

ROCK PRAIRIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 5, 2026

10:30 a.m.



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Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"An Easter Carillon" | Broughton
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" | Hayes, Wagner
"Fanfares on "Easter Hymn"" | Lau

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"The Strife Is Over, The Battle Done" | Palestrina, Berry

*CALL TO WORSHIP –

REVELATION 7

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One: We gather as a community of faith to celebrate the resurrection.

All: We remember God's love remains more powerful than death.

One: We gather as people of faith in God's world.

All: We worship the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

*HYMN *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

[297 vs. 1, 2 & 4] +HFG

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ISAIAH 65

Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb we don't always feel the joy of resurrection. We feel fear, doubt, and distrust. We feel empty. Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life. Forgive our doubt of your love. Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joy-filled plan.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow.

God of Resurrection, You call us into the new life in Christ. Fill our emptiness with your glorious light. Raise us to abundant new life for the glory of your name. You unite us with Christ in his death and resurrection, yet we forget that we are people of hope. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

One: On this holy day, we celebrate our New Life in the Risen Christ; through Jesus, your sins are forgiven. My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia!

All: In the name of the risen Lord, we are forgiven, renewed, and restored. Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

PASSING THE PEACE

***RESPONSE** *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”* [297, vs. 3] +HFG
***But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!***

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MATTHEW 28

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

The dramatic resurrection of Jesus on Sunday morning. At dawn on Sunday, Mary Magdalene and the "other Mary" visit the tomb, encountering a massive earthquake and an angel descending from heaven. The guards are terrified, while the women react with a mixture of fear and great joy. This passage highlights the triumph over death, focusing on the initial, personal testimonies of the resurrection rather than just the empty tomb itself.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place

where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

KIDS KIRK *“King of Kings and Lord of Lords”*

REV. BRUCE

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

***“King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory hallelujah!”***

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!”* | Albrecht & Althouse

CHOIR

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 6:3-11

DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE TO GOD

Our baptism unites believers with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection, marking a fundamental shift from slavery to sin to a new life. Paul argues that because the old self was crucified with Christ, Christians are no longer enslaved to sin’s dominion. Just as Christ was raised, believers are empowered to live a new life. Believers are urged to act on this spiritual reality, treating themselves as dead to sin’s power and alive to God. This passage is a cornerstone of Christian theology regarding sanctification, the practical application of living in freedom of God’s grace.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“To See Jesus”

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.**

*HYMN

“He Lives”

[299] +HFG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

*RESPONSE

“Doxology”

[382] +HFG

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOHN 20

God of Life, You raised Christ from the dead and raised us to new life with Him. With joyful hearts, we bring our gifts as signs of hope and resurrection. Use them to proclaim your victory and to bless your world. Use us— to proclaim good news, to lift up the weary, and to bear witness to the power of resurrection love in this world. Through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

“Thine Is The Glory”

[291] +HFG

*CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

SYLVIA O’CONNOR

“Easter Postlude on “St. Kevin”” | Sullivan, Ashdown

** Please stand if you are able*

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

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

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

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2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT RPPC

Monday, April 6

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7

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

6:30pm ~ Christian Ed Meeting

Wednesday, April 8

5:00pm ~ Mission Comm. Meeting

6:30pm ~ Outreach Meeting

Thursday, April 9

6:30pm ~ Choir Practice

Friday, April 10

10:30am ~ Prairie Pals

Saturday, April 11

Donna Liston Memorial Service

Gathering ~ 11:00am

Service ~ 12:00pm

Luncheon to follow in the
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 11

7:00pm ~ Jets Hockey Game!

Sunday, April 12

9:00am ~ Book Study

9:15am ~ Sunday School

9:15am ~ Adult Sunday School

10:30am ~ Worship/Communion

11:45am ~ Fellowship Com. Meeting

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.