



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



## **BIG NEWS AT RCPPC!**

*We widen the circle of friendship.*

***We welcome you with joy!***

*We delight in getting to know you.*

***We welcome you with excitement!***

*We celebrate the new paths we will create together.*

***We welcome you with anticipation!***

*We invite you into our hearts and homes.*

***We welcome you with generous hospitality!***

*We gratefully embrace your gifts and talents.*

***We are ready for this new adventure and we look forward to growing in faith with you.***

*(Author: mblashill)*

RCPPC HAS A NEW CALLED PASTOR! Last Sunday, a congregational meeting was held to act on the Session recommendation to call the Reverend Doctor Elizabeth Leavitt as the installed Pastor/Head of Staff. The Rev. Tim Winslea served as Moderator and presented the terms of call to the congregation. Official motions were made, and the resulting vote from the congregation (who gathered both in-person and on Zoom) was unanimous in its positive response and enthusiasm. It is therefore with great joy that we announce that Pastor Liz has been approved to be Installed Pastor of Rose City Park Presbyterian Church. Our organist, Heidi Kohne, captured the moment [HERE](#). Congratulations Pastor Liz! We look forward to the

many worship services, milestones, and other events we will share with you as our spiritual leader and guide. We welcome you and your family as an essential part of our congregation, and extend our hands, hearts and prayers as we continue onward together.

This decision brings us to the conclusion of our pastoral search journey, and we are appreciative of all of those who devoted their time, efforts, and wisdom to the process. We look forward to the upcoming Installation Service which will be scheduled soon. We are additionally appreciative of Rev. Winslea's insights and wisdom shared in his thoughtful and insightful sermon last week. If you were unable to attend, you can find his sermon [HERE](#).

## **THIS SUNDAY**

**May 28, 2023 - Pentecost (Wear flame colors)**

**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 YouTube).** It's Pentecost Sunday and Desiree Eden Ocampo will offer a sermon on Acts 2: 1-16 entitled "Who is the Church?"

Beginning at 9:55 am, use this [link](#) to watch the Worship Service live-stream ed on YouTube. Directly after the service, we invite you to join us on Zoom for our Social Time (see link below). The full Worship Bulletin can be found [HERE](#).

For those following along online, the liturgy & music are [HERE](#).

**Church School today.** Grades 1-5 will gather in the children's library after the Time with the Young Church. **Childcare** will be available for infants through age 5 in Kinder Space.

**Please join us for Social Time after the Worship Service.**

**In Person:** Fellowship Hall

**Online:** Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89847037580>.

## CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY NEWS

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

This Sunday is Pentecost, so remember to wear flame colors in celebration. Although we will not be having a processional, your bright colors and song will enhance our worship.

Pentecost is the sudden and powerful arrival of the Holy Spirit and marks the end of the Easter season.

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### PENTECOST OFFERING

As Presbyterians, we are committed to the vision "*to nurture worship, spirituality, and community that strengthens our connection with God and one another.*" This Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, we will have the opportunity to live into the vision to nurture the spirituality of the next generation through a special denominational offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps churches encourage, develop, and support their young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community and the remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

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### MEMORIAL DAY- OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in honor of Memorial Day. We honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military, and extend our prayers to the families of those honored on this day.

Memorial Day also marks the unofficial beginning of the summer season. To see events in Portland, click [here](#).

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### **ALEJANDRA'S GIFT FUND**

As was recently announced, Alejandra will move on from her position at RCPPC in June. We have loved our time with Alejandra and look forward to celebrating all she has contributed to our community. If you would like to make a contribution toward a farewell gift for Alejandra, you can submit those to the office. We will hold a special celebration of her ministry on her last Sunday with us, June 11 immediately following worship.

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### **RECYCLED ITEMS FOR KIDS CAMP**

This July our Kid's Camp (Vacation Bible School) will feature a range of activities, including repurposing used & found items. So, please start save your egg cartons, metal/plastic bottle caps, paper towel/TP rolls, corks, and any other items you think would enhance creativity. We will let you know when to bring them in. Thank you!

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### **SUMMER TABLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

Join a Summer Table Fellowship Group beginning in June through the end of September. Gather with 6-8 adults for a time of good food and conversation. Questions and sign up go to [rcptables@gmail.com](mailto:rcptables@gmail.com). Deadline: Tuesday, May 30th.

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### **COMPLINE RESUMES ON JUNE 5th**

Compline will not be held Monday, May 29th due to the Memorial Day holiday. Our group of RCPPC contemplatives will continue next Monday evening, June 5th. Please read the next two chapters of J Philip Newell's *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom* for Reawakening to prepare.

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## **SOCIAL ACTION AND MISSION PARTNERS**

### **FAMILY PROMISE AUCTION - JUNE 11-18**

Family Promise of Metro East is raising money to help their families move into permanent housing. You can support this housing fund by joining the online auction June 11-18. Many great items will be up for auction, you can preview [here](#) or pickup a flyer in the upper Narthex. Please join this worthy event at [www.familypromisemetroeast.org/events-and-fundraisers](http://www.familypromisemetroeast.org/events-and-fundraisers). All proceeds directly benefit homeless families in Portland!

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### **PORTLAND FOOD PROJECT (GREEN BAGS)**

Filling green bags with food and returning them to church not only sustains the physical needs of those who are food insecure, but it also nourishes the spirits of both the givers and the receivers. For those who receive the bags of food, it can alleviate the stress and anxiety that comes with not having enough to eat, and knowing that their community cares for them. The act of giving and receiving also helps to build connections and foster a sense of belonging within the community. It is a reminder that we are all connected, and that by working together, we can create a more supportive and compassionate community. Click [here](#) to see the latest email and statistics. Please consider picking up a green bag in the lower Narthex and dropping it back off at the church office between now and Friday, June 9th.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & BUILDING PARTNERS**

### **STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION CAMPAIGN**

We are at 67% of our goal. We continue to be so appreciative of all of you who have donated so far to the Stained-Glass Window Renovation/Restoration campaign! Your contributions are truly appreciated. Every contribution makes a difference as we work to complete this meaningful project together. The specialized stained-glass team is scheduled for June, so we look forward to the results of our campaign. To view this week's progress on our way the goal, click [here](#).

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

You are invited to be mindful of continuing personal needs and community concerns in your prayers this week: *we celebrate the recent call of Pastor Liz to serve as installed pastor to our congregation and give thanks for all who participated in this long process of discernment; we pray with those in our community recovering from illnesses including COVID; we pray with those who are anticipating medical procedures; we pray with those who travel for their safe return; as this month draws to a close we continue to pray in thanksgiving for the many gifts our siblings of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage bring to our community; as memorial day approaches, we pray with those who grieve and remember.*

## **WHAT'S NEXT**

### **Monday, May 29**

Memorial Day- Office Closed

No Compline (Resumes June 5th)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84275785844>

### **Wednesday, May 31**

10:00 am: Kid Camp Planning

No Sarah Circle

7:00 pm: Reading in the Evening

### **Thursday, June 1**

10:00am: Adult Discipleship Committee

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday, June 3**

8:30 am: Men's Breakfast- Hybrid

9:00 am - 1 pm: Hollywood Farmers Market

## COMMON ZOOM LINKS

Sunday Morning Gospel Bible Study: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86797227527>

Sunday Social Time: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89847037580>

Adult Discipleship Sunday Noon Classes: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84978968522>

Music with Alejandra: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84978968522>

Monday Evening Compline: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84275785844>

## 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](mailto:office@rosecityparkpres.org)

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

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