

Mark 1-6

*A Light Dawns  
in Galilee*



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
January 5, 2025

# 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 it in the box on the back table.

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 downstairs. 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 2 years old.

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

### \* **And Can It Be (Amazing Love)**

By Charles Wesley, Dave Hunt, Kirsten Shive, and Thomas Campbell.

1. And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain!  
For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

### **CHORUS (X2)**

**Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!**

2. He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Humbled Himself so great His love,  
And bled for His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For Oh my God, it found out me!

### **CHORUS (X2)**

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

### **CHORUS (X2)**

4. No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

### **CHORUS (X2)**

## **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

**People: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**

Worship Leader: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**People: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!**

Isaiah 60 and Psalm 72

## **\* Let Your Kingdom Come**

Music and words by By Bob Kauflin.  
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1. Your glorious cause, O God,  
Engages our hearts.  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are.  
We ask not for ourselves,  
But for Your renown.  
The cross has saved us, so we pray  
“Your kingdom come.”

2. Give us Your strength, O God,  
And courage to speak.  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak.  
Lord, use us as You want,  
Whatever the test.  
By grace we’ll preach Your gospel  
Till our dying breath.

## **CHORUS**

**Let Your kingdom come,  
Let Your will be done,  
So that everyone  
Might know Your Name.  
Let Your song be heard  
Everywhere on earth,  
Till Your sovereign work  
On earth is done.  
Let Your kingdom come.**

## **CHORUS**

**\* Jesus, Cast a Look On Me**

Music and lyrics by Marva J. Dawn © 1999.

© MPJ Music. Words: John Berridge.

Music: Matthew Perryman Jones.

Additional Chorus words Jim Talarico; Music Greg Upton.

1. Jesus, cast a look on me;  
Give me sweet simplicity;  
Make me poor, and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know.

2. All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside;  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

**CHORUS**

**I set aside my pride and purify my heart,  
Oh Lord come near to you;  
And I submit myself  
And wash my hands anew,  
Oh Lord make me like you.**

3. Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled;  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might.

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul may rest;  
Feeling well the peace of God  
Flowing from Thy precious blood.

**CHORUS**

5. In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give;  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry.

**CHORUS**

## **\* CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: O Lord, you have called us out of darkness to be your people. We should be thankful and our lives should look different than the world around us.

**People: But we think we deserve to be your people, so we're not thankful, and our lives don't look any different than the ways of the world.**

Worship Leader: Forgive us for taking your grace for granted and for living lives which are not pleasing to you.

**People: Give us your love and power so that we can obey you and be a blessing to our neighbors. Change us so that our lives glorify Christ. Amen.**

### Silent Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who have been delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of his beloved Son, and hear these words of grace.

### Words of Grace

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7

## \* **Beautiful Things**

Music and Lyrics by Michael and Lisa Gungor.

1. All this pain,  
I wonder if I'll ever find my way;  
I wonder if my life could really change at all.  
All this earth,  
Could all that is lost ever be found?  
Could a garden come up  
From this ground at all?

### **CHORUS**

**You make beautiful things,  
You make beautiful things out of the dust.  
You make beautiful things,  
You make beautiful things out of us.**

2. All around, hope is springing  
Up from this old ground;  
Out of chaos life is being found in You.

### **CHORUS (X2)**

### **BRIDGE (X2)**

**You make me new,  
You are making me new.**

### **CHORUS (X2)**

## **OFFERING AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

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



## **ORDINATION OF RULING ELDERS**

A.W. Simmons  
Fred Flanders

**SCAN HERE TO GIVE**



## **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 FOR  
NEXT STEP CARD**

*A New Beginning*  
**Mark 1:1-8**  
Pastor Shane Waldron

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

### **Sermon Notes**

I. Preparing for a New Beginning

II. Receiving a New Beginning

A. Our New Beginning Defined: The Forgiveness of Sins

B. Step One: Repentance

C. Step Two: Faith

D. Our New Beginning Signified: Baptism

III. The Impact of a New Beginning

# The Lord's Supper

Minister: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Let us come to his table, for all is ready.

**People: We come not because we are righteous, but because we are repentant; not because we are strong, but because we are weak; not because we are whole, but because we are broken.**

Minister: Come and eat the bread of heaven, and drink the cup of salvation.

Adapted from Matthew 11:28-29

*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). 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.*



## **\* Reformation Song**

Music and lyrics by Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin.  
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1. Your Word alone is solid ground,  
The mighty rock on which we build;  
In every line the truth is found  
And every page with glory filled.

2. Through faith alone we come to You;  
We have no merit we can claim.  
Sure that Your promises are true,  
We place our hope in Jesus' name.

### **CHORUS**

**Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;  
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.**

3. In Christ alone we're justified;  
His righteousness is all our plea;  
Your law's demands are satisfied;  
His perfect work has set us free.

