

# COLOSSIANS

## THE SEARCH FOR SATISFACTION



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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 Next Step 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](mailto: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).*

### \* **Father, Long Before Creation**

Lyrics by Francis Johnson. Music by Andrew Osenga.

1. Father, long before creation,  
Thou hadst chosen us in love;  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.
2. Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.

### CHORUS

**And the world will sing His love,  
Yes, the world will sing His love,  
And we'll all join hands,  
Every woman, every man,  
To sing His love; to sing His love.**

3. God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

### CHORUS

4. Loving Father, now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above.  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb.

### CHORUS

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Praise the Lord.

**People: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.**

Worship Leader: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

**People: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre.**

Worship Leader: Praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute.

**People: Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.**

Worship Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

**People: Praise the Lord.**

Psalm 150

## \* 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.

God's 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!"

## \* **Beautiful Scandalous Night**

Written by: Derald E. Daugherty, Steve J. Hindalong

1. Go on up to the mountain of mercy  
To the crimson perpetual tide;  
Kneel down on the shore,  
Be thirsty no more,  
Go under and be purified.

2. Follow Christ to the holy mountain,  
Sinner, sorry and wrecked by the fall;  
Cleanse your heart and your soul  
In the fountain that flows  
For you and for me and for all.

**At the wonderful tragic mysterious tree,  
On that beautiful scandalous night,  
you and me were atoned by His blood,  
And forever washed white,  
On that beautiful scandalous night.**

3. On the hillside you will be delivered,  
At the foot of the cross justified;  
And your spirit restored  
By the river that pours  
From our blessed Savior's side.

### **CHORUS**

**Repeat verse 1**

**CHORUS (X2)**

## \* **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

**People: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.**

Worship Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**People: But I make you into who I want you to be.**

Worship Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

**People: But I treat your name lightly, and do not bring honor to you.**

Worship Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

**People: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures, with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.**

Worship Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

**People: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.**

Worship Leader: You shall not murder.

**People: But I often hate my brother in my heart.**

Worship Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

**People: But my thought life is often x-rated, and my heart is filled with lust.**

Worship Leader: You shall not steal.

**People: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.**

Worship Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**People: But I often speak against my neighbors, and run them down to others.**

Worship Leader: You shall not covet.

**People: But I desire and chase after far more than I need, and I am not content with what I have.**

**All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful desires and actions through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Adapted from the Ten Commandments

## **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of your trespasses, and hear these words of grace.

## **Words of Grace**

For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:17-18

## \* **Beams of Heaven**

Words by Charles A. Tindley

Music by Chris Miner

1. Beams of heaven as I go,  
Through this wilderness below,  
Guide my feet in peaceful ways,  
Turn my midnights into days.  
When in the darkness I would grope,  
Faith always sees a star of hope,  
And soon from all life's grief and danger  
I shall be free someday,  
I shall be free someday.

2. Oftentimes my sky is clear,  
Joy abounds without a tear;  
Though a day so bright begun,  
Clouds may hide tomorrow's sun.  
There'll be a day that's always bright,  
A day that never yields to night,  
And in its light the streets of glory  
I shall behold someday,  
I shall behold someday.

3. Harder yet may be the fight,  
Right may often yield to might;  
Wickedness a while may reign;  
Satan's cause may seem to gain.  
But there's a God that rules above  
With hand of power and heart of love,  
And if I'm right, He'll fight my battle,  
I shall have peace someday,  
I shall have peace someday.

4. Burdens now may crush me down,  
Disappointments all around;  
Troubles speak in mournful sigh,  
Sorrow through a tear-stained eye.  
There is a world where pleasure reigns,  
No mourning soul shall roam its plains,  
And to that land of peace and glory  
I shall want to go someday,  
I shall want to go someday.

## **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.*

## **MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - DEACONS**

*The Road to Satisfaction*  
**Colossians 1:1-8**  
The Search for Satisfaction

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
<sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup> just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup> and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

### **Sermon Outline**

#### I. Trouble on the Highway

#### II. The Road to Satisfaction

- The Message of Colossians: Jesus Christ is our supreme and sufficient source of spiritual satisfaction.

##### A. How Jesus Satisfies: Grace, Peace and Truth

##### B. How We Respond: Faith, Love and Hope

# The Lord's Supper

Minister: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come buy and eat!

**People: Let us come, and buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

Minister: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

**People: Let us listen diligently, and eat what is good, and delight ourselves in rich food.**

Minister: Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Isaiah 55:1-3

*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*

## \* **Better Is One Day**

Music and lyrics by Matt Redman.

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place,  
Oh Lord Almighty.  
My soul longs and even faints for You,  
For here my heart is satisfied,  
Within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

### **CHORUS**

**Better is one day in Your courts;  
Better is one day in Your house;  
Better is one day in Your courts;  
Than thousands elsewhere.**

2. One thing I ask and I would seek,  
To see Your beauty;  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

### **CHORUS**

3. My heart and flesh cry out,  
For You, the living God.  
Your spirit's water for my soul;  
I've tasted and I've seen.  
Come once again to me;  
I will draw near to You,  
I will draw near to You.

### **CHORUS**

## \* **Benediction**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **NEWCOMER'S LUNCH**

If you're new to RMPC, please join us **today, after the worship service** to enjoy a meal with Pastors Shane and Chris and learn about the church: it's history, mission, values, and ministry.

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

The next Women's Ministry meeting will be **Friday January 14**, 6:30-8pm in the church sanctuary. We will be reviewing **chapters 4 & 5** in our book. However, the reading is not required, we invite you to attend for a time of fellowship and discussion of God's justice and mercy. Contact Kelly Berry for further information (kellyberry927@gmail.com).

## **PERSONAL WORSHIP SEMINAR**

Please join us on **Saturday, January 15 from 9:00-11:00am** for our latest equipping seminar, Personal Worship, led by Pastor Chris Weniger. This seminar will be an exciting time of fellowship and learning practical ways to implement or enhance your personal worship time.

## **JEWELRY MAKING WITH CELESTA**

On **Saturday, January 22 at 1:00pm** Celesta Manspeaker will be teaching a jewelry making class here at the church. She will provide all the necessary material — you just need to bring a pendant for a necklace if you would like one. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Celesta (coolpooh1955@msn.com).

## **BABY SHOWER FOR COURTNEY HARSTINE**

Join the ladies of RMPC for a baby shower celebrating Courtney and baby girl Harstine on **Saturday, January 29th at 10:30am** in the church sanctuary. Courtney is registered at babylist.com. If you'd like to contribute to a group gift please see or email Cambell Kahrs (cambellkahrs@gmail.com); to help with food please see or email Taylor Mustoe (taylorjmustoe@gmail.com)

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## **OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS — Western Church Planting Network (WCPN)**

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.

## **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:6-8

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

### **General Fund December 2020 - November 2021**

**Budget:** \$402,308  
**Giving:** \$435,245  
**Difference:** \$32,937

### **Faith Promise Pledge (Missions) February 2021 - November 2021**

**Budget:** \$20,962  
**Giving:** \$33,110  
**Difference:** \$12,148



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