



ROLAND PARK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Hi There!

**WELCOME TO ROLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!
WE ARE SO GLAD THAT YOU'VE JOINED US TODAY.**

Whether you've just arrived or have been with us for a little while, I want to personally say how much we value your presence. Here at RPPC, we are a diverse community committed to pursuing justice, practicing hospitality, and engaging curious faith.

If you're looking for a church where you can explore your faith, find meaningful connections, and be part of a loving and inclusive congregation, you've come to the right place. We believe in a God who welcomes questions and embraces all people, regardless of where they are on their faith journey. There's no pressure to fit a mold—just an open invitation to grow and share your unique gifts with us.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, need support, or just want to talk. I would love to connect with you. You can email me at pastor@rolandparkchurch.org, or feel free to drop by Atwater's Café on Thursday mornings, where I hold out-of-office hours each week from 8:30- 9:30 a.m.

Once again, welcome to RPPC. We're excited to get to know you!

PASTOR MARK HANNA

ROLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: OUR MISSION

AT RPPC, OUR MISSION IS ROOTED IN THREE CORE VALUES:



PURSUING JUSTICE

We believe that faith and justice go hand in hand. At RPPC, we actively seek ways to serve our local and global communities by standing up for justice, advocating for equality, and working toward a world that reflects God's love and grace.



PRACTICING HOSPITALITY

Everyone is welcome here. We aim to create a space where all people—regardless of background, identity, or circumstance—can feel accepted and valued. Our practice of hospitality extends beyond our church walls, as we seek to build genuine relationships in our neighborhood and beyond.



ENGAGING CURIOUS FAITH

At RPPC, we believe faith is not about having all the answers, but exploring the mysteries of God and life together. When we open the Bible it is not to end a conversation, but begin one. Curiosity and questions are welcome here! We are all on a journey of learning and growth.



RPPC AND THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

RPPC is a proud member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), one of the largest Protestant denominations in the country. Being part of the PCUSA means that we are connected to a larger faith tradition that values:

INCLUSIVITY AND EQUALITY

PCUSA is committed to welcoming all people, regardless of background, race, gender, or sexual orientation. We strive to ensure that everyone has a voice in the life of the church.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

As part of PCUSA, RPPC works for justice in our community and beyond, promoting fairness, peace, and equality in alignment with Christ's teachings.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

PCUSA churches are led by elected leaders from the congregation, ensuring that the voices of the people shape the church's direction. Decisions are made through thoughtful discussion and discernment.

ENGAGED FAITH

PCUSA encourages active engagement with scripture, tradition, and the complexities of the world. We believe that faith is a lifelong journey, and we embrace uncertainty as part of that process.

As part of the PCUSA, RPPC upholds these values, while also focusing on the unique needs of our local community here in Roland Park. Wherever you are in your faith journey, you'll find a welcoming space here to explore your beliefs and grow spiritually.



WHAT TO EXPECT AT ROLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

At RPPC, we want every visitor to feel at home. Here's a little bit about what you can expect when you visit us:



WORSHIP STYLE

Our 10:30 AM Sunday service is a blend of traditional and contemporary elements, with a focus on thoughtful sermons, beautiful music, and participatory worship. Communion is open to all.



CHILDCARE AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

We welcome families with children! Nursery care is available during the service, and our vibrant children's and youth ministries offer age-appropriate activities to engage young people in faith.



COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

You'll find a warm and welcoming atmosphere where you can meet new friends and deepen connections. Whether you're here for fellowship, faith formation, or social justice work, there are many ways to get involved.



ACCESSIBILITY

RPPC is committed to making our church as accessible as possible. With our capital campaign, Come and See: An Open Invitation, we're enhancing our spaces to ensure everyone feels welcome and safe.

We hope you'll find RPPC to be a place where you can grow spiritually, connect meaningfully, and experience the love of God through community.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MINISTRIES AT RPPC:

Wherever you are on your journey, there's a place for you!

FAITH FORMATION

Sundays at 9 AM (except the first Sunday of each month)
We have faith formation for all age groups, including our adult education forum. This group has an open environment that welcomes frank and honest discussion, as we continue to learn and grow on our faith journey. We meet every Sunday at 9 AM in the upstairs meeting room and via Zoom.

CHANCEL AND HANDBELL CHOIRS

Thursdays at 7:30 PM. Love to sing? Our choir is always open to new members! No experience necessary — just a love for music and a desire to contribute to worship through song. We also have a handbell choir that practices before worship on select Sundays. Contact pcollister@towson.edu for more information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Second Tuesday of each month at 6 PM. Join us as we work on initiatives that advocate for justice and equality in our community and beyond. Whether it's through local outreach or larger justice movements, your voice matters!

MEETUPS, SMALL GROUPS & OTHER EVENTS

For a smaller church, we have a lot of opportunities to be involved. RPPC meetups are chances to meet other church members at a local spot for some fun and fellowship. Our Faith and Fiction group meets every month to discuss a book selection. Throughout the year there are other occasional events or trips that extend the community beyond Sunday morning. Sign up for our e-newsletter to keep up to date on the latest gatherings and events!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: COME AND SEE

RPPC is in the midst of an exciting capital campaign to enhance the accessibility, safety, and beauty of our church. Learn more about how you can get involved in shaping the future of RPPC. Your support helps ensure our space remains a welcoming place for all.

For more details or to get involved, visit www.rolandparkchurch.org, sign up for our e-newsletter & follow us on social media @RolandParkPC!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

■ HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

Becoming a member of a church is a two way commitment. The church is not a club; we are more of a team. You promise to participate in the life of the congregation, and, in turn, other members pledge to you their encouragement and support. If you are considering membership you can express interest by speaking to Pastor Mark.

■ WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR KIDS AND YOUTH?

We offer Sunday School and youth group gatherings. There are also special events and service opportunities for families throughout the year. Contact dce@rolandparkchurch.org for more information.

■ WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNION?

Everyone! At RPPC, we practice an open table, meaning all who seek God's love are welcome to participate in Communion. We celebrate communion during worship service on the first Sunday of each month.

■ HOW DO I STAY UPDATED ON CHURCH NEWS?

Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter to receive updates about upcoming events, services, and opportunities to get involved.

■ WHAT DOES RPPC BELIEVE ABOUT LGBTQIA+ INCLUSION?

RPPC is a fully inclusive and affirming congregation. We believe in the full dignity and worth of all people which includes all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

■ HOW CAN I SUPPORT RPPC FINANCIALLY?

Giving is a personal expression of gratitude and commitment to God's work in the world. If you feel called to support our mission of Pursuing Justice, Practicing Hospitality, and Engaging Curious Faith, there are several ways to contribute: during our Sunday offering, through our online giving platform (rolandparkchurch.org/give), or by mailing a donation to the church office. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us continue to serve our community and expand our ministries. We are grateful for your generosity and support!

STAY CONNECTED

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For general inquiries, ministry information, or to sign up for our newsletter, visit RolandParkChurch.org, send us an email or give us a call!

HOW TO REACH ME

Out of Office hour: 8:30- 9:30 AM Thursdays
at Atwater's Café in Belvedere Square (drop by for coffee!)

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