### **CHORUS**

4. By grace alone we have been saved;  
All that we are has come from You.  
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved  
Now by Your pow'r have been made new;  
Now by Your pow'r have been made new.

### **CHORUS**

## **\* Benediction**

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

**People: And also with you.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **NEW CHILD CHECK-IN STATIONS AND PROCEDURES — BEGINNING 1/12/25**

We are implementing two new child check-in stations and new procedures beginning **January 12, 2025!** Instead of going downstairs, you can now check-in your children at the back of the sanctuary, near the bookcase and lift. The two new stations are clearly marked and in freestanding kiosks. These stations will be active until **10:15am**. There will still be a check-in station downstairs for those parents who may arrive late. The downstairs check-in station will ensure printing does not disrupt the worship service.

Additionally, we have a **new procedure for Jr. Church**. We encourage all parents to check-in their children **BEFORE** the worship service begins. When kids are dismissed to Jr. Church, an adult teacher will be at the back of the sanctuary to collect kids and take them downstairs to class. This will help parents stay in the sanctuary and not miss any part of the worship service. Parents will still need to collect their kids downstairs when the service is over. If you have any questions, please contact Krystal Houde at [admin@rmpca.org](mailto:admin@rmpca.org).

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT — SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, AFTER SERVICE**

Join us immediately after worship service for a catered lunch and fellowship for the adult women of RMPC. Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or online to help us plan for this event. We will gather at the church (basement or sanctuary depending on headcount). If you have questions, please email [admin@rmpca.org](mailto:admin@rmpca.org).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS —** **Waypoint Church, Colorado Springs**

Waypoint sponsored a "Giving Tree" to provide Christmas gifts to children in need. They also brought a Christmas worship celebration to residents at Springs Ranch Memory Care this last Sunday! Please pray for Waypoint Church, Colorado Springs, Pastor Steve Stanton, and Pastor Wade Savant:

- For Waypoint's new second pastor, Wade Savant, as he transitions into ministry at Waypoint.
- That God would move through their new church-wide prayer group, as they pray together Sunday evenings, for the church, their communities, and each other.
- That God would provide the resources that Waypoint needs: leaders, volunteers, and financial resources.
- That God would give Pastor Steve wisdom in leading Waypoint Church and bless his preaching ministry.



Pastor Steve Stanton and Family

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

### **General Fund -**

#### **December 2023 - October 2024**

Giving: \$544,592

Budget: \$589,692

Difference: -\$45,100

### **Faith Promise Pledge**

#### **(Missions and Outreach) -**

#### **May 2024 - April 2025**

Giving: \$31,288

Goal: \$45,788

### **Building in Faith Campaign -**

#### **October 2022 - October 2024**

Pledged: \$995,597

Giving: \$769,638

Remaining: \$225,959

## January

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                                   | Wednesday                               | Thursday                   | Friday                    | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| <b>CG = Community Group</b><br><b>JG = Journey Group</b><br>• Interested in CG or JG? Contact <a href="mailto:admin@rmpca.org">admin@rmpca.org</a><br>• For a full list of RMPG ministries, refer to <a href="http://rmpca.org">rmpca.org</a> , information table in sanctuary, or Church Center app. |  |   | 1                                       | 2                          | 3<br><b>NO Women Pray</b> | 4        |
|   |  |   | <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>             |                            |                           |          |
| 5<br>• Erie CG 6pm<br>• Arvada CG 5pm   | 6<br>• Youth Group 6pm<br>• Beth's JG<br>• Tim's JG<br>• Joe's JG  | 7<br>Emily's JG                           | 8<br>• Chris' JG<br>• Bradburn CG Noon  | 9<br>Broomfield CG 6:30pm  | 10<br>Women Pray 10am     | 11       |
| 12<br>• Erie CG 6pm<br>• Westie CG 3pm<br>• Arvada CG 5pm   | 13<br>• Youth Group 6pm<br>• Beth's JG<br>• Tim's JG<br>• Joe's JG | 14<br>• Emily's JG<br>• Women's CG 5:30pm | 15<br>Chris' JG                         | 16<br>Carbon Valley CG 6pm | 17<br>Women Pray 10am     | 18       |
| 19<br>• <b>Women's Fellowship</b><br>• Erie CG 6pm<br>• Arvada CG 5pm   | 20<br>• Youth Group 6pm<br>• Beth's JG<br>• Tim's JG<br>• Joe's JG | 21<br>Emily's JG                          | 22<br>• Chris' JG<br>• Bradburn CG Noon | 23<br>Broomfield CG 6:30pm | 24<br>Women Pray 10am     | 25       |
| 26<br>• Erie CG 6pm<br>• Westminster CG 3pm   | 27<br>• Youth Group 6pm<br>• Beth's JG<br>• Tim's JG<br>• Joe's JG | 28<br>• Emily's JG<br>• Women's CG 5:30pm | 29<br>Chris' JG                         | 30                         | 31<br>Women Pray 10am     |          |

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