

ROMANS 12:6-8

EQUIPPED

to serve

Thank you to today's volunteers:

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Worship Leader - Ben Belinski

Scripture Reader - Marion Garrett

Offering & Communion - Please sign up

Presentation of Gifts - Marie Kelly

Refreshments - Paradise Bakery

Altar Setting - Sue de Campo

Children's Ministry - Debbie Shore & Kristen Tippet

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you*

*for making
Snowmass Chapel
your home!*

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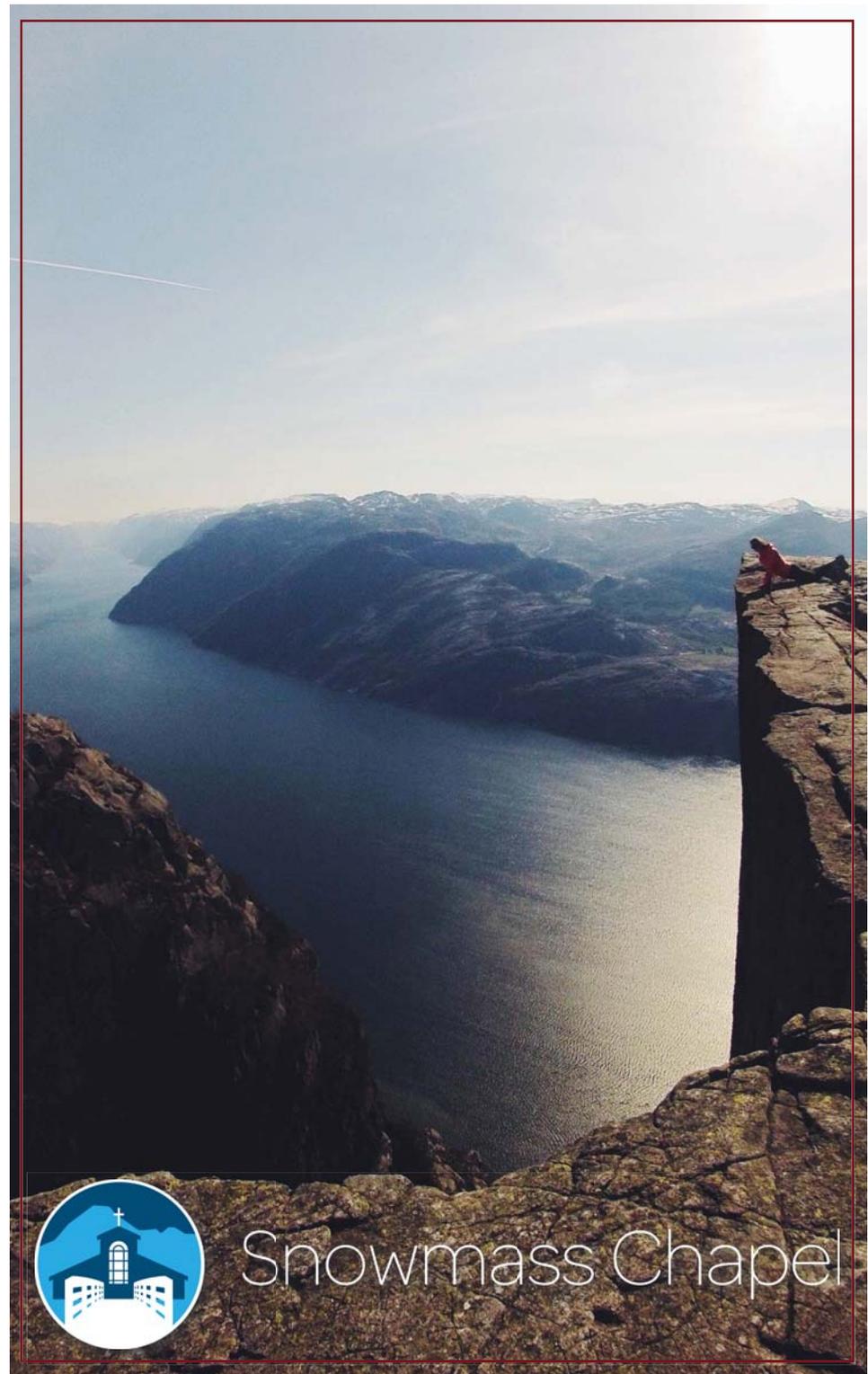
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Non-Denominational Worship Service Sundays at 9am



5 things you need to know about Snowmass Chapel

We strive to make worship compelling, diverse, relevant, life-changing and **focused on God.**

Love God.

Love People.

That's what we do.

No matter who you are, or where you are in your journey of faith, *all people are welcome* at Snowmass Chapel.

