

Radiance Community Church Order of Worship * November 16, 2025

We Prepare to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Harris

Prelude

Higher Ground

Call to Worship

Rev. Harris

One: Loving God, you care for the world, day in and day out.

All: Open our hearts, that we may care with you.

One: Compassionate God, you heal the world, day in and day out.

All: Open our eyes, that we may heal and repair with you.

One: Merciful God, you forgive the world, calling us back to you, day in and day out.

All: Open our minds, that we may forgive ourselves and each other with you.

One: You made us in your image: caring, compassionate, forgiving.

All: Let us become who we are, walking with you, day in and day out.

One: Beloved, come, let us worship God!

All: Let us worship God!

Invocation

Rev. Harris

Hymn of Praise No. 22

How Great Our God's Majestic Name

How great our God's majestic Name! His glory fills the earth and sky.

His praise the heavenly host proclaim, eternal God and Lord most high.

His fingers set the moon in place, the stars their Maker's hand declare;

in earth and sky alike we trace the pattern of His constant care.

And what of us? Creation's crown, upheld in God's eternal mind;

on whom He looks in mercy down for tender love of humankind.

His praise the heavenly host proclaim and we His children tell His worth:

how great is God's majestic Name, His glory seen in all the earth!

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:8-15

Ellen Scott

We Pray

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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We Worship Through Giving

Stewardship Testimony

Debbie Williams

Offertory Hymn No. 665

Because I Have Been Given Much

Because I have been given much, I too must give;

because of Thy great bounty Lord, each day I live,

I shall divide my gifts from Thee with every person that I see

who has the need of help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed by thy good care;

I cannot see another's lack and I not share

my glowing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof's safe shelter overhead

that they too may be comforted.

Because love has been lavished so upon me, Lord,

a wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard,

I shall give love to those in need, shall show that love by word and deed;

thus shall my thanks be thanks indeed.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Doxology No. 373

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks for the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now, let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

We Hear the Word

The Word for All Ages

Rev. Harris

The Word in Music

I Can't Hear It Over My Praise

Jeff Brown, soloist

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:26-29, 35-36

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Sermon

Abundant Living Comes from Compassion

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We Respond to the Word

Invitation to Respond

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Hymn of Response No. 668

God of the Fertile Fields

God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
forth from Your bounteous hand come gifts Your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.

We would be stewards true, holding in trust from You all that You give;
help us in love to share, teach us like You to care
for people everywhere, that all may live.

As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, Your reign yet grows.
So let our toil be used, no gift of Yours abused,
no humble task refused Your love bestows.

God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to You;
guide all we say and do, till life is done.

Benediction

Rev. Harris

Benediction Response

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Postlude

Prayer Concerns

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Jim Bryant, Jane Byrum, Mary Durrer, Buddy Hawkins, Nadine Minnix, Cheryl Nicely, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Vilas Secrist, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair
 - Those with cancer including Dalton Burgess, Linda Dwyer, Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's brother), Wyatt Hodges (friend of the Kinseys), Susan Chambers Lasher (friend of Mary Ellen Gearhart), Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Kathleen Lordan (friend of Joyce Waugh), Betty Nevin (friend of Betty Payne), Mary Seithalil (friend of Lisa Baker), Wayne Simmons (cousin of Vilas Secrist), Betsy White (Joyce Waugh's niece), Carolyn Young
 - Sally Crawford, recovering from surgery on her knee
 - Mary Shirley's son-in-law, Craig McCown, with multiple leg fracture
 - Ann Bashire, co-worker of Michael Carrier, having health issues
 - Becky Beard's brother, John, in assisted living, awaiting surgery
 - Shane Mitchell, friend of Kathy Kinsey, in ICU at Roanoke Memorial Hospital after a stroke
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Daily Bible Readings

As you read, consider what the passage says about who God is and who we are called to be.

Sunday	Luke 21:5-19	Thursday	Hebrews 9:23-28
Monday	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Friday	1 Peter 1:3-9
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1	Saturday	Luke 1:68-79
Wednesday	Matthew 23:37-24:14		

Worship Leaders This Sunday (November 16)

Greeters: Mary Shirley, Gordon Williams

Scripture Reader: Ellen Scott

Offertory Prayer: Nancy Burgess

Offering: Gerri Mills, Brennon Viele, Mark Smith, Gordon Williams

Children's Worship Leader: Nancy Vest

Worship Leaders Next Sunday (November 23)

Greeters: Bobbie Hawkins, Vicki Wray

Scripture Reader: Brennon Viele

Offertory Prayer: Janice Deyerle

Offering: Jenna Dillon, Alyssa Viele, Kathy Kinsey, Ric Scott

Children's Worship Leader: Mary Harris

**Opportunities for Nourishing Hearts for God,
Being a Home to Friends and Strangers, and Being a Hub for Sharing God's Love**

Church in Conference: Following worship today, we will have a Church in Conference to vote on our 2026 budget. Church members will receive a copy of the proposed budget early in November to review prior to the meeting.

