

The Herald!

RLC WELCOMES ALL!

Sunday Morning Worship In-Person & Livestream @ 10:00am

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Christmas Eve Worship Services Wednesday, December 24th:

- · Contemporary Candlelight Worship @ 5:00pm.
- Traditional Candlelight Worship @ 9:00pm.

(Communion will be included in both services)

Dear Friends,

To make sure that Kym and Troy can *actually* get some time off after Christmas, we are combining the December and January Herald!

That means that between now and the next time you receive the Herald, we will have...

- ... collectively descended into the darkness
- ... sunk into the longest night of the year at the Winter Solstice
- ... and emerged into the season of incrementally increasing light day by day by day.

Between now and the next Herald, we will have...

- ... celebrated the season of Advent "Surrendering to the Darkness"
- ... delighted in our Christmas musical on December 21!
- ... celebrated Christmas!
- ... celebrated New Year's!
- ... celebrated Epiphany!

Between now and the next Herald, we will have...

- ... had two budget briefings following worship on January 11 and 18
- ... had an annual meeting on January 25, with a celebratory meal provided by the Vision Team (thank you, team)!
- ... received an update from the Call Committee on their progress and their process

Between now and the next Herald...

- ... members will be having surgeries
- ... families will be traveling for the holidays
- ... loved ones who are no longer with us will be missed and grieved
- ... it may be that other loved ones join the great communion of saints during this time
- ... and who knows what will happen in the political and economic arenas of life and how they will impact us and those we love, friends, neighbors, and community members

Between now and the next Herald...

- ... joy will come
- ... sorrow will come too

Of this we can be certain.

Between now and the next Herald, you will walk through the one year anniversary of Pastor Joel's resignation. You will walk through the anniversary of the shock, the confusion, the disbelief, the disorientation of one day having a pastor and the next day not having one, with no chance to say good-bye.

Between now and the next Herald you will also walk through the anniversary of the emergence of resilience in this community. As the reality of Pastor Joel's necessary departure sunk in, this community came together and, one step at a time, kept moving forward. And here you are, a year later: vital, energized, and still moving forward!

Between now and the next Herald, a lot of life will happen! And my invitation to you is to let it all happen. Surrender to it all. For in the midst of all the everything, Christ will be born. Christ will be born to those who, like Mary, are willing and courageous enough, to surrender.

The Advent season begins a theme that will extend through the season of Easter – the theme of SURRENDERING.

- ... Surrendering to the Darkness
- ... Surrendering to Life
- ... Surrendering to the Call
- ... Surrendering to Change
- ... Surrendering to New Life

And so in this time between now and the next Herald, I wonder what surrendering will mean to you. What do you need to surrender? Where are you being invited to surrender? And what mysterious and surprising gifts might surrendering offer?

Blessings to you as we enter this season of surrender together.

Pastor Solveig



You can listen to Pastor Solveig's Herald article here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsAdXIRnEFw



RLC PREACHING SCHEDULE:

December 7 - Pastor Terry & Pastor Solveig

December 14 - Pastor Steve Carlson

December 21 - Pastor Solveig

December 24 (Christmas Eve) - Pastor Solveig

December 28 - Pastor Solveig

January 4 - Pastor Joan Beck

January 11 - Pastor Joan Beck

January 18 - Pastor Solveig

January 25 - Pastor Solveig

The Call Committee is Rolling!

The Call Committee was officially installed on the First Sunday in Advent, and their first meeting is just one week later. They are rolling! Their first several meetings, however, will be spent preparing relationally and spiritually, as well as learning together how to do the work of the committee faithfully. Once they select a chair (or co-chairs), they will discern how, when, and how often to communicate with the congregation. Everyone else gets to be patient and pray for this team of leaders who are offering their time and energy for the sake of the future! Thank you to the Call Committee members and alternates:

Sandy Anderson
Mary Brown
Stephen Canova
Bob Clare
Sandy Getman
Laura Gifford
Danielle Weinberger

Alternates: Nicole Bontty and Mike Petke

"Tell Me About Charleen"

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 3rd @ 5:00pm for "Tell Me About Charleen." This will be a time to share the wonderful memories and stories we have about Charleen Bergquist. The family requested a graveside service only, which happened on Wednesday, November 19 in Longview. We will meet in the RLC Chapel. We hope you can join us.



