

Resounding JOY —CHURCH—

Presbyterian Church (USA)



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



January 4, 2026

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

David Denny

One: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

All: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

One: We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

All: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

One: We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

All: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

Opening Prayer

Hymn*

"We Three Kings"

Hymn #151

Verses 2-4 sung by soloists

Praying Together

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Assurance of God's Presence

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Response of Gratitude*

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Hymn #582

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12



Message

Rev. Monnie Caine

Hymn*

“What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright”

Hymn #152

Offertory

“Hallelujah Song”

by David and Bonnie Huntsinger

Offertory Response*

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Hymn #240 (vs.4)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

One: Let us pray to the Lord

All: Let the light of Christ shine on all people

Hymn*

“Arise Your Light Is Come”

Hymn #744

Benediction

Postlude

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.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Organizing Pastor

Tammy Manger, Church Administrator

Brad Caldwell, Music Director

Michele Wright, Communications Director

Lori McDonough, Worship Leader

Ryan Hamilton, Digital Coordinator

Announcements

• Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 4

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:45 a.m. Bible Study

Monday, January 5

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 6

- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 7

- 6:00 p.m. Ministry Night

Thursday, January 8

Friday, January 9

- 12:00 p.m. Forever Young

Saturday, January 10

- 11:00 a.m. AA Meeting

• Discipleship/Education Opportunities

We have two opportunities to meet in small groups for discipleship and education. All are welcome!

- Sunday, 9–10 a.m. in Room 21
- Sunday, 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Room 10 (Choir Room)

• Financial Giving Intentions for 2026

While we dedicated our initial round of intentions for 2026 last Sunday, we are still, of course, accepting ones that are still to come in. You can return the intention card to the church office at any time or fill out the online form at <http://bit.ly/RJC-2026>. Thank you for your financial support of our common ministry!

• End of Year Financial Statements

Just a reminder, if you want to have giving that will be on your 2025 record, please send in or drop off your check (or give online) before December 31. Also, with our new membership and records system, it is supposed to automatically email statements to people after the first of the year. If you would like a printed copy of your giving record for RJC (September – December) please contact the church office.

Pro tip: If you download the RJC app and sign in with the email you have with the church, you can access your giving record at any time!

• Forever Young

On Friday, January 9 at noon, Forever Young will be going to LaRosa's at 3657 Stone Creek Blvd. If you plan to join us, please contact **Jill Pepple** or **Pat Ossenschmidt**.

• Bible in a Year

Starting on January 12, you are invited to be a part of a congregational read through the Bible in a year! Each Sunday, starting January 11, the weekly readings will be listed in the bulletin. *ReSounds* will also have a monthly list of the readings as well. Pastor Ed is also planning on sharing a (roughly) weekly “look-ahead” podcast to have some things to look for in the upcoming readings. If you have never read the Bible cover-to-cover, here's your opportunity to do it with your RJC Community!

• 2026 Annual Meeting — Feb. 1

RJC's first annual meeting will take place after worship on **Sunday, February 1**. Details of the meeting will be coming in January but please plan to stay after that morning for the important work of our congregation.

• Prayer Chain Email List

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain email list, please contact **Fern Caldwell**. If you are on the list and would prefer to just receive the weekly Joys and Concerns summary, please let Fern know to remove you.

• Collection for SON Ministries

For January, please bring Saltine Crackers

• Can You Make Coffee?

Looking for an easy way to help out Sunday mornings at RJC? Consider helping make and clean up coffee! Each week, we have coffee in the gathering area for all to enjoy, but we are looking for volunteers to help make the coffee before worship or clean up afterwards. Starting in January, we will have a sign up sheet on the coffee bar. Sign up for a week, a month, as much as you want! Don't know how to make coffee but want to volunteer? We will teach you! Any questions, please speak with Lynn Bradley.