

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ushers: Sylvia Schade, Claire Gangware, Lynda Nadkarni and Marika Floros

Liturgist: Matt Lisle

Thank you to Natalie Lisle for joining today's ministry of music.

Andrew Ministers: Connie Kelly and Lynda Nadkarni

Communion Servers: Matt Lisle, Karl-Heinz Meyer, Sandy Kappmeyer and Steve Marcus

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by the Juister family.

Trustees of the Month: Susan Deems-Dluhy and George Meyer

A NOTE ABOUT OUR EMAIL AND OUR WEBSITE — The rpcusa.org emails and website are under transition and will be available soon. Please refer to the box below to find the active email addresses. We will be debuting a new and improved website soon! Thank you for your patience.

Mission Statement

We gather as a church family to:

Celebrate God's Presence ~ Nurture the Spiritual Life

Carry the Light of Christ into the World ~ Serve God by Serving Others

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April 2, 2017 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

8:30 am Human Scene

10:00 Worship

11:15 Coffee Fellowship

2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

Monday

6:00 pm Christian Education,

Fellowship, Worship & Music

Committee Meetings

7:00 Mission, Outreach

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Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

Office Closed

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

6:30 acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Friday

7:00 pm Trivia Night

Sunday

8:30 am Human Scene

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship-Palm Sunday

11:15 Coffee Fellowship

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Worship involves the senses. The light filtering in through the stained-glass windows, the colors of the vestments, and even the words we read in our Bibles fascinate us visually in worship. The sounds of musical instruments and voices raised in song grip us audibly. The feel of the pews and the communion table engage our sense of touch. All of these sensations come together to form our worship experience.

In *Bread for the Journey*, Rolf Svanoe has sought to attract our other senses, enhancing our encounter with God. This Lenten worship series includes sharing the Biblical stories of Bread and the smell and taste of fresh baked bread. Throughout Lent we will celebrate communion every Sunday with fresh baked bread.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, April 9

Scripture – Mark 14:12-22

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Maundy Thursday dinner and service will start at 6:00 pm.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

Scripture – Isaiah 25:6-8, John 6:25-35

An Easter Sunrise Service is at 6:30 am on the memorial walk on the Scottswood side of the manse, to be led by the Rev. Doug Asbury.

Our Easter Sunday celebration is at 10:00 am and will include trumpet, timpani, choirs and bells.

HUMAN SCENE — Join us in the Parlor at 8:30 am every Sunday.

April 9 (Palm Sunday) - Today we consider the final segment of the "Living the Questions" series of lessons: "Embracing Mystery." Christian practice is being re-visioned, re-tooled, and re-claimed by those who are living the questions of their faith. They're attentive to ancient ways, comfortable with ambiguity, and open to the unknowable and indescribable mystery of the Divine, embracing the mystery and finding that they themselves are embraced in return.

April 16 (Easter Sunday) - No Human Scene.

LOOSE COIN OFFERING — On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to feed the hungry. The money will go to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT — The RPC Youth Group will be hosting a Team Trivia Night on Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. to raise funds for their Mission Trip to Heifer International. Teams of 8 people will compete for cash prizes and acclaim as winners of the first RPC Trivia Night. Invite your friends and family to fill a table. The entry fee is \$160 per table (\$20 per person). To reserve a table, contact Dennis Cobb at dlc0906@gmail.com. If you can't fill a table on your own, let Dennis know and he will keep a list from which teams can be created. Brush up on your trivia knowledge! It will be an evening of fun and fellowship!

CONFIRMATION — Since September 2016 the Confirmation Class led by Reverend Jackson, Patti Friend and Bill and Vicky Vogel have been meeting nearly every Sunday morning. On Sunday, April 23 the Confirmands, Calvin Friend, Olivia Meyer and Danielle Wolff, will be welcomed into membership of RPC, pending the approval of Session. Please join us at the 10:00 service and at Coffee Fellowship afterward to welcome this great group into our church family!

REFUGEE UPDATE AND HOW YOU CAN HELP! — We are in constant communication with RefugeeOne, and things are happening fast. We are **this close to being assigned** a family to work with. Before we are assigned to a family, we need the following: 1) prayer, 2) power strips and or extension cords, 3) we need to raise \$2,000.00 more dollars, and 4) we need mentors to attend a seminar on how to mentor a refugee family. Please ask yourself how you can help.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MISSION TRIP ADULT FUNDRAISER! — This year's adult fundraiser for the mission trip will be a Cinco de Mayo party at the home of Tara and Dan Gregus (140 Lawton Rd). When? Friday May 5 of course! Time: The fun begins at 6:30 pm. There will be lots of good Mexican food and drink. Cost: \$35 per person. All profits will go to the mission trip fund. You can give your checks made out to RPC to Tara Gregus or leave them in the office. We hope you can join us!

ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY ON APRIL 9, 1-3 PM

GIRLS GROUP MEETS FRIDAY APRIL 7 AT RPC — All junior and senior high girls are invited to join us from 4-5 pm on Friday April 7 at RPC. We will help set up for Trivia Night and then have a yoga session. Wear comfortable clothing! Questions? Contact Tara at taragregus@yahoo.com. Hope to see you!

CARERS COMMITTEE & KIDS UNITE IN APRIL — This month the CARERS Committee, in conjunction with the Sunday School, will be collecting cereal of all kinds for the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Kids: Don't forget to keep up with your Fish Bank in the coming weeks. Please return your Fish Banks to church between April 9 (Palm Sunday) and April 16 (Easter). Adults: offering envelopes are in the pews, or you may note One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line of your check.

RPC SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP — Summer science camp is filling up quickly! Let us know if you would like your children to attend. We will be recruiting teachers and assistants soon, so keep an eye out for the email with more information.

BIBLE PRESENTATION — 2nd grade Bible Sunday is April 23rd. All kids 2nd grade (or older) who have not received a Bible are invited to be part of this special day. Please email or call Susan Zander for more information.

WORSHIP AT CANTATA — The Deacons welcome any and all congregation members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata today at 2 pm.

JAZZ SUNDAY— APRIL 30 — SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY SCHOOL — When we return the children will be working on the rotation, 'Easter Around the World.' We will be collecting the kids' fish banks during service on Palm Sunday and Easter.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHAR KUNKEL — A memorial service will be held in Sarasota, Florida on April 8th. The family requested that memorial contributions be sent to: Dial Hope Foundation, PO Box 953, Sarasota, FL 34230 or online at www.dialhope.org