Men's Breakfast Dates!

Saturday, December 20th & Saturday, January 17th @ 9:20am

Polar King 1030 Powell Boulevard in Gresham.

(No Host – that means you pay your own:)

Any questions? Please call or text Rick Johnson @ 701-721-5056.

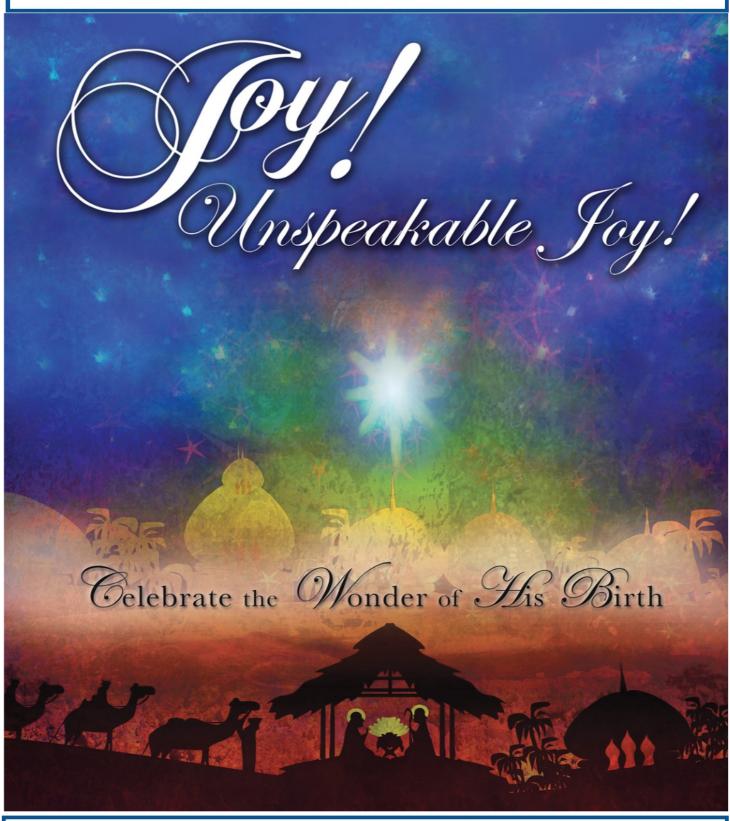
PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

We are decorating RLC for Christmas after worship on Sunday, December 7th!

We hope you can join us! Many hands make light work and there will be food involved!

We will then undecorated RLC after worship on Sunday, January 4th!

RESURRECTION MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS



SUNDAY, DEC. 21@10AM



A JC LEGACY!

The initials "JC"--what do they mean?
Johnny Carson? Sure.
Jesus Christ? Why, of course!
Joy Circle? What's that?

For years, RLC had an active women's Bible study group called "Joy Circle." In its beginning, 30 to 40 women met monthly to study God's word, feast on the bounty of their kitchens, and determine service projects for the congregation and the community.

At its end, four to five women tried to carry on the traditions, including the Christmas Child tree, a fund-raiser for a specific ministry or mission. That legacy endures and is currently carried on by the Thursday morning Bible study group, with this year's donations going toward the Wheel to Walk Foundation.

Another of its enduring legacies is the recent purchase of three 50" TCL Smart TV's, two Smart TV/AV carts, and two Smart TV/DVD players. When the group dissolved about four years ago, it possessed two memorial gifts given in the names of Joanne Lindberg and of Larry and Lucille Mendenhall as well as a sum of monthly donations.

Perhaps the greatest legacy Jesus left on Earth was the Holy Spirit, Who leads believers to love unconditionally, to give freely, and to give thanks always. We are grateful, indeed, for these recent purchases and for those who generously gave. Their gifts have borne fruit.

Thank you, Jerry!

After 40 years of thousands of hours of clowning and acting and trick-or-treating and Easter egg hunting, Jerry Sharpe is "retiring" from productions and hosting events at RLC. Thank you, Jerry, for sharing your inimitable spirit with this community in so many ways throughout the years. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Why are the doors locked?

