

ROCK PRAIRIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.



*The Lord
be with you!*

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty" | Fitts, Seal
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" | Trad. Spanish, Choplin
"Father, I Adore You" | Coelho, Seal

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Glorify Thy Name" | Adkins, Seal

*CALL TO WORSHIP –

PSALM 145

One: Come, let's praise God together!

All: God is great and worthy of our praise!

One: The Holy One is here in this community of faith.

All: The Lord's majesty and glory surround us every day.

One: We meditate on God's mighty acts throughout history.

All: We remember Christ's compassion toward us and offer praise.

One: Come together guided by the Spirit to celebrate God's presence.

All: We worship the Lord, our God, who is worthy of our worship!

***HYMN** *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

[385] +HFG

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PSALM 145

Most Holy God, we confess to You that we rarely live up to your way. Our lives are a miss-mash of faithfulness and foolishness. One moment we possess moral strength and the next timidity. We can demonstrate kindness then conniving self-interest. We desire for your Spirit to open our eyes and convict us of our sins.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

Forgive and cleanse us, O Lord. Save us from the power of evil in these days and show us mercy to wipe away our shame.

Merciful Lord, please grant us the grace of a new beginning and the joy of your love for us. You know our hearts completely—touch us with your grace. You see our deepest fears—heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings—speak to them of your hope. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

PSALM 130

One: The One who searches our broken hearts mends them and makes us a new creation. The Good News in Christ, God had redeemed us. You are Forgiven.

All: God makes us new and whole. We thank the Lord for our eternity. Great is our God, and greatly to be praised! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALM 145

OLD TESTAMENT

PSALM 145:1-5, 18-22

THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Psalmist praises God as King and exalts the name of the Lord. The passage details this vow of daily, unending praise, highlighting the need for generations to pass on the knowledge of God’s mighty deeds and faithfulness. Ultimately believers who love the Lord will persevere.

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your Name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness. One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power. I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works. The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully. He fulfills the

desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and helps them. The Lord preserves all those who love him, but he destroys all the wicked. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

KIDS KIRK *"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"*

Chris Zhe

Children are invited to come up to the front chancel as we sing.

***"We are climbing Jacob's ladder, We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder, Soldiers of the cross.***

***Children, do you love my Jesus? Children, do you love my Jesus?
Children, do you love my Jesus? Soldiers of the cross."***

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" | Arr. Lani Smith

CHOIR

THE EPISTLE

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

CHOSEN FOR SALVATION

This passage serves as an introduction to comfort the Thessalonians who were distressed by rumors about the end times. Paul clarifies that the "day of the Lord" had not yet come. The latter half, offers reassurance, encouraging the believers to stand firm, reminding them of their election for salvation and concluding with a blessing for comfort and strength.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Firm, Fast, and Faithful”

REV. DR. BRUCE A. JONES

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

RPPC MISSION STATEMENT

**Rock Prairie Presbyterian Church,
a welcoming, loving faith family,
who worships the Lord and serves others.**

***HYMN**

“Let All Things Now Living”

[389] +HFG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION

LINDSAY STEVENS, NAMI

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

***RESPONSE**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

[525 vs. #3] +HFG

***All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns, With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

2 THESSALONIANS 2

**Eternal God, You called us in love to share in the glory of Christ.
Strengthen our hearts in every good work and word, that we may be
steadfast in your ways and always believe your truth. Use us as
servants with strong hearts for your work ahead. Help us to “stand
firm and hold fast” as your Spirit guides us to the holy task of
bearing fruit. These offerings are part of your harvest, they be put to
good use. Amen.**

***HYMN**

“Give Thanks, O Christian People”

[Insert] //GG

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

SYLVIA O’CONNOR

“Bachiana” | Young

** Please stand if you are able*

WORSHIP GUIDE

Bold text said in unison

* Please stand if you are able.

// GG - *Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal*

+ HFG – *Hymns for the Family of God*

**SF – *Sing the Faith*, small blue hymnal

- Audio enhancements, larger print Bibles and bulletins,
children's resources are available at the table in the sanctuary.

- CCLI church license 1555479, and One License A-73845

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

Director of Music: Krista Jones

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THIS WEEK AT RPPC

Tuesday, November 11th

NO Bible Study

3:00pm ~ Building and Grounds Meeting

4:00pm ~ Personnel Meeting

5:30pm ~ Youth Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 13th

6:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 17th

10:30am ~ Prairie Pals

Sunday, November 16th

Guest Preacher Rev. Russ Antos

9:15am ~ Children's Sunday School

9:15am ~ Adult Sunday School

9:15am ~ Book Study

10:30am ~ Worship

11:45am ~ Worship Committee Meeting

11:45am ~ Mission Committee Meeting

If you are visiting or seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in the life and ministry of this church. Speak to our pastor or someone next to you for more information.

Children are always welcome in worship.

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.

****Please remember to wear your name tags****

If you do not have one, notify the office and we will have one made for you.

Pastoral Care: If pastoral care needs arise, please call Rev. Bruce Jones at 608-205-7428 to assist you with emotional, social, and spiritual support. If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, the best practice if you would like a pastoral visit is to call Rev. Bruce instead of expecting the hospital staff to call the church office. Please do not hesitate to call at any time of day or night for pastoral emergencies.



Give Thanks, O Christian People 644

1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,
who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.