Radiance Kids

- Parents, we love having your children in worship with us! Worship bags are provided in the foyer, and there are books on the faith lending library bookshelf that you are welcome to choose from as well. Please feel free to sit with your children on the PrayGround at the front of the sanctuary if you wish. Age appropriate, hands on ways of worship are provided there. Following the word for all ages, children are welcome to join our worship hosts for children's church in the first room on the right as you go down the hallway.

Radiance Youth

- Sixth-twelfth graders, our next dinner and discipleship time will be on Sunday, November 30. We'll begin at 5:00 with a time of fellowship and Christmas games, followed by dinner at 5:30 and Advent worship from 6-7.

Missions Opportunities

- **Holiday Food Boxes for Keystone Community Center:** We are collecting food for Keystone Community Center's holiday food boxes again this year. Each year, the Center distributes around 50 boxes of food to senior adults and families of children who live around the Center. There is a list of needed items on the table in the foyer. You may also e-mail the church office to get a copy of the list. Please return your food to the church by November 23.
- **Blessing Box:** Our little food pantry has continued to be well used by our community; food is taken as quickly as we can stock it. As you shop, please pick up a little extra to share with our neighbors.
- **Book and Magazine Collection:** The Evelyn Townsend Circle is collecting reading materials for the Roanoke City Jail library and for TAP. Paperback books and magazines will go to Roanoke City Jail and hardback books will go to TAP. Please place your donations in the appropriate box in the foyer.

Advent Is Coming!

- **Advent Devotions:** This year, the Ministries Council is asking for volunteers to write short devotions to be compiled in an Advent devotional booklet for our congregation. Our Advent focus this year is on Songs of the Season, and each day's devotion has a suggested scripture and Advent/Christmas song (all of which can be found in our hymnal) to help guide your thoughts. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or email melissa@radianceroanoke.org to sign up. Devotions are due today!
- **Preparing for Advent and Christmas:** Next Sunday, November 23, following worship, we will have a soup lunch, followed by a time of decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. We'd love to have your help!

We need your contact information! Members, as well as, "Friends of the Church" please take a contact information card off the table under the Welcome Board in the foyer, fill it out, and return it to the basket next to it. We look forward to getting an updated Directory printed soon!

Church T-shirts! Our church t-shirts are here! If you didn't pre-order a shirt, it's not too late to get one! If you are able to cover the full cost (\$26) of your shirt, that would be great. If you can't cover the full cost, then \$10 per shirt would be very helpful. You can write a check and note "t-shirt" on the memo line or place cash in an envelope labeled t-shirt. However, if even that amount is too much for your current budget, please don't let the cost prevent you from getting a shirt.

Cookbooks: The Evelyn Townsend Missions Circle has cookbooks for sale. The recipes were collected from our Radiance church family. The cost is \$10, and the proceeds will help fund the Circle's mission work. They will be available after worship today, and you can also see Betty Hall or Evelyn Lewis for more information.

Faith Formation Opportunities this Fall

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:30-10:15 a.m.:** Join us in the fellowship hall for adult Bible study on Sunday mornings! Adults are studying Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. We will be looking at the most common worries and fears experienced by Americans today and offering practical steps for overcoming these fears, as well as reflecting upon fear in the light of Scripture and a faith that promises that we don't need to live in fear. We also have classes for our children and youth, so there is something for your whole family.
- **Midweek Spiritual Formation, Wednesdays at noon:** Rev. Steven Harris is leading a midweek spiritual formations class on Church History. This class will provide an understanding of how the church and Christian beliefs evolved from the first century on. Join us in person or by Zoom: bit.ly/radiancebiblestudy. You can also listen to a podcast of the study on Spotify at bit.ly/rccfaithpodcast.

Donations: Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of our church. If you wish to give an offering, you may do so by mailing a check to Radiance Community Church (4165 Colonial Avenue, Roanoke, VA, 24018) or electronically through your bank or at the following link: <https://bit.ly/givingrcc>.