Our staff, with the support of the council, is shifting to the practice of keeping the doors to the church locked at all times. (And we're fixing the north door so that Kym can just push a button to let folks in!) Not only is this a simple thing we can do to keep everyone safer, but we are supporting the children, families, teachers and staff of Parkrose Montessori in these times when many of our neighbors are feeling unsafe, and when ICE activity is escalating in East County.

To learn what other safety measures congregations are taking right now to protect our neighbors and building users, the East County Ministerial Alliance is hosting a training session specifically for congregations.

Trainings will be held at:

Covenant Presbyterian Church 18630 SE Division St, Gresham

Thursday, December 4th, 5:00 - 7:00pm
And
Tuesday, December 9th, 1:00 - 3:00pm

The RLC staff and council members will be participating (mostly at the Tuesday training), and all RLC members are encouraged to participate as well. If you are able to participate, please reach out to Pastor Solveig at interim@rlcpdx.org to let her know which training you are hoping to attend.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 25th @ 11:15am
(Immediately following the 10:00am worship service)

We will be voting on our 2026 budget,
and you must be present to vote.

Our Vision Team will be hosting a celebratory meal afterwards, so please mark your calendars!

Our council will be providing two opportunities in January to discuss our annual budget and decisions we are considering regarding our 2026 budget, We hope you can join us after worship on Sunday, January 11th and/or Sunday, January 18th.

If you'd like to be informed and involved in our financial decisions as a congregation, please plan to attend one of these gatherings!

Your 2025 Contribution Statements will be out for you to pick up the last couple of Sunday's in January, and then the remainder will go in the mail.

Thank You RLC!

Thank you for turning in your Financial Intention cards!

"With our financial gifts of love, which extend far beyond the walls of the building, and with work done in partnership with neighbor and stranger, we worship you with joy. Our cup overflows!" (opening litany for worship, fall 2025)

Thank you to all who shared your intentions for financial stewardship of the ministry of Resurrection for 2026. Having these intentions from the community makes a *huge* difference for the council as they put together the 2026 budget. Without these intentions, the budget is more or less a guessing game. But with these intentions, the council can more faithfully create a budget in which projected income and expenses bear some relation to one another! Thank you!

End of Year Gifts!

Many people take the opportunity to make additional financial contributions before year end. If that is you, please consider an additional gift to Resurrection to support the ministry during this "not-very-neutral-zone." and position us even more strongly for the exciting year ahead!

End of year contributions can be made each Sunday during offering, by using the QR code, or by mailing a check to the church. Thank you!

SNOWCAP (MILLION MEALS)

Congrats Resurrection! We sent a check in November for \$1432.00 to SnowCap for the Million Meals money we collected.

We will continue to collect for Million Meals the last Sunday of every month.

Thank you for your donations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

4th	Ward Spradlin
5th	Jevein Kellams
	Dave Lippert
6th	Bob Clare
10th	Lindy Fredericks
13th	Danielle Weinberger
18th	Cameron Rogers



21st	Dixie Antle
	Mel Ussing
24th 	Tracy Dobesh
	Todd Hanson
25th	Karen Herreid
	Troy Lutz
30th	Roger Fuchs



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

6th	Lou & Mel Ussing	56 Years
18th	Susan Henry & Robert (Tim) Denton	27 Years
29th	Kim & Steve Dougherty	36 Years
30th	Sheila & Ray Schmitz	58 Years

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9th	Carolyn Anderson
	Jerry Sharpe
10th	Pastor Solveig
12th	Bob Simonis
13th	Deb Nichols
14th	Fran Johnson
1 <i>7</i> th	Bill Cary
	Sally Ritchie
18th	Joey Dietz
19th	Sue Hiersche



20 th	Holly Lippert
2 1st	Matt Sanders
	Ray Schmitz
23rd	Dorothy Dehning
24 th	Claire Dobesh
	Emma Dobesh
	James Grady
25 th	Pat Cross
26 th	Diane Lafrenz



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

3rd	Jean & Roger Fuchs	55 Years
10th	Sally & Mike Ritchie	50 Years