

## Wednesday Morning Communion in Lent February 25—March 25



Join us in the Chapel during the Lenten season each Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM for a time of reflection, scripture, music, and eucharist. As we walk with Jesus to Jerusalem and his cross, we prepare ourselves by coming to him to receive life in the bread and in the cup. You are then invited to stay after the thirty-minute service for a time of fellowship and shared breakfast and coffee. Eucharist, Word, Community.

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### Wednesday, February 25

Psalm 28 & 1 Peter 2:23-25

Led by The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley



Andrew Whaley is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, an eighth-generation Tennessean on both sides of his family. He attended Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee where he double majored in Theatre Performance and Religious Studies.

Andrew graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2011, receiving awards in New Testament, Worship, and the Wilds Book Prize awarded to the top graduate of that year's class. He

served four years at the First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City, Tennessee. He has served as Head of Staff at RCPC since August of 2015.

Outside of his daily congregational vocation, Andrew's writings are featured in *Feasting on the Gospels* and *Connections*, both publications of Westminster/John Knox Press. He has been a featured preacher on DayOne, and his recent sabbatical work on the influence of Karl Barth upon the ministry of Eugene Peterson was featured as a story in *Journal for Preachers*. In Roanoke, Andrew serves on the board of directors of the Roanoke Area Ministries and the Presbyterian Community Center.

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### Wednesday, March 4

Psalm 79 & Luke 13:31-35

Led by Hannah Anderson



Hannah R. Anderson is an author from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia whose work has garnered praise for its emotional depth, attention to the natural world, and ability to spark conversations around truth, goodness, and beauty. Her books include *Turning of Days: Lessons from Nature, Season, and Spirit* and *Heaven and Nature Sing*, a collection of Advent readings that highlights the eco-theological elements of the nativity story. She is a recent graduate of the theology and art program at Duke Divinity School. We

are fortunate to have Hannah as a member of RCPC, an alto in the choir, and a small group leader.

## Wednesday, March 11

Psalm 80 & Romans 8:28-39

Led by The Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt



The Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt was raised mostly in Charlottesville, Richmond, and Danville, Virginia. She graduated from James Madison University with a degree in Communication Arts. After varied jobs, including one with the Baptist Audio-Visual Center in Côte d'Ivoire, W. Africa, she attended and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. She was ordained while she was Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va., around the time that she reconnected with her college sweetheart, Brian. They married in 1997 and, before having their son and daughter, Donna became Senior Pastor at Calvary Baptist, where she served from 2000-2014. Donna then worked as a Child Abuse Prevention Educator for Children's Trust, followed by time as a Chaplain at Gentiva Hospice. When she filled in one Sunday for the Interim Pastor at Buchanan Presbyterian, the Spirit of God began moving in a surprising way to reconnect her to the church, which eventually called her as pastor in mid-2023.

Donna and Brian are pleased that both their children attended their alma mater, James Madison University. Their family also includes their Labrador retrievers, and she enjoys hiking, crossword puzzles, game nights, and spending time with family and friends.

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## Wednesday, March 18

Psalm 95 & Galatians 6:1-10

Led by The Rev. Isabella Fagiani



Isabella Fagiani is a native of Niagara Falls, New York. She graduated from Queens University of Charlotte with a Bachelor of the Arts in Communication focusing on Interpersonal Communication.

Isabella graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia in May of 2020. Isabella has served as the Associate Pastor since August 2020. Prior to that, Isabella worked as a Director of Youth Ministries in Midlothian, Virginia, as a Young Adult

Volunteer in Glasgow serving Castlemilk Parish Church, and as a Christian Education Intern in Charlotte.

Isabella is married to Jonathan Moelker, a fellow Presbyterian Pastor at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Vinton. You can often find Isabella sitting out on her front porch with a good book, watercolors, or a cup of coffee. If she's not there, there's a good chance she's figure skating at Lancerlot Sports Center.

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## Wednesday, March 25

Psalm 74:1-8; 12-17; 22-23 & Matthew 10:16-22

Led by The Rev. Dr. David Jones



Rev. David A. Jones was born in Highland Park, Michigan. He attended Radford University as an art major, and at Radford met his wife Georgianna Taylor. They have two children, David A. Jones II and LaToya Shockley. Rev. Jones has earned an Associate of Divinity from Mid-Atlantic Theological Seminary, a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and a Master of Religious Studies from Jacksonville Theological Seminary, and a Master of Divinity (magna cum laude) from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at

Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia as well as a Doctor of Ministry. He currently serves as the pastor of Williams Memorial Baptist where he has emphasized education, youth involvement, and social justice. Rev. Jones' sermon, "40 Acres and a Mule," was published in the African American Pulpit, a journal devoted to African American preaching. Another sermon, "I Am Sending You," was included in the Library of Congress collection of sermons in honor of the election of the first African American President of the United States, Barack Obama. Rev. Jones' radio broadcast, "Think on These Things," can be heard on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 8:30 a.m. on WTOY radio, 1480 AM.