



Christmas Carols from the Old Testament

Messianic Psalms



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 15, 2024

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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@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: 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).

* **O Come All You Unfaithful**

Music and words by Bob Kauflin and Lisa Clow.
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1. O come, all you unfaithful;
Come, weak and unstable;
Come, know you are not alone.
2. O come, barren and waiting;
Ones, weary of praying;
Come, see what your God has done.

CHORUS

**Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for us.**

3. O come, bitter and broken;
Come with fears unspoken;
Come, taste of His perfect love.
4. O come, guilty and hiding;
Ones, there is no need to run;
See what your God has done.

CHORUS (X2)

BRIDGE

**He's the Lamb who was given,
Slain for our pardon;
His promise is peace
For those who believe.
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Slain for our pardon;
His promise is peace
For those who believe.**

5. So come, though you have nothing,
Come, He is the offering;
Come, see what your God has done.

CHORUS (X2)

*** ADVENT READING - Zephaniah 3:14-17**

Chris and Kate Weniger

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God.

People: For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

Worship Leader: As a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

People: For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. Praise the LORD!

Isaiah 61:10-11

*** 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!

* **We Three Kings**

Music and lyrics by John H. Hopkins (1857).

1. We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

2. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

REFRAIN

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.**

3. Frankincense to offer have I.
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high.

REFRAIN

4. Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Sounds through the earth and skies.

REFRAIN

* **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Worship Leader: Righteous and Holy Sovereign, save me from myself.

People: From the deceits of my sin, from the treachery of my perverse nature, from denying your charge against my offenses, from a life of continual rebellion against you.

Worship Leader: For I know that all my thoughts, affections, desires, and pursuits are easily alienated from you.

People: Father of my spirit, King of my life, do not drive me from your presence, but wound my heart that it may be healed, break it so that you can make it whole. Amen.

Adapted from The Valley of Vision

Silent Confession of Sin

Worship Leader: Lift up your heads, you who have been baptized into his death to walk in the newness of life, and hear these words of grace.

Words of Grace

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:3-4

* **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 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>.



SCAN HERE TO GIVE

**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.**



**SCAN HERE FOR
NEXT STEP CARD**

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.

Who Is the Real Jesus?
Psalm 110
Pastor Shane Michael Waldron

¹ The LORD says to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

² The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!

³ Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

⁴ The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁵ The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his
wrath.

⁶ He will execute judgment among the
nations,
filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs

over the wide earth.
⁷ He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

Sermon Notes

I. Jesus the King

II. Jesus the Judge

III. Jesus the Priest

The Lord's Supper

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and was raised for you. Feed on Him by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

* **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

Music and lyrics by Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Georg Weissel, 1642.

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!

2. A Helper just He comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

3. O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won.

* **Benediction**

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE — TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5PM

Join us on **Tuesday, December 24, at 5pm** for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Nursery will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Krystal Houde at admin@mpca.org.

HOLIDAY BREAK

- No Discipleship Classes December 22 or December 29
- No Youth Group December 23 and December 30
- No Women Pray December 27 and January 3
- Church Office is closed December 23 through January 6

NEW LOCATION FOR PANERA TABLE AND SWEETS

To help maintain flow in the back of the sanctuary, we have moved the table with the Panera Dough-nations to the basement. We plan to move some of the sweets (everything but the donuts) to the basement as well. If you need any assistance accessing these items, please approach a member of staff or elder. Otherwise, please enjoy fellowship after service in both the sanctuary and the basement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH PRAYER FOCUS – The Table

- Praise that The Table has settled into their new church home.
- Pray that God would build a positive relationship with their neighboring church (Catch the Fire) and the church that will be sharing their new space (Tabernacle Baptisto).
- Pray for the Table as they work to identify potential elders and deacons.
- Pray that God would give Pastor Brad and Pastor Michael wisdom in leading the Table and the staff/volunteer team.
- Pray that God would continue to use the Table to make the gospel known and make disciples throughout Lafayette and Boulder.
- Pray for God's continued provision of financial support.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund -

December 2023 - October 2024

Giving: \$544,592

Budget: \$589,692

Difference: -\$45,100

Building in Faith Campaign -

October 2022 - October 2024

Pledged: \$995,597

Giving: \$769,638

Remaining: \$225,959

Faith Promise Pledge

(Missions and Outreach) -

May 2024 - April 2025

Giving: \$31,288

Goal: \$45,788

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 • NO Discipleship Classes • Westminster CG 3pm	2 • Youth Group 6pm • Beth's JG • Tim's JG • Joe's JG	3 Emily's JG	4 • Chris' JG • Bradburn CG Noon	5 • Carbon Valley CG 6pm • Broomfield CG 6:30pm	6 Women Pray 10am	7
8 • Erie CG 6pm • Arvada CG 5pm	9 • Youth Group 6pm • Beth's JG • Tim's JG • Joe's JG	10 • Emily's JG • Women's CG 5:30pm	11 Chris' JG	12	13 Women Pray 10am	14 Caroling & Cookies 6:30pm
15 • Erie CG 6pm • Arvada CG 5pm	16 • Youth Group 6pm • Beth's JG • Tim's JG • Joe's JG	17 Emily's JG	18 Chris' JG	19	20 Women Pray 10am	21
22 • NO Discipleship Classes • Erie CG 6pm	23 NO Youth Group	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5pm	25	26	27 NO Women Pray	28
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED						
29 NO Discipleship Classes	30 NO Youth Group	31	1	CG = Community Group JG = Journey Group • Interested in CG or JG? Contact admin@rmpca.org • For a full list of RMPC ministries, refer to rmpca.org , information table in sanctuary, or Church Center app.		
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