Announcements

Check out the complete calendar on the website rotator.

Final Push for Operation Christmas Child! (Packing Party 10/19, 9:00 am—200 boxes!) Most needed items will be on Post Its on the display in the narthex. Please take and return ASAP!

Make a Difference Day: October 26th, 8-11am. Help Emily Gray JHS with painting and spreading gravel. For more info and to sign-up, call George Bubany (520) 749-0716.

Trunk or Treat Is Coming Soon! Sign-up to decorate your trunk and help this outreach to our community. You can also help in other areas or donate candy or cash for candy. Sign-up or drop off candy at the table in the narthex. Pick-up a flyer to post or give to a neighbor!

Wedding Shower for Mackenzie Cribb: November 2nd, 10 am at Katie Jansen's. See Connect Cart for more information and to sign-up.

Inquirer's Class: November 9th, 9 am-1 pm: What are the beliefs, mission, and vision of RMPC? Ministry opportunities? Get your questions answered in this informal class. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. RSVP on the church website www.rinconpres.org or sign up at the Connect Cart.

Deacon's Fund: We will take a special offering next week to contribute to our Deacon's Fund.

Keep bringing copy paper for Emily Grey JHS!

Attendance & Giving Last Week 10/6/19

Attendance

AM Worship: 243 Sunday School: 110 Giving

General Fund: \$15,687 Deacon Fund: \$480 Mission Fund: \$35

Year to Date Finance Summary

Cumulative Need: \$569,231 Total Income: \$577,013

Have you signed up for E-Giving? Check out our new E-Giving option at rinconpres.org (click on Donate at the very bottom).

Prayer

Pray for RMPC Elder Greg Wates for godly compassion and wisdom in leading and serving his family, RMPC, and in his vocation. Also pray for refreshment during his sabbatical during this year.

Pray for local church Grace Presbyterian Church in Sierra Vista and that they will bring the gospel to their community around the church.

Pray for Pastor Justin Edgar with City Pres in Albuquerque, NM.

Pray for Missionaries Buzz & Ruthie Curtis with Diaspora Project in California (training Thai people for ministry in Thailand).

Pray for Sheriff Mark Napier.

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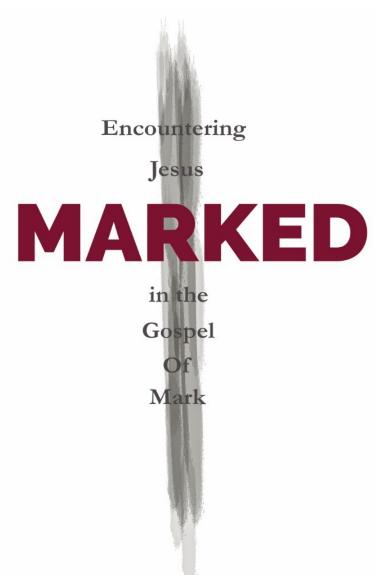
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We Enter into God's Presence

Call to Worship Psalm 100

Invocation

Songs of Adoration

Holy, Holy! Hymn 100

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Hymn 535

Confession of Sin

Sung Reflection Have Mercy on Me

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 2:1–2

Song of Praise

I Will Sing of My Redeemer We Abide, We Abide In You

We Unite as God's People

Confession of Faith

WSC Q&A 88-90

Reception of New Members

Rick & Sharon Steiner

Sacrament of Baptism

Ellie Reese Connor Ronan James Connor

Offertory ◊

We Worship God through His Word

Preaching of God's Word

The Purpose of the Parables

Mark 4:1–20, p. 839

Lucas Hattenberger

We Respond to God's Word

The Lord's Supper

We welcome all baptized Christians to receive Holy Communion with us if you actively trust in Jesus Christ as Savior, willingly forsake your sin, and are a member of a congregation that proclaims the gospel. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please wait to partake of the elements until all have been served. We use wine in communion. If for reasons of health or conscience, you would like grape juice, it is also provided. Wine is in the purple cup and grape juice is in the clear cup. Gluten-free wafers are available at the back of the sanctuary in a plate labeled gluten-free.

Sung Response

Doxology

Benediction

God's People Depart to Serve Him

♦ Children 3 years old through 1st grade are dismissed to Children's Church.

The Purpose of the Parables

Mark 4:1-20

Main Point: Jesus tells the parables in order to find his true followers.

I. The Nature of the Parables

II. The Purpose of the Parables

III. The Challenge of the Parables

Conclusion:

Questions to consider: 1. Why did Jesus teach in parables? 2. Why do you follow Jesus? What are you expecting to get out of your relationship with him? 3. In what ways is Jesus himself the greatest parable?

Next week's text: Mark 4:21-34