

ROCK PRAIRIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, February 15, 2026
10:30 a.m.



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Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"We Shall Behold Him" | Rambo, Purifoy
"My Jesus I Love Thee" | Gordan, Larson
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky" | Werner, Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Be Thou My Vision" | SLANE, Carraway

*CALL TO WORSHIP –

MATTHEW 5, 1 CORINTHIANS 1

One: We gather to worship the One whose glory was revealed.

All: We come to experience the glory of God.

One: On the mountain, a voice proclaimed, "This is my Son."

All: We listen for the voice of God in Scripture and song.

One: Remember to listen for God's voice to guide us through prayer.

All: We seek to remember and honor the witness of others.

One: Let us draw near with awe and joy to worship Christ.

All: We worship God, whose glory transforms us with faith.

*HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

[240] +HFG

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

EPHESIANS 1

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MATTHEW 17, 2 PETER 1

God of Mercy, You come and meet us on the mountain tops and in the valleys. We confess that we don't always pay attention to your Word, distracted and turn our ears to many voices. Jesus came to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us, yet we build walls that separate us from others. When we encounter your glory, we want to maintain the status quo, yet You want us to go and serve others with your mercy and love.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to Christ's glory. Open our ears to Christ's voice. Open our hearts to Christ's transforming presence.

Forgive our selfishness and transform us by your Spirit. We turn away from our distractions and sin. Guide us from fear to faith, from hesitation to obedience, from comfort to courage. You bless our lives with love and grace. May we experience the power of faith and witness to transformative power to our neighbors. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

PSALM 15

One: Here is the good news: Jesus lives! He is raised! In Christ Jesus, you are forgiven. Go and witness to God's love.

**All: We are forgiven! God's mercy and grace have set us free.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

***RESPONSE**

"Gloria Patri"

[142] +HFG

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

1 CORINTHIANS 1

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-9

THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Transfiguration, a pivotal moment where Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. On the mountain top, Jesus' divine glory becomes revealed as His face shines and clothes become dazzling white. Moses (Law) and Elijah (Prophets) appear, and God's voice declares Jesus as His beloved Son. The voice commands them to listen, confirming Jesus's identity as the fulfillment of the Scripture and Messiah, despite the disciples' fear.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But

Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

KIDS KIRK “*Children of the Heavenly Father*” [89 vs. 1]

CHRIS ZHE

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

***“Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.”***

SPECIAL MUSIC “*Spirit, Shine On Us*” | Lloyd Larson

CHOIR

THE EPISTLE

2 PETER 1:16-21

EYEWITNESSES OF CHRIST’S GLORY

The certainty of Christian faith, Peter counters the claims that belief is based on myths. He emphasizes Apostolic Eyewitness Testimony (Peter's experience at the Transfiguration) and the Reliability of Prophetic Scripture, which originates from God and the Holy Spirit. These events are not human invention, and serve as a guide for believers until Christ's return. Faith becomes more trustworthy than fleeting human experience.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON “*Myth Or Mystery*”

REV. DR. BRUCE A. JONES

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

RPPC VISION STATEMENT

**Rock Prairie Presbyterian Church,
will follow God's call to build a path of spiritual growth
to engage in ministry and mission for community impact.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

[547] +HFG

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Let us lift up our hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right.... the hosts of heaven, lifting our praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, in remembrance... Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (MALOTTE)

[440] +HFG

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

*RESPONSE

"Doxology"

[384] +HFG

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MATTHEW 4

**God of Glory, You bring us to this place, we come to be fed, to be
renewed, to seek understanding. As we bring our offering, we pray for
these gifts to reflect your radiant love. Let your Spirit guide us in
gratitude to bear witness to Christ's presence in the world. Challenge
us, to embrace our faith and trusting You to grow our faith as we**

witness to your love and grace. In the name of Jesus, the Beloved Son. Amen.

*HYMN *“Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

[323] +HFG

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SYLVIA O’CONNOR

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky” | Werner, Peterson

** Please stand if you are able*

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.

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

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Jean Paszkiet, Chris Stried & Kay Ward

2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Allison Fish, Rich Johnston, Cindy
Kuter, Tammy Porsche & Jeri Torpy

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, February 17

6:00pm ~ Presbytery Elder Training @
First Presbytery
6:30pm ~ Session

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday
3:00pm ~ Personnel Meeting
7:00pm ~ Ash Wednesday Service at
RPPC - Rev. Lee Meissner is preaching

Thursday, February 19

6:30pm ~ Choir

Friday, February 20

6:00pm ~ Children's PJ Party

Sunday, February 22

9:00am ~ Book Study w/ Russ & Delight
9:15am ~ Sunday School
9:15am ~ Adult Study w/ Tom Rios
10:30am ~ Worship/New Members