

The Names of Jesus



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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).

* **Let All Things Now Living**

Lyrics by Katherine K Davis, Traditional Welsh Melody.

1. Let all things now living,
A song of thanksgiving,
To God the creator, triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us,
His light goes before us;
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law he enforces,
The stars in their courses,
And sun in it's orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean
Proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest,
Hosanna and praise!"

* **ADVENT READING**

Matthew and Angel Powelson

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out:

People: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just.

Worship Leader: And from the throne came a voice saying:

People: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.

* Once in Royal David's City

Music by Henry John Gauntlett, 1849.

Lyrics by Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, 1848

1. Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, and meek, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above.
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by;
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

* **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Music and lyrics by Charles Wesley, 1744..

1. Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

2. Joy to those who long to see Thee
Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth we long to hear.
O'er the hills the angels singing news,
Glad tidings of a birth.
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He who's glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our redeemer, shepherd, friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

4. Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

* **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Heavenly Father, we confess that every part of us is tainted with sin.

People: Our hearts are filled with the love of this world; our minds are flooded with doubts; our wills are given to selfishness; our bodies are prone to laziness and unrighteousness.

All: O God, we thirst for your cleansing. Forgive us, renew us, and transform us. Take away our sin through your Son Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who were once lost, but have now been found, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

Revelation 21:6-7

*** This Is Our God**

Inspired by the Nicene Creed (325 A.D.).

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1. God, our Father, full of power,
Maker of the heavens, Maker of the world,
Forming all things, seen and unseen;
Truly the Almighty,
Beyond all measured worth:
Holy is His Name.

CHORUS

**We believe the Lord our God is One:
Father, Spirit, Son; this is our God!
We believe forever He will reign;
Let the church proclaim: this is our God!**

2. Our Lord Jesus, sent to save us,
Born unto a virgin, lived a perfect life,
Greatly suffered, dying for us,
From the grave He's risen,
Seated now on high:
Holy is His Name.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

**Jesus will come back again,
To judge the living and the dead,
Usher in the age to come;
Let everyone sing "Amen."**

3. Spirit, holy, One in glory,
Speaking through the prophets,
Empowering the Church;
Life is given by and through Him,
With the Son and Father,
Worshiped and adored:
Holy is His Name.

CHORUS

OFFERING & PASTORAL PRAYER

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.*

Immanuel
Selected Scriptures
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Isaiah 7:1-8:10

¹ In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it. ² When the house of David was told, “Syria is in league with Ephraim,” the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.

³ And the LORD said to Isaiah, “Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer’s Field. ⁴ And say to him, ‘Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. ⁵ Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying, ⁶ “Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,” ⁷ thus says the Lord GOD:

“It shall not stand,
and it shall not come to pass.

⁸ For the head of Syria is Damascus,
and the head of Damascus is Rezin.

And within sixty-five years
Ephraim will be shattered from being a people.

⁹ And the head of Ephraim is Samaria,
and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah.

If you are not firm in faith,
you will not be firm at all.”

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷ The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

¹⁸ In that day the LORD will whistle for the fly that is at the end of the streams of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. ¹⁹ And they will all come and settle in the steep ravines, and in the clefts of the rocks, and on all the thornbushes, and on all the pastures.

²⁰ In that day the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired beyond the River—with the king of Assyria—the head and the hair of the feet, and it will sweep away the beard also.

²¹ In that day a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep, ²² and because of the abundance of milk that they give, he will eat curds, for everyone who is left in the land will eat curds and honey.

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²³ In that day every place where there used to be a thousand vines, worth a thousand shekels of silver, will become briars and thorns. ²⁴ With bow and arrows a man will come there, for all the land will be briars and thorns. ²⁵ And as for all the hills that used to be hoed with a hoe, you will not come there for fear of briars and thorns, but they will become a place where cattle are let loose and where sheep tread.

⁸ Then the LORD said to me, "Take a large tablet and write on it in common characters, 'Belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz.' ² And I will get reliable witnesses, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah, to attest for me."

³ And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz; ⁴ for before the boy knows how to cry 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria."

⁵ The LORD spoke to me again: ⁶ "Because this people has refused the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoice over Rezin and the son of Remaliah, ⁷ therefore, behold, the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. And it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks, ⁸ and it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass on, reaching even to the neck, and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel."

⁹ Be broken, you peoples, and be shattered;
give ear, all you far countries;
strap on your armor and be shattered;
strap on your armor and be shattered.

¹⁰ Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing;
speak a word, but it will not stand,
for God is with us.

Matthew 1:18-23

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

The Lord's Supper

Minister: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast.

People: "Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame."

Minister: Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."

People: Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!

Adapted from the Parable of the Wedding Feast

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

* **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

Latin Hymn 1710. Tr. John Mason Neale.
Tune: Veni Emmanuel. Arr: Thomas Helmore.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

REFRAIN

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

2. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

REFRAIN

3. O come, thou Dayspring
Come and cheer
Our spirits by Thy advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

REFRAIN

* **Benediction**

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

People: **And also with you.**

4. 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.

REFRAIN

5. 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.

REFRAIN (x2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER ADULT DISCIPLESHIP 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.

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@mpca.org).

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death ^zuntil he comes.

.1 Corinthians 11:25-26

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS – The Table

Please continue to pray that God God would provide the means and continue to use them to reach Lafayette with the gospel. Please also pray that God would bless Brad Edwards with wisdom in knowing how to shepherd the Table during this time. Pray also for Brad and his family as he spends paternity leave with his new baby Deacon Rex.

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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