

# Round Hill Presbyterian Church

*A caring community in Christ. Making Disciples for Christ.  
Equipped for ministry by Christ.*

*Organized 1778*

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*September 8, 2024*

Verse for Meditation:

Matthew 28:20

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

WELCOME

\* INVOCATION

Laurie Conley

HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

No. 161

CALL TO BE THANKFUL

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

**Lord, how can we ever thank You enough? You endured more pain, more shame, and more sorrow than we can ever imagine. Help us to always remember why You gave Your life. Because You love us so much and are so merciful, and You know that we desperately need them both. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

(Now follows a brief time for silent, personal thanksgiving.)

\* PRAISE: *“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.

\* RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 63:1-5

Leader: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**People: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.**

Leader: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

**People: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

Leader: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

\* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Judges 6:11-40

<sup>11</sup> The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” <sup>13</sup> “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.” <sup>14</sup> The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?” <sup>15</sup> “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” <sup>16</sup> The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.” <sup>17</sup> Gideon replied, “If now

I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. <sup>18</sup> Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you.” And the Lord said, “I will wait until you return.”

<sup>19</sup> Gideon went inside, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak. <sup>20</sup> The angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth.” And Gideon did so. <sup>21</sup> Then the angel of the Lord touched the meat and the unleavened bread with the tip of the staff that was in his hand. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. <sup>22</sup> When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, “Alas, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!” <sup>23</sup> But the Lord said to him, “Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.” <sup>24</sup> So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

<sup>25</sup> That same night the Lord said to him, “Take the second bull from your father’s herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father’s altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. <sup>26</sup> Then build a proper kind of altar to the Lord your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering.” <sup>27</sup> So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

<sup>28</sup> In the morning when the people of the town got up, there was Baal’s altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly built altar! <sup>29</sup> They asked each other, “Who did this?” When they carefully investigated, they were told, “Gideon son of Joash did it.” <sup>30</sup> The people of the town demanded of Joash, “Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal’s altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it.” <sup>31</sup> But Joash replied to the hostile crowd around him, “Are you going to plead Baal’s cause? Are you trying to save him? Whoever fights for him shall be put to death by morning! If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar.” <sup>32</sup> So because Gideon broke down Baal’s altar, they gave him the name Jerub-Baal that day, saying, “Let Baal contend with him.”

<sup>33</sup> Now all the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples joined forces and crossed over the Jordan and camped in the Valley of Jezreel. <sup>34</sup> Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. <sup>35</sup> He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them.

<sup>36</sup> Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—  
<sup>37</sup> look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the  
fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand,  
as you said.” <sup>38</sup> And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he  
squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water. <sup>39</sup> Then Gideon said  
to God, “Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me  
one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be  
covered with dew.” <sup>40</sup> That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground  
was covered with dew.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 14:16-18

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you  
and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him,  
because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with  
you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

SERMON

“Step Out”

Laurie Conley

## \*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in  
Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the  
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting.**

\* HYMN:

“Standing on the Promises”

No. 69

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

## 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE

\* Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN: "Shine Jesus Shine"

## BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE: *God be with you 'til we meet again,  
if life's trials should confound you,  
God will put His arms around you:  
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

<b>Liturgist – Pat Conley Greeter – Robin Lane</b>
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<b>STAFF</b>	
Pastor	
Choir Director/Interim Music Director	Mayim Stith
Accompanist	
Nursery Director	Karen Simon
Custodian	Tim Guffey
Secretary	Mary Beth Katonik

<b>SESSION ELDERS</b>	
Instruction / Bonnie Craig/2025 Class 412-400-9284	Instruction / Ron Minkus/2026 Class 412-600-6518
Outreach / Linda Leggett/2026 Class 412-901-0149	Outreach / John Turek/2024 Class 412-508-1749
Worship / Tom Russell/2024 Class 724-797-1499	Worship / Janice Turek/2026 Class 412-477-6962
Fellowship / Gayle Larcinese/2024 Class 412-860-4659	Fellowship / Lisa Wagner/2025 Class 412-650-5482
Personnel / Diana Hicks/2025 Class 412-384-3675	Clerk of Session / Bob Leggett 412-384-4175

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	
Finance / Jackie Karnes/2026 Class	Support /
Phys. Property / Fran Hicks/2024 Class	Corporate Secretary /
President / Jackie Karnes	

