MEETING

Please join us on **Saturday, December 11** at **9:00am** at the church for a time of fellowship and prayer. If you have any questions, contact Mike McGirk (admin@rmpca.org).

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS — Western Church Planting Network

Please pray that God would continue to provide WCPN with the funds it needs to support church plants and church planters. Please pray that God would continue to raise up church planters and equip those who are currently planting churches or are completing their residency. Finally, please pray that God would use WCPN to spread the gospel throughout Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund December 2020 - October 2021

Budget:	\$368,782
Giving:	\$403,042
Difference:	\$34,260

Faith Promise Pledge (Missions) February 2021 - October 2021

Budget:	\$18,866
Giving:	\$28,924
Difference:	\$10,058



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