

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK 12/10/17

Attendance

AM Worship: 291
Sunday School: 155

Giving

General Fund: \$12,313.55
Deacon Fund: \$230
Mission Fund: \$502

Year to Date Finance Summary

Cumulative Need: \$723,450
Total Income: \$702,887

Please remember Rincon Mountain in your will and estate planning.

This Week at RMPC—December 17, 2017

Check out the complete calendar at www.rinconpres.org, under the “Events” tab.

Today 9:00 am Pray for Discipleship Hour & Worship—Pastor Phil’s office.
9:30 am Discipleship Hour for all ages
10:30 am Worship

Monday 7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday 8:15 am Prayer Meeting
9:30 am Women’s Bible Study (Will resume January 16th)

Wednesday 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
3:00 pm Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm Children’s Choir (Will resume January 17th)
6:00 pm Youth & Family (Will resume January 3rd)
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal (New Members Welcome)

Friday 6:30 am Men’s Bible Study

Next Sun. 9:00 am Pray for Discipleship Hour & Worship—Pastor Phil’s office.
9:30 am Discipleship Hour for all ages
10:30 am Worship

Event and Facility Requests: Before an event can be promoted or placed on the church calendar, a *Facilities Request Form* or *Event Approval Form* must be submitted at www.rinconpres.org. Look for it under the Events tab.

Prayer Requests: Post your requests at prayer@rinconpres.org

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To all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whomsoever will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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We Enter into God's Presence

- **Call to Worship** Psalm 140:12–13

Leader: I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will execute justice for the needy.

All: **Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name; the upright shall dwell in your presence.**

Invocation

- **Song of Adoration**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Hymn 198

Confession of Sin

All: **O Lord, no day of our lives has passed without sin. We have uttered prayers from prayerless hearts; we have offered praise with a praiseless sound; our best deeds are as dirty rags in your sight. We have been guilty of pride and unfaithfulness, of failure to seek your mind in your Word, of failure to seek your face in our daily living. But though our sins rise to heaven, your mercy soars above them. Though our unrighteousness drags us down to the depths, your righteousness lifts us with greater power to your throne. By your wounds we are healed, Lord Jesus. You make us whole and bring us into dazzling, eternal light. Flood us every moment with your grace, flowing deep and strong through our lives. All this we pray for the sake of your glory. Amen.**

Silent Confession

- **Assurance of Pardon** 1 Corinthians 1:27–30

Leader: But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Songs of Praise

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Hymn 197

Glory be to God the Father

We Unite as God's People

- **Confession of Faith** Westminster Confession of Faith, XXVI

Third Advent Reading Richard and Jody Nyboer

Isaiah 12:5–6; Luke 1:26–33; Pgs. 576, 855

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory ◇

We Worship God through His Word

Scripture Reading Paul Marien

Luke 1:76–80, 3:1–17

Preaching of God's Word Pastor Phil Kruis

Cousin John: Preparing the Way

We Respond to God's Word

The Lord's Supper

Rincon Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive the Holy Communion with us. 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 for those who need them. They are at the back of the church at the sanctuary entrance in a plate labeled gluten-free.

- **Song of Response**

All My Heart This Day Rejoices Hymn 217

- **Benediction*** Pastor Phil Kruis

God's People Depart to Serve Him

- *Please stand if you are able.*

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

* *Please stand in a moment of silent meditation at the conclusion of the Benediction until dismissed. Permission to reproduce all music/lyrics obtained through CCLI license #1994384*