

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out the visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in an offering plate near the exits of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Care** and Sunday School are available for all children during the 9:00 service
- **Connection Sunday:** Join us for a special Coffee Cafe between services on March 1. Church groups will be at tables in Friendship Hall to present their work and ways for you to get connected.
- **Senior Luncheon:** All Seniors are invited to join us at noon this Tuesday, February 17, for lunch in Friendship Hall. Invite a friend!
- **Women's Book Club:** Pick up and read "The Book Club" by Mary Alice Monroe. We will discuss it at our next meeting on February 23rd at 6:30 PM. All women are welcome.
- **GriefShare:** will begin its next 13-week session on Tuesday, March 10th from 6 to 7:30 pm. If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one or know someone who is and would like to attend, you can find the registration link under the Events tab on our website: rppcusa.org.
- **Youth Group:**
 - **Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on February 24th from 5:30 to 7 PM in the Youth Room. Bring your friends!
 - **RENEW Student Conference:** Our youth will be attending this conference at Brandywine Valley Church in Wilmington on March 20 - 21. Prepare to be renewed in your walk with God through worship, speakers, break-out sessions, and lunch from Chick-fil-A! Find out more at <https://www.renewstudent.com> and let Hannah know if you plan to attend.
- **Candy Needed:** The children's ministry needs Easter candy to fill Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to donate, please bring individually wrapped, nut free candy.
- **Ukulele Praise:** All children interested in learning to play a praise song on the ukulele for a future worship service, meet in the Friendship Hall between worship services.
- **Nursery School Registration** for church members begins Sunday, February 22. Applications are on the table outside of the Nursery School office.
- **Easter Choir:** Join the choir and sing with us on Easter morning in our two identical services. We will begin practicing between services on Sun., February 22. Everyone is welcome to join.
- **Blood Drive:** Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org to donate at RPPC on Sat., Mar. 28 from 9 - 2.
- **Circle of Care:** Please take a moment to sign the card in the back of the sanctuary for Bernadette Bonner.
- **Easter Flowers:** You're invited to order tulips and daffodils to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Forms are available throughout the sanctuary. Once they're completed, bring them to the main office. You can take your plants home after either Easter service on April 5.

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn #648

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967

It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation. Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope within humanity and preparing the world to receive its judgment and redemption.

* Hymn #712

Be Still My

Soul

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Silent Prayers of Confession*)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hymn #591 (remain seated)
1-3)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord (vs.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:6-7, 10-14

⁶ "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. ⁷ Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!

¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

¹² "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴ In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Sermon: Sharing God's Heart

Pastor Jim

Congregational Prayer

* Hymn #441

Rescue the Perishing

* Benediction

*** Closing Hymn #591**
(vs. 4)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

** if comfortably able, please stand*