



Where we share what's happening in the Rose City Park Pres community...and beyond!



A PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC

Many of you have been in touch this week with your concerns, fears and questions about the ongoing pandemic and how it is affecting communities around the world and the community right here at RCPPC. COVID is raging all around us and touching many families in our midst through illness, school closures, work complications and experiences of worry and isolation.

But what can we do? Though perhaps we are weary of them, the good news is that we already have a lot of practice with the things we can do. We can stay the course of protecting ourselves and others with masks (think of adopting an N95 or KN95), social distancing, vaccines and boosters. We can reach out to each other to give encouragement and to assure no one is feeling left alone. We can give material support to those who have fallen ill or whose lives have been impacted. We can pray for the global community and its leaders.

Our RCP COVID Advisory Team will be meeting tonight to determine what is a safe course for our church congregation to follow in the weeks ahead. If there are any changes to our plan for hybrid (in-person and online) worship this Sunday, we will let you know via an email message. But I hope you will take a few moments today to hold that team in prayer as it determines how to best keep our church connected and safe.

Perhaps you might use the following words or something like them to seek God's encouragement as we continue to make our way through this difficult time...and to live into the hope that a brighter day is on the way.

***A Prayer for Our Uncertain Times* by Rev. Dr. William Barber II**

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY

January 16, 2022 Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Gospel Bible Study

Use this link to attend <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86797227527>

To join by telephone, call 253-215-8782 and enter Meeting ID 867 9722 7527

10:00 am Worship: Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

Beginning at 9:50 a.m., use this link to attend Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89847037580>,

To join by telephone, call 253-215-8782 and enter Meeting ID: 898 4703 7580.

The Worship Bulletin can be found [here](#).

CHILDREN AT RCPPC :

- **Childcare** will be available for infants through age 5 in Kinder Space.
- **Church School** for grades 1-5 will happen in the Children's Library after Time with the Young Church.

12:00 pm Music with Alejandra

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84978968522> To join by telephone, call 253-215-8782 and enter Meeting ID: 849 7896 8522

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARIES DUE!

Please submit your committee reports for the Annual Report by Monday, January 17th. Send them to janice@rosecityparkpres.org. Thank you!

PER CAPITA FOR 2022

This year's Per Capita assessment from Presbytery is \$39.00/member, which allows our Cascades Presbytery to support the needs of churches in our area of the Synod. Being a connectional church, these dollars represent the connective tissue that binds us all together: responding to our needs, challenging us to be the churches that we envision for ourselves and supporting us in that journey. Based on the membership statistics from our 2020 membership of 196 members, we will send our Presbytery \$7,644 this coming year to do our part in their work with and for us, no small amount indeed. So please, as you begin this year's pledge offerings, include an amount to cover your Per Capita and, if you are able, include another amount to help those in our congregation who might otherwise not be able to pay theirs. (Submitted by the Stewardship & Finance Committee)

CALLING ALL PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH

Any youth (those entering 9-12 grade in Summer 2022) who are interested in participating in Presbyterian Youth Triennium are encouraged to attend a planning/discussion meeting Saturday, January 22 11am on Zoom with Laura Gillooly and others who will tell us more about the experience and how to be involved. Link to follow.

DID YOU MISS OUR NEW DIRECTORY?

On December 9, the office circulated via email an updated RCPPC directory, but it seems a number of you did not receive it. If you missed that email for some reason and would like a digital copy, please email Carolee in the office (carolee@rosecityparkpres.org). Printed copies are also available for pick up in the office for any who need them.

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ANNUAL OREGON LEGISLATIVE FORUM

The Oregon Coalition of Christian Voices and four other groups are again sponsoring an ANNUAL OREGON LEGISLATIVE FORUM (Virtual), January 23, 1:30-3:30 pm. Senators and Representatives will focus on legislation of concern to faith communities. For complete information go to: <https://emoregon.org/event/annual-legislative-forum-2/> To register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrcOihqDIqH9FUvehTjdugVM3mKSYSFjOA>

DHS NEEDS MEN'S CLOTHING

The Hollywood Department of Human Services needs men's shirts, pants, and jackets. If you have any to donate contact George Johnson.

DO YOU LOVE THE CHILDREN OF RCPPC?

Volunteer to spend some time with them! We need folks willing to care for children during the worship service, especially during this time when our current childcare staff member is away on winter break. The Personnel Committee has been seeking Child Care providers for our Kinder Space but have not yet found any. In the meantime, we need volunteers for the one-hour service. You will walk away with smiles!! If you are interested, please contact Leslie Munson.

PRAYER REQUESTS

You are invited to be mindful of the following personal needs and community concerns in your prayers this week: for Leslie recovering from kidney surgery; for Steve and Bev who are sick and for their daughter, Katie, who is continuing to recover from brain surgery; for Effie Jo in Bozeman Montana anticipating surgery; for Eloise who is receiving hospice care; for Wes continuing to recover from an illness; for those awaiting diagnoses; for those struggling with the side-effects of treatment; for educators and school administrators, already exhausted, who are continuing to navigate troubled waters as they strive to provide safety and education for kids; for all those being impacted by COVID-19.

WHAT'S NEXT

Monday, January 17 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day (Office Closed)

Annual Reports Due

10:30 am Women's Coffee

Tuesday, January 18

7:00 pm Session

Wednesday, January 19

1:00 pm Reading in the Afternoon

Thursday, January 20

2:00 pm Tech Meeting

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Choir: Sanctuary

7:00 pm Personnel

Saturday, January 22

8:00 - 1:00 HFM

8:30 am Men's Breakfast

11:00 am Triennium Youth Planning Meeting: Zoom

Sunday, January 23

8:30 am Gospel Bible Study

10:00 am Worship: Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship Time

12:00 pm Adult Discipleship

Wednesday, January 26

7:00 pm Reading in the Evening

Thursday, January 27

2:00 pm Tech Meeting

7:00 pm Choir: Sanctuary

Friday, January 28

Wy'East Food Ministry

Sunday, January 30

8:30 am Gospel Bible Study

10:00 am Worship: Hybrid (In-person and on Zoom)

11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship Time

5:00 pm Youth Event

DID YOU MISS IT?

Catch a video of last week's worship on our [YouTube channel](#).

Read the most recent [Broadcaster Newsletter](#).

Check our [Events Calendar](#) for upcoming events.

If you have additional questions, please contact us: office@rosecityparkpres.org

The deadline for submissions for this E-Blast is 2:00 pm every Wednesday.



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