

ROCK PRAIRIE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Sunday, March 8, 2026*

*10:30 a.m.*



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*Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

### PRELUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee” | Gordon, Hayes*  
*“What Wondrous Love Is This” | Page*  
*“Trusting Jesus | Sankey, McDonald*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTERLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

*“Duke Street” | Hatton, Taylor*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP –

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!**

One: We are the people of God's pasture; we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

**All: We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!**

\*HYMN *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

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## THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to You knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for You, our souls thirst for You, yet we do not imitate You in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all You have done for us.**

### TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who reminds us that our God is the “Rock of our Salvation” in whose hand is the “depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains.” Let us respond together:

**We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen!**

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON**

One: We know that God is with us even in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope.

**All: And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts. Thanks be to God!**

One: The love and peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

#### **PASSING THE PEACE**

**\*RESPONSE**                      *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*                      [1 vs. 1 & 5] +HFG

***"For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies: Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.***

***For Thy-self, best gift divine, To our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of Thine,  
Peace on earth and joy in heaven: Lord of all, to Thee  
we raise This our hymn of grateful praise."***

#### **THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD**

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

#### **THE GOSPEL**

JOHN 4:5-26

SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL

*Jesus departs from Judea to Galilee, purposefully traveling through Samaria and encountering a woman at Jacob's Well. Jesus defies strict Jewish- Samaritan animosity by speaking to a woman with a checkered past, offering her spiritual, eternal life, "living water." He revealed himself as Messiah and the meaning of true worship in Spirit and Truth. The chapter highlights Jesus' humanity (fatigue/thirst) and divinity (knowledge of her life). This chapter demonstrates*

*Jesus' mission to seek the lost, bypassing cultural barriers to bring salvation to those outside traditional Jewish boundaries.*

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

**KIDS KIRK**      *"The Love Round"*

GAIL WOLFE

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

***"Love, love, love, love, love, Christians, this is your call:  
Love your neighbor as yourself, For God loves us all"***

**THE GOSPEL**

JOHN 4: 27-42

SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God****SERMON***“Listening in Love”*

ELDER BILL LEONARD

**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***“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

**\*RESPONSE**                    *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*                    [1 vs. 4] +HFG  
**“For Thy Church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of  
grateful praise.”**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Grace, You have gifted us with life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts. May all that we bring and all that we are be your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter your Good News.**

**\*HYMN**                    *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*                    [608] +HFG

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

*“Toccata on “Solemnis Haec Festivas” | Birchwood  
\* 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.

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

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

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### **Connect with us!**

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## 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

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## STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

**Director of Music:** Krista Jones

**Piano/Organ Accompanist:** Sylvia O'Connor

**Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper:** Sandi Fogle

**Office Assistant:** Jessica Wellnitz

**Nursery Coordinator:** Angela Tyson

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Greeters:** Jeff & Doreen Slowey

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### 2026 DEACONS

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Sandy Kohls, Jean Paszkiet,  
Chris Stried & Kay Ward

### 2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

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## THIS WEEK AT RPPC

### Monday, March 9

3:00pm ~ Finance Meeting

### Tuesday, March 10

9:30am ~ Bible Study w/ Rev. Bruce

### Wednesday, March 11

6:30pm ~ Outreach

### Thursday, March 12

5:00pm ~ Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, March 15

9:00am ~ Book Study

9:15am ~ Sunday School

9:15am ~ Adult Sunday School

10:30am ~ Worship