



Resounding JOY —CHURCH—

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



November 23, 2025

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Lori McDonough

One: Since September 7 we have heard many stories of our early ancestors in faith.

All: We have heard about courage, boldness, trust, and faith.

One: We have heard stories of women and men who have responded to the Spirit's new call in the world. That same Spirit continues to call today

All: Spirit, help us to hear and to respond.

One: Today, we return to the words of Jesus when he said that we will be witnesses in Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

All: We today are witnesses right here in our neighborhood, in our region, and far beyond this place.

One: Thank you God, for drawing us together and sending us out.

Opening Prayer

Hymn/Song*

"Lord You Give the Great Commission"

Hymn #298

Praying Together

One: Sending God, hear us join together in prayer.

All: God, we know you are still calling today. Thank you that you are still at work, still moving, still changing, still leading. But we confess the ways in which we choose to listen to other callings in life in place of yours.

One: It isn't that there aren't multiple callings in our lives, but we confess how those other callings are not rooted in you.

All: Help us to make your call the center of our lives and all the others spread out from you. Help us to have all that we are and all that we do be rooted in your still-speaking Spirit. Amen.

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

Acts 1:8 and Acts 13:1-5

Message

Church 101 — Sent

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Hymn/Song*

“Here I Am Lord”

Hymn #69

Stewardship Sharing for 2026

David Denny

Offertory

“A Psalm of Praise”

Joseph M. Martin

Dedication of our Giving for 2026

Offertory Response*

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Hymn #240 (vs.4)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn/Song*

“Thank You Jesus”

Matt Crocker and Hannah Hobbs

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 23

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 24

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 25

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

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

Wednesday, November 26

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 28

Saturday, November 29

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!

• Thanksgiving Office Hours

The church office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the upcoming week for the Thanksgiving holiday. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Ed.

• Collection for SON Ministries

For November, please bring canned ravioli or fruit.

• 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.

• 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!

• Financial Giving Intentions for 2026

Today we will be dedicating our financial intentions for 2026. You should have received a narrative budget and informational letter by email or regular mail this week. If you need a new one, there are copies available on the information table in the Gathering Area. You can also fill out the online intention form at <http://bit.ly/RJC-2026>. 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.

