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LEADING WORSHIP AT RAINBOW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

Ray Tucker, Lead Pastor

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

MIDWEEK RETURNS JANUARY 21

WOMEN’S RETREAT, JANUARY 23-24

- Registration deadline is January 14
- Don’t miss out, sign-up today in the Gathering Space or go to the church website ([rainbowpca.org](http://rainbowpca.org)) and search under Women’s Ministries!

SALT MEETING, JANUARY 15 AT 12PM

BABY BOTTLE BANKS FOR ETOWAH PREGNANCY CENTER

- Please return filled Baby Bottle Banks on January 18, Sanctity of Life Sunday. There will be a return box in the Gathering Space.
- It is not too late to request a bottle(s)!
- Send Missy Stephens a text to 205-799-1566

RPC INQUIRER’S CLASS

- If you are interested in learning more about Rainbow or would like to become a member, the class series will be offered in three increments on Sundays starting 2/1 through 2/15 during the Sunday School hour.
- Please email [officeadministrator@rainbowpca.org](mailto:officeadministrator@rainbowpca.org) to sign-up or to ask for more information.

*All women are invited to a Bridal Tea for Abby Molina (bride-elect of Carter Cooper) Today at 2:00pm in the Gathering Space.*

*All women are invited to a Bridal Tea for Abigail Foley (bride-elect of Daniel Sparks) on Sunday, January 18th at 2:00pm in the Gathering Space.*

RPC Employment Opportunities



Welcome to

Rainbow  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Sower Went Out to Sow  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
Lead Pastor Ray Tucker

JANUARY 11, 2026 • 8:30 AM SERVICE • WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Thank you for choosing to worship with us. Our hope is you will feel the love of Christ in the gathering of His church on this Lord’s Day. We join the Psalmist in praying, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer.” If I haven’t had the opportunity to meet you, or you would like to say hello, please come by the gathering space after the service so I can meet you. I am truly thankful you decided to join us today.

Ray Tucker,  
Lead Pastor

# WELCOME

**†SONG OF PRAISE . . . . . ALL THE EARTH**  
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**CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . PSALM 92:1-4**  
*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

**†SONG OF ADORATION . . . . . YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH**  
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## PROJECT 2030 UPDATE

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SUPPLICATION

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE . . . . . COLOSSIANS 1:18-23**  
*Leader: And Christ is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.*

***Together: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds***

*Leader: He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him*

***Together: If indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven.***

**†SONG OF ASSURANCE . . . . . BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**  
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**SCRIPTURE & SERMON ..... MATTHEW 13:1-9,18-23**  
**A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW**  
**RAY TUCKER, LEAD PASTOR**

**†HYMN OF RESPONSE . . . . . THERE IS ONE GOSPEL**  
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**†BENEDICTION . . . . . 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14**  
*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

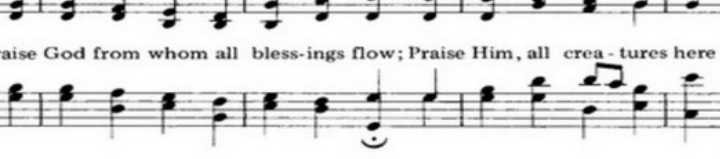
## †THE DOXOLOGY

## MATTHEW 13:1-9,18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear."

18“Hear then the parable of the sower: 19When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. 20As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 23As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

## †THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

TEXT: Thomas Ken  
 MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

OLD HUNDREDTH  
 L.M.

†Denotes to stand if able.

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## A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW

**MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23**

**RAY TUCKER, LEAD PASTOR**

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