

God's Word Reflected in Stained Glass

Welcome to a "visual tour" of the Bible! The booklet you hold in your hand highlights the rich symbolism found in our sanctuary's stained glass windows. As you move from one window to the next, celebrate the story of our faith from its beginning to its glorious consummation. Or, seated quietly in the pew, notice the way the sunlight filters through the windows and reflects the beauty of holiness all around you. Either way, allow the images reproduced on these pages to enhance your worship experience and usher you into the presence of the living God, revealed, not just through artistic glass, but ultimately in the gift of Emmanuel — "God with us" — Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor George R. Wilcox June 2012

The Legend of the Cross Window

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The central medallion shows the Lamb of God, symbolizing that Christ was crucified to redeem our sins. The banner is symbolic of the triumph of the cross. The small symbols of the passion are as follows:

Chalice and Cross - Gethsemane

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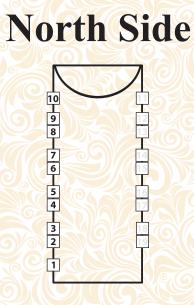
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- Lantern A crowd carrying lanterns come at night to arrest Jesus
- Basin and Ewer Pilate washes his hands of responsibility for Christ's Death
- D Column with scourges in saltire -Christ's scourging by Pilate
 - **Crown of thorns Crucifixion**
- F Ladder and Seed - Crucifixion, tradition that Christ was given vinegar in a sponge
 - Crowing Cock Peter's Denial

Stain Glass designed by:

Crosby Willet





1. CREATION



4. ABRAHAM

3. NOAH



7. ISAIAH PROPHECY



8. NATIVITY



2. GOD CREATES HUMANKIND



5. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



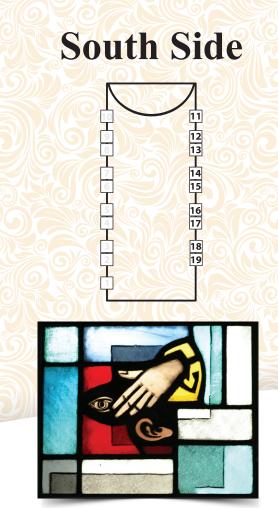
6. DAVID



9. JESUS AND SCRIBES



10. BAPTISM



14. HEALING MIRACLES



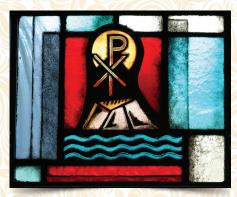
11. CALLING DISCIPLES



15. NATURE MIRACLES



18. RESURRECTION



12. SERMON ON THE MOUNT



13. PARABLES



16. THE LAST SUPPER



17. GETHSEMANE



19. GREAT COMMISSION



Our Faith Journey

In 1870, Major Cephas B. Magruder, his wife Cornelia, and their family moved to Rockledge where they homesteaded on a coquina bluff along the Indian River just south of present-day Magruder Avenue. Strong in faith, Cornelia determined that the nine children she was raising have a religious education. Taking charge, she oversaw construction of a small palmettolog cabin on their property where Presbyterian children could attend Sunday School on Sundays and school on weekdays. This cabin was the start of a long history for Rockledge Presbyterian Church.

Cornelia soon envisioned a church for the community. From 1877 until 1887, she worked ceaselessly to solicit construction funds and to gain sanction from the St. John's Presbytery for organization of a church in Rockledge. In 1884, her request was approved. On a lot donated by the Magruders, construction of the first Rockledge Presbyterian Church began in 1885 and was completed in 1887 at a cost of \$812.

Northern visitors soon found their way to resort hotels built along the Indian River, many worshiping at RPC during their winter stay. In 1911, the congregation built a larger church on the south side of Orange Avenue, now the site of a paved parking lot. Membership grew, and in November 1952, church officials broke ground for the current complex, housing Calvin Hall, the Sanctuary, the Annex, and Knox Hall. Extensive renovations in the Narthex, Sanctuary, and Chapel updated and enhanced the church culminating in a re-dedication of the building in June 2012.

Since 1877, Rockledge Presbyterian Church, through its worship, education, and mission programs, has nurtured many individuals in Christian love and fellowship. How proud Cornelia Magruder would be of the faith journey RPC has taken since that one-room cabin on the Indian River!