

Resounding JOY —CHURCH—



ResoundingJoy Church
seeks to center on **Jesus**,
live **open** to all people, and
say **yes** to Jesus' call to serve.



November 16, 2025

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Susan Stoepel

One: The Spirit of God moves in unexpected ways.

All: The wind of grace blows where it will.

One: God's love surprises us—crossing borders, breaking walls,

All: Pouring out upon all who listen and believe.

One: Come with open hearts and ready spirits,

All: For we worship the God of holy surprises!

One: Alleluia! Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn/Song*

"You Make Beautiful Things"

Gungor

Praying Together

One: Let us confess how often we resist the surprising movement of God's Spirit.

All: God of new beginnings, We confess that we grow comfortable with predictability. We expect You to act as You always have, in the people we already trust, in the places we already know. When You move beyond our expectations, we question, resist, or turn away. Forgive us for limiting Your love. Surprise us again with Your mercy, and renew our joy in the wideness of Your grace. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Response of Gratitude* "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Hymn #582

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:44-48



Message

Church 101 — Surprise! Surprise!

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Hymn/Song*

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

GTG 435

Stewardship Sharing

Dianne Holtzapple

Offertory

Offertory Response*

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Hymn #240 (vs.4)

Prayer of Dedication

One: We believe in a God who is not finished surprising us.

All: God’s Spirit still falls on unexpected people.

One: We believe in a Christ who welcomes before we are ready.

All: Christ’s love breaks our boundaries and our certainties.

One: We believe in a Spirit who moves faster than our rules can keep up.

All: The Spirit of God is still making all things new.

One: Thanks be to God for the holy surprises of grace!

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn/Song*

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Hymn #49

Time for Reflection/Postlude

Benediction

Benediction Response* “May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go With You”

OFFERINGS

You can share your offerings by putting it in the plate during the service, or you can give online at this link: <https://resoundingjoy.church/give> or by scanning this QR code. Loose change will be donated to SON Ministries.



***All who are able may stand.**

Boldface Print indicates sung or spoken participation by the congregation.

The leadership of the church advises that you may be a part of our online streaming service.

Please turn your cellphones to silent mode in order to not interrupt the service.

Announcements

• Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 16

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 17

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 18

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 19

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, November 20

Friday, November 21

Saturday, November 22

11:00 a.m. AA Meeting

• The Adult Sunday School Class

Meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please join us!

• Collection for SON Ministries

For November, please bring canned ravioli or fruit.

• Christmas Potluck — Dec. 7

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship and Christmas carols. On Sunday, December 7, starting at 4:30 p.m., we will meet for a potluck dinner. Ham, rolls and drinks will be provided and we are asking you to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

After a delicious meal, we will all join together for a Christmas carol sing-along. Can't wait to see everyone start off the holiday festivities together!

• Christmas Eve Service — 5 p.m.

For your planning for Christmas Eve, we will have a single service at 5 p.m. that will center on the carols and stories of Christmas and will end in candlelight. Please note this for your family gatherings and planning for December.

• Financial Giving Intentions for 2026

As you will hear in worship today, members will be receiving a narrative budget and financial intention card in the mail this week as well as emailed out. Please prayerfully consider your giving intention for 2026 and either fill out the online intention form at <http://bit.ly/RJC-2026>, mail your card back to the church office, or bring it with you on November 23. The information you will be receiving will share more specifically about our goal for 2026 and our ministry budget for the year ahead. Thank you for your financial support of our common ministry!

• Lessons and Carols service — Dec. 14

Mark your calendars! During our regular worship time on Sunday, Dec. 14, the ResoundingJoy choir will be providing a musical worship experience with songs and readings from "Sing We Now of Christmas." This special service would be a great opportunity to invite your friends and family to worship with us!

• Advent and Christmas at RJC

We have our first Advent and Christmas coming up as RJC! Our focus for the Advent season will be on a four-fold prayer practice of awaiting, allowing, accepting, and attending to the working of God's Spirit during this Holy Season. Pastor Ed has written a devotional for the season that you can begin using on the first Sunday of Advent and going through several days after Christmas. The devotional will be available as a PDF file you can print on your own or use electronically. A limited number of copies will be printed but please reserve those for people who do not have the ability to print at home. If you would like to purchase a more professionally printed copy, it is available on amazon.com at <https://a.co/d/6nnNI3w> for \$14.99.

