

The Mothers of Jesus



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 4, 2022

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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 Next Step card with your contact information and/or prayer requests. Place it in the box on the back table.

If you have an urgent prayer request, you can email it to admin@mpca.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: There is a nursery available downstairs 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).*

* **Glorious Night**

Music and lyrics by Sidewalk Prophets.

1. The shepherds came to see the baby;
Stood by his mother's side.
Here laid the Savior, inside a manger;
Oh what a glorious night.
Oh what a glorious night.

CHORUS

**I hear the angels singing, "Hallelujah,
Let the earth receive her king."**

I know that love has come,

Singing it out:

**Jesus Christ is born,
Jesus Christ is born.**

2. The shepherds wondered; they couldn't hide it.
Told everyone in sight;
All were amazed when they heard how
God came down on the glorious night,
God came down on this glorious night.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night. (x2)

CHORUS (x2)

3. All is calm now, all is quiet;
A Star shining in the sky below in Bethlehem,
The king is sleeping;
Oh what a glorious night,
Oh what a glorious night.

*** ADVENT READING - Malachi 3:1-3**

Tom and Brittany Wassmer

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Worship Leader: And rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;

People: He who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:26, 23-25

*** Angels We Have Heard On High**

French Carol. Arranged Edward S. Barnes, 1937.

1. Angels we have on heard high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

CHORUS

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyful strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

CHORUS

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

CHORUS

4. See within a manger laid:
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth?

CHORUS

* **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

French Melody 17th century.

Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams. 1906.

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand.
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood.
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

* **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: How long, O LORD?

People: Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

Worship Leader: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!

People: And we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Adapted from Psalm 79

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, for you are a people holy to the Lord your God, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Psalm 28:8-9

* **Peace on Earth**

Music and lyrics by Paul Baloche and Michael Rossback.
Arr. by Shane Ohlson.

1. We come before You
With hardships and fears;
We lay down our burdens,
Lord draw us near.
Blind to injustice, we've turned our eyes;
Lord heal our brokenness, raise us to life.

CHORUS

**Peace on earth, peace on earth;
Lord hear our prayer:
Your peace on earth.
Peace on earth, peace on earth;
Lord hear our prayer:
Your peace on earth
Peace, peace, peace.**

2. Jesus our Savior, You've made us one;
Walls of division torn down by love.
The cross has redeemed us,
All penance paid;
Love through forgiveness,
We have been saved.

CHORUS

3. Friend of the widow, hope to the poor,
Proof to the doubting heart, end of all wars.
Mercy to sinners, light of the world,
All pow'r and authority;
Lord speak Your Word.

CHORUS

OFFERING & PASTORAL PRAYER

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



SCAN HERE TO GIVE

Ruth: From Despair to Redemption

Select Passages from Ruth

The Mothers of Jesus

Pastor Chris Weniger

Sermon Outline

I. Despair

Ruth 1:1-5

¹ In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Ruth 1:20-21

²⁰ She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”

II. Steadfast Love

Ruth 1:15-17

¹⁵ And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”

Ruth 2:11-12

¹¹ But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before.

¹² The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!”

III. Redemption

Ruth 3:9-11

⁹ ...Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.” ¹⁰ And he said, “May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.

Ruth 4:11-12,14-17

¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, ¹² and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the Lord will give you by this young woman.”

¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷ And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The Lord's Supper

Minister: And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

People: And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Minister: I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

Adapted from Luke 22

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). After receiving the elements, we return to our seats to partake together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Ingredients: Garbanzo Bean Flour, Potato Starch, Tapioca Flour, Whole Grain Sweet White Sorghum Flour, Fava Bean Flour, Water.

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.

* **It Came Upon The Midnight Clear**

Lyrics by Richard Storrs Willis 1850.

Arr. Aurthur S. Sullivan, 1871.

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold.
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From Heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever over its babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

3. And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow.
Look now! For glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! The days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

* **Benediction**

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAROLING IN BRADBURN/COOKIE SWAP - THIS SATURDAY, Dec. 10, from 6:30 - 8pm

Join us to reach out to our neighbors during this Christmas season with caroling in the Bradburn neighborhood! Meet at the church with 2 dozen cookies (and recipes!) and to drink cocoa. Then, we'll go out into the neighborhood to sing Christmas carols and hand out an invite to our Christmas Eve service. Come back and pick up your swapped cookies! Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or on Church Center. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Collins at hcollins12417@gmail.com or Renee Mundt at admin@rmpca.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY - DEC. 14, 6:30pm

All women and young girls of RMPC are invited to the Women's Ministry annual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 14, starting at 6:30pm! Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share if you can, savory or sweet, and join us for an ornament exchange, ugly sweater contest, devotion, hot cocoa bar, and more! Visit and RSVP on the Church Center app for more details about the event or email Kelly Berry at kellyberry927@gmail.com.

FALL MEMBERSHIP CLASS - Dec. 17, from 9am to Noon

If you could not make the last class, we will have one on Saturday, December 17, from 9am-Noon at RMPC. This class will be taught by elders **Cliff Olson** and **Joe Elliott** and will cover a brief history of Christianity. This class is required for anyone who would like to become a member at RMPC. Please sign up on the Church Center app or email admin@rmpca.org.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR CAROL CRESON - OCCASIONAL SUNDAYS

Carol Creson occasionally needs a ride to church, and lives near 84th and Huron. Contact Renee Mundt at admin@rmpca.org if you are able to help!

CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24 CHOIR - PRACTICES - DEC. 11 AND 18, After Service

'Tis the season to lend your voice to the RMPC Christmas Eve choir, Dec. 24 at 5pm! This year's choral song is "Pavane for a Silent Night", directed by Jan Williams. Please come join us for our rehearsals after service, Sundays, Dec. 11th and the 18th. All are encouraged to join! Contact Greg Upton at greg.upton@rmpca.org with any questions!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 12/24 - 5pm

Join us on **Saturday, December 24 at 5:00pm** for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Nursery will be provided. If you have any questions, please email Renee Mundt at admin@rmpca.org.

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE - 12/25 - 10am

We will be holding a worship service on **Sunday, 12/25**, to celebrate our Savior's birth! If you have any questions, please email Renee Mundt at admin@rmpca.org.

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

¹⁴ 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.

John 1:14

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS – Redeemer Longmont

Redeemer Longmont is led by Pastors Justin Chapell and Paul Ranheim.

This month Redeemer Longmont celebrated their one-year anniversary in launching public worship! Last month, the church held their first House Concert featuring live music with in-house talent, Paul Ranheim.

Please pray that God would give Pastors Justin and Paul wisdom in leading Redeemer Longmont.

- That God would continue to use this church plant to spread the gospel and make disciples in their community.
- Please pray that God would continually provide them with the various resources they need: lay leaders, volunteers, and financial support.
- Finally, please pray that God would bless Pastor Justin's preaching and evangelism ministry at the church and in their community.



**PASTOR PAUL RANHEIM
AND HIS WIFE, LIZZY**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund -

December 2021 - October 2022

Giving: \$518,796

Budget: \$406,951

Difference: \$111,845

Building in Faith Campaign

Total Pledged: \$966,267

First Fruits Offering Pledged: \$359,075

Faith Promise Pledge (Missions) -

February 2022 - October 2022

Giving: \$48,185

Budget: \$26,426

Difference: \$21,940

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