<b>DEACONS</b>		
<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Alyssa Coleman	Laurie Ferraton	Robin Lane
Barb Gaylord	Tanya Jackson	Eileen Russell
Lois Lawson	Mayim Stith	Bob Zirkle
Julius Simon		
Moderator of Deacons / Tanya Jackson & Eileen Russell		

<b>JUNE 2024</b>			
	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Fund Balance Available for Use
General Funds	\$11,508.00	\$16,434.00	-\$4,926.00

June 2024 Income	\$11,508.00
June 2024 Expense	\$16,434.00
Shortfall	-\$4,926.00
2024 Per Member Asking	\$31.00



<b>Electronic Giving Code</b>
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**RHPC**  
**Announcements**  
*September 8, 2024*

September



**This Week at Round Hill Church**

Mon. Sept. 9	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Session Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 10	Intercessory Prayer	10:00 a.m.
	Thriving Survivors Lunch	1:00 p.m.
Thurs. Sept. 12	Clothes Closet	10:00 a.m.
Sun. Sept. 15	Fellowship Luncheon	11:15-ish a.m.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**



Join us next Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, after the service, for a Fellowship Luncheon. Grab your favorite appetizer recipes as we snack our way through September. Please see Gayle Larcinese if you have any questions.

**DONATIONS FOR FUND RAISER**

The Church Fund Raiser will be on the afternoon of **October 5, 2024**. Thanks to all the people who have volunteered to donate their time for the event. Positions are still available. Please contact Gayle Larcinese regarding bake sale donations. To simplify and consolidate purchasing for the event, we will be accepting cash donations. Please see Linda Leggett or Lisa Wagner.



*Please continue to hold this event in your prayers.*

**Wednesday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.** - Cabbage Rolling Day –  
 See Tanya Jackson

**Tuesday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m.** - Next Team meeting  
 to develop final shopping list and pricing.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**



The Food Pantry is requesting **canned or boxed dinners: chili, ravioli, alfredo mixes for the month of September**. Please place these items either in the basket in the vestibule or drop them off in front of the **Food Pantry door** in the CE building.

*Thank you for helping those in need!*

**SCRIPTURE JOURNAL      DATE: 09/08/2024**

**Use some or all the means and ways the Bible has shown how to engage in the Word of God. Remember to pray, asking for the Holy Spirit to guide you during your engagement in His Word.**

**Write the verses that stood out to you.**

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

**Jot any questions you have about the passage.**

**List some action steps for yourself based on your reading.**

**Write a praise to God for a promise that was meaningful to you.**

**Write a prayer for yourself or others that was prompted by the passage.**

**Write a confession because you've fallen short of an action in the passage.**

**Ask God for help in living out a passage.**





**September 8, 2024**

**Intercessory Prayer Group** - gathers in the C.E. building on Tuesday at 10:00 AM; open to all. We are praying for weekly prayer requests along with other concerns as led by God's Spirit.

**Prayer Requests:** Email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or fill in a prayer request form and place it in the offering plate. **Prayer requests for the following were received this past week; please include them in your prayers:**

**Connie, Dorrie Gedekoh, Lois Lawson, Michelle, Karen Simon, Steve, Glenn Wagner, Mike Yeager, Bob Zirkle**

**On-Going Requests:** Barry Branik, Barb Cant, Steven Evans, Caleb Fritz, Frank & Sandy Hayden, New Life Options, Round Hill Home Church, Round Hill Leaders & Support Staff, Growth of the congregation of Round Hill Church, Children & Teens at RHPC, Round Hill Church's transition, President Biden & Governing Leaders

**Military:** Aaron Baumann, Kat Gower, Matthew Gross, Corey Hobaugh, Noah Reed, Aerion Salas, Joram Stith, Carter Williams, Grayson Wonsettler, Samuel Wonsettler, and all those serving in the Armed Services

**College Students:** Kate Baron, Ava Karnes, Audra Morgan, Luke Napoli, Hailey Russell, Autumn Wright

**Prayers for POA Churches:** Hanover Presbyterian (Rev. Jefferson)

**Prayers for EPC Missionaries:** Anneliese (Teaching English)

*Always pray and never give up. – Luke 18:1*