



**January 18, 2026**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Dollars for Deacons Offering

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Frank Yates

**Liturgist:** Linda Hood

**Psalmist:** John Hood

**Greeters:** Leah & Pat Gerlach

**Ushers:** Mike & Liz Bushma, Sharon Glass, Karen Williams

**Early Morning Security:** Pat Gerlach

**January Sanctuary Stewards:** Ginny O'Neill and Scott Roberts

**Director of Music:** Nancy Leffler

**Accompanist:** Nathan Secrest

# Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

## Gathering Music

**Welcome & Announcements**, including prayer concerns

**Minute for Mission** – Menaul Historical Library Elder Sharon Prewitt

## Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

**Introit**

*In Excelsis Gloria!*

Chancel Choir

## Prelude

## Call to Worship (from Psalm 122)

Linda Hood

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

**People: Jerusalem-built as a city that is bound firmly together.**

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, peace be within your walls.

**People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will see your good.**

**All: So let us praise the God of grace and glory!**

**\*Hymn #611**      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## Call to Confession

Linda Hood

### Prayer of Confession (unison):

**All: Our help comes from you, O Lord,  
you who made heaven and earth.**

**In the midst of grief,  
you are our comfort.**

**In the face of uncertainty,  
you are our rock.**

**In the wake of tragedy,  
you are our hope.**

**So even as we weep, we praise you,  
and place our trust in you.**

**We pray in the name of the one  
who suffered and died and was raised for us,  
our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Lord, hear our silent prayers.**

### Silent Prayer

**Choral Response**      *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

### Assurance of Pardon

**Hymn #581**      *Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri*

### Prayer for Illumination

Linda Hood

**Reading from the New Testament: I Corinthians 1: 1-9**

(This can be found on p.1038, in your pew Bible) Linda Hood

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Reading from the Psalter Psalm 40: 1-11** John Hood

(This can be found on p. 502-503 of your pew Bible.)

**Anthem** *Giver of the Song* Chancel Choir with JuBELLation Ringers

**Reading from the Gospel: John 1: 29-42**

(This can be found on p. 966-967 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Taking the Witness Stand Rev. Frank Yates

**\*Hymn #756** *O God of Every Nation*

**Choral Call to Prayer** *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Call for the Offering** Linda Hood

**Offertory** Concerto in C Minor, Adagio, J.C. Bach  
- viola played by Chris Dyer

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

Linda Hood

**\*Sending Song #307:**      *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**      *Go Now in Love and Peace*

**Postlude**

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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## 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

## O God of Every Nation

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1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.