We love your kids. Kids from preK thru 6th grade are invited to Sunday School in the building next door. Parents can sign children in prior to the service. Creekside Room is available for babies & tots who need a quiet space. All kids are welcome in church any time!!

Visiting or New to the Chapel? Please fill out the form below, tear it off and drop it in the offertory basket so we can be in touch!

Thank You for Visiting!

We would love to connect with you. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the offertory basket.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Please check the appropriate box(es):

- I would like to meet with one of the pastors
- Please add me to your weekly newsletter
- Please send me information on kids & family programs

TEAR OFF HERE AND DROP IN OFFERTORY BASKET

Today's Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)

Jesus Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.



FREE DINNERS AT THE CHAPEL EVERY THURSDAY

Join us at 5PM-ish each Thursday night through ski season for free food and community. Want to volunteer? We'd love that! Contact Coulter@snowmasschapel.org.

Prayer Corner

Men & Women of the U.S. Armed Services

- Albinas & Dalia
- The Amaya family
- The Arnold Family
- Catherine
- Ned and Jan Cochran
- Joe Coffey
- Levi Cook
- Daniels family
- Topher de Campo
- Mardee de Wetter
- Fred Dick
- Greg Diehl
- Linda DiLuco
- Baby Duke
- Elizabeth
- Nancy Fail
- Flanscha family
- Flynn family
- Fritz & Clarice
- Emily Garcia
- Green family
- Liz Gustafson
- Gwen and Fred
- Mary Hardwick
- Rosemary Keefe
- Karla Kipling
- Dorothy Kohák
- Erazim Kohák
- LaSalle family
- Tina Hwang Lee
- Barbara Loudon
- Sheryl Merkel
- John McGregor
- Moss Family
- Myron's family
- Nathan
- Bill Parady
- Pausback family
- Marcia Plotkin
- Peter & Rosalie Popper
- Baby Rachel
- Roach family
- Saul, Vicki & family
- Debbie Shore
- Pat Smith
- Heidi Spock
- Karen Turner
- Mary Wandling
- Kris & Sam Weller
- Guy Whitney
- Simone Williams
- Johnny Wright
- Debbie Zelman

Special Music

Cellist Sarah Graf is an active performer, chamber musician and teacher living in the RFV. Sarah graduated from the Eastman School of Music with a Bachelor of Music and Performer's Certificate. She has taken part in many music festivals including the Freiburg Ensemble Academie for Baroque and Contemporary Music, the Aspen Music Festival, and the National Orchestral Institute. She believes in sharing the joy of music with the next generation of young cellists and maintains a private teaching studio. She is the Executive Director of the Roaring Fork Music Society.



Erin Gallagher studied viola with Richard Marshall of the Minnesota Orchestra before attending Northwestern University. There she studied viola with Roland Vamos, and spent six months studying with Sven Arne Tepl at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam. An avid chamber musician and Early Music performer, she has played in chamber and Baroque concerts and festivals in Amsterdam, Paris and Nice, France, Boston, and Vancouver, BC. After college, Erin moved to Aspen for the skiing and stayed for everything else. Erin is a viola and violin mentor with the Roaring Fork Youth Orchestra and teaches students throughout the valley.



Ross Kribbs is active as a performing violinist and teacher. He plays a wide range of styles from bluegrass to jazz to classical and enjoys sharing these skills with student musicians. Ross holds a B.A. from Brown University and has lived in the Roaring Fork Valley for more than a decade. Ross plays with various bands and ensembles throughout the Valley and works with private students in both Aspen and Carbondale. Ross has been a mentor to the students of the Roaring Fork Youth Orchestra since 2012.



Violinist Audrey Kwong recently moved from Aspen to St. Louis and accepted the position of Artistic Operations Manager with the St. Louis Symphony after spending 6 seasons with the Aspen Music Festival and School most recently as Director of Operations. Prior to working at the AMFS, she graduated with a Master of Arts Management from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelors of Music in violin performance from the Thornton School of Music at the Univ. of Southern California. While living in Aspen, she played in the valley's High Country Sinfonia and taught with the AMFS Beginning Strings program.



Ben Belinski is a senior at Middlebury College, studying English. He regularly performs as a vocalist and percussionist, is a percussionist in the Middlebury Sound Investment Jazz Ensemble, and a member of Middlebrow, a comedy improv troupe.



CHANGE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS CHANGE YOUR LIFE: BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 14

What would you give to radically improve, even transform, what matters most in your life? What if it took just 40 days? Join us this winter for a 6 week study entitled, 40 Days of Love. In just 40 days you can bring new depth, health and healing into your marriage, friendships, family, and find peace in the world around you. Each week we'll explore the six foundational principles that Jesus taught and lived. Purchase the book here and join us for one hour after church on Sundays beginning Jan. 14th. This Bible Study is great for couples, singles, and anyone who wants to make positive change in the world. All are welcome and you need not be at every weekly session to join! For more information or to register please contact group host Donna Weidinmyer at redfox2@comcast.net, or Associate Pastor Charla Belinski at charla@snowmasschapel.org.



HEARTFELT THANKS TO CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS!

What a friendly and efficient group of volunteers we had for Christmas Eve! THANK YOU each for giving of your holiday time to make our services so special for so many! Hats off to Kylie Kenny, Jacqui Forster, Joanna and Emma Jane Mallory, The Strecker Family, Randy and Jeanne Woods, Karen Tutwiler, David Sellmeyer, Richard de Campo, Wes and Josie Cole, Mary Tippet, Jane Mitchell, Mike Otte, Diana Limongelli, Liz Gustafson, Jane Floyd and Drew Walters. You are the best!!

Children, Youth & Families

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Here is the verse to commit to memory for January 7:
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

GRADES 4-6: SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOU STARTING JANUARY 7TH!

Do you ever feel like the Bible is just too big or too old to really be useful in daily life? Do you ever wonder how to talk to God? Do you ever want to bring a little bit of Sunday goodness with you the rest of the week? If so, join us for a 10 week class during Sunday School starting January 7, called "Finding your Way through the Bible." Participants will be presented with a Bible and a certificate upon completion.

GRADES 7-8

Discipleship / small group begins in February and lasts 6 weeks. This is a great opportunity to grow in faith, and will culminate in confirmation or baptism for those who wish. Talk to Kara or Coulter to have a say in dates / times and to register.

HIGH SCHOOL GROUP continues to meet on Sundays from 10:30 - 11:30. Contact Kara or Coulter to join!

ALL CHILDREN / YOUTH: NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 7TH, IS FAMILY 1ST SUNDAYS!

Please join us in the sanctuary for a special children's message before heading over to Sunday School. Children & families are also encouraged to participate in the worship service as volunteers.

Order of Service

December 31st, 2017 ~ Christmas I

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming
Michael Praetorius

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,
God is there.
When Jesus is presented at the temple,
God is there.
When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,
God is there.
When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,
God is there.
This very morning,
God is there.
In the future we cannot see,
God is there. Let us worship God! *Amen*

Hymn of Praise

#249, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Opening Prayer

In my everydayness, God, I find I live a wilderness life more than a kingdom life. I walk through my days expecting nothing more than today's happening repeated tomorrow; not daring to hold out for, nor expecting, the rocks to break open and for water to gush, or for flowers to bloom in the desert places, or a word to crack apart the everydayness and reveal a new story, or bread to fall open, and reveal the feast of the kingdom in every crumb. Give my soul the longing, Lord, that I might expect in all the everydayness the light of justice will break through, and the word of promise will be heard, and the act of kindness will be recognized and then celebrated as a gift from you that changes that wilderness moment into a kingdom event. Come to me like water flowing in the desert that will feed my hungry soul with promise and delight where the ordinary wilderness becomes the birthing place of your promises yet to be. *Amen*.

Music for Meditation

Adagio from Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 8
"Christmas Concerto"
Arcangelo Corelli

Hymn

#281, *What Child Is This?*

Special Music

Wexford Carol
Traditional Irish

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

To the Ends of the Earth
Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Offertory & Presentation of the Gifts

Largo Pastorale from
Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 8, Arcangelo Corelli

Doxology

Blessing of the Bread & Wine

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Largo from Winter
Antonio Vivaldi

We receive the Lord's Supper by intinction. A communion server will hand you a piece of bread, representing the body of Christ, which you dip in the cup, representing the blood of Christ. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

*Gluten-Free wafers available upon request

**All of our communion wine is non-alcoholic

Closing Prayer

adapted from Dr. Sheila Klassen-Wiebe

Simeon saw God's salvation in a little child, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to the people Israel. We, too, long to see God's salvation: healing for broken bodies, hope for broken lives, light for those in the darkness of war, warmth for those in the chill of fear. We long to see the glory of angels, peace on earth, good news for all, harbingers of joy, glimpses of grace, on earth as it is in heaven. Simeon saw God's salvation in a little child: radiant light, glory streaming down, stretching across the centuries to us today. Open our ears to hear good news of peace today. Open our eyes to see glimpses of your grace in enemy and friend. Open our lips to sing with joy. Open our lives to bear fruit for your reign, on earth as it is in heaven. Like Simeon, we have seen God's salvation. And his name is Jesus. *Amen*.

Closing Hymn

#270, *Joy to the World!*

Blessing & Postlude

Waves of the Danube
Josif Ivanovichi

Our love in action now begins...