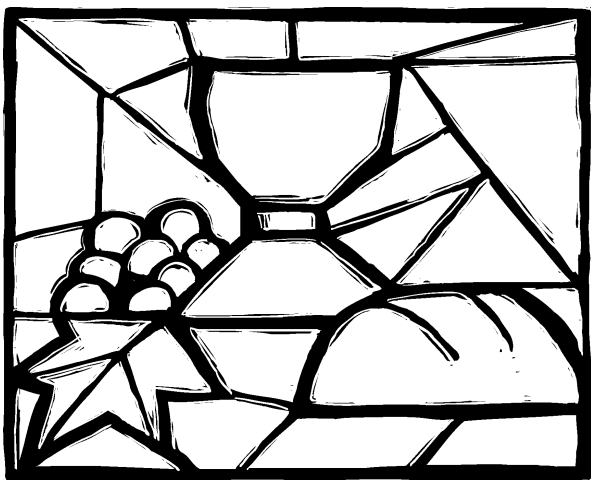


ROCK PRAIRIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 12, 2026

9:30 a.m.



HOLY COMMUNION

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Office hours Mon–Thu, 8:30am – 2:30pm

Rev. Dr Bruce A. Jones

** Please stand if you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE RICHARD MACDONALD, SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"It Is Well with My Soul"

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

"Precious Savior"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE RICHARD MACDONALD, SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Be Thou My Vision"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ROMANS 12

One: Come to worship, believers of God,
the Lord's mercy does not fail.

All: *We come because God calls us to
Worship and forms us in love.*

One: Before the foundation of the world,
God chose us to be faithful people.

All: *God's gracious purpose forms us
with compassion.*

One: Come to worship and be transformed
by Christ.

All: *We worship the Lord, trusting His
wisdom and mercy.*

*HYMN #547 + HFG

"The Church's One Foundation"

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ROMANS 12

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess our desire to resist your guiding hand. We desire new life yet cling to our past. You call us to trust your mercy, but we cling to our own efforts. You form us for compassion, but we choose judgment. Hear our prayer.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

Forgive us, O Lord, and fashion us for your purposes, so we may live faithful lives.

Gracious God, melt our hardness of heart. Remake us according to your mercy. Shape us into vessels that bear your grace to the world. Through your Spirit, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

1 John 1

One: *Hear the Good News: God's mercy does not depend on human will or effort, but on God's compassion. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, renewed, and reshaped for God's glory.*

All: We give thanks be to God, who is making all things new. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

***GRATEFUL PRAISE #692 vs 1 + HFG**

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALM 119

THE GOSPEL

ROMANS 12:1-8

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

The Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans provides a transition from deep theological doctrine to practical

Christian living. Paul urges believers to dedicate their entire lives as a living sacrifice and use their unique spiritual gifts to serve their community. Believers are asked to present their bodies as a "living sacrifice," which means dedicating daily, everyday life—your actions, choices, and time—to God. Paul calls this your "spiritual worship".

I appeal to you, therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body, we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

KIDS KIRK

REV. BRUCE

Children are invited to come up to the chancel

"This Is My Commandment"

"This is My commandment that you love one another, that your joy may be full. This is My commandment that you love one another, that your joy may be full:

***That your joy may be full, that your joy may be full.
This is My commandment that you love one
another, that your joy may be full."***

SPECIAL MUSIC

RICHARD MACDONALD, SYLVIA O'CONNOR

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 12:9-21

MARKS OF THE TRUE CHRISTIAN

The Apostle Paul continues to provide a practical guide to Christian ethics. Paul calls believers to translate God's mercy into everyday actions, emphasizing sincere love, humility, and harmony within our community. The passage outlines a blueprint for Christian conduct, divided into two main categories: how to treat those inside the church and how to respond to unbelievers. Paul states that meeting an enemy's basic needs (like feeding them) will "heap burning coals on their heads."

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them

something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

REV. DR. BRUCE A. JONES

“Why Are We Here?”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

***HYMN #227 + GG “Jesus, Remember Me”**

Jesus, Remember Me 227

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

This chant-like setting, intended for repeated singing, comes from the ecumenical monastic community in Taizé, France. Based on the prayer of the penitent thief crucified with Jesus (Luke 23:42), this text is a poignant expression of the desire to be present with Christ in glory.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1981
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1981
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REMEMBER ME
Irregular

The Great Thanksgiving

John 20

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us offer our thanks to God.

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

We praise our God...As we praise your name.

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.

In the fullness...that lives your Great Ends:

- Proclaim the gospel ***with courage and joy.***
- Shelter and nurture ***all who seek faith, hope, and belonging.***
- Preserve the truth ***with humility, wisdom, and love.***
- Maintain worship ***that is vibrant, reverent, and Spirit-filled.***
- Promote justice ***for the oppressed, the forgotten, and the harmed.***
- Exhibit the Kingdom of Heaven ***in our life together—***

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

ROMANS 12

***RESPONSE #692 vs 4 + HFG**

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of Generosity, we bring our gifts because everything we have comes from your generous hand. We respond to your grace with our offering. As You transform us for your holy purpose, use these gifts to support your ministry and mission in our community. May they serve your mercy, proclaim your compassion, and build up your people for the work of your kingdom. Take our offerings—and take our lives— that we may become vessels of your grace in the world. In Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN #458 + HFG**

"TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE CONSECRATED"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

RICHARD MACDONALD, SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Beautiful Savior"

****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 & bulletins,
and children's resources are available**

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and One License A-73845

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Ed & Dawn Hale

Ushers: Eileen Howarth & Sean Hart

Liturgist: Bill Davis

Kids Kirk: Rev. Bruce

Communion Servers: Tom Rios, Karen Johnston,
Barb Hass, Sandi Fogle

WELCOME VISITORS!

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.

STAFF

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Martha Johnson, Sandy Kohls,

Jean Paszkiet, Chris Stried, Kay Ward



Coming Days

Sunday, July 12

9:30am ~ Worship/Communion

Monday, July 13

3:00pm ~ Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

3:00pm ~ B&G Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 15

9:30am ~ Deacon Meeting

Sunday, July 19

9:30am ~ Worship

Guest Preacher Krista Jones

Sunday, July 26

9:30am ~ Worship

Announcements

Thank you from Fellowship Committee: to all the folks who baked or purchased cookies for Sunday mornings. We appreciate you!! Members and visitors enjoy sharing fellowship time while enjoying cookies and a cup of coffee or water. Your donation of cookies makes that happen ❤️

Vacation Bible School:

Monday, August 3rd thru Friday, August 7th – 9 am to noon Sometimes in the midst of routine and the everyday, we suddenly experience the wonder of God. We're surprised. We're grateful, we say "Wow". At Workshop of Wonders VBS, children will discover their own "Wow!" moments as they explore how to imagine and build with God.

All 3yr.-6th grade children, grandchildren, and neighbors are invited to join us as we experience wonder all around us. We look forward to seeing them there!

Nursery Attendant Vacancy:

The nursery attendant position at Rock Prairie will be opening up once again at the end of August. Our current nursery attendant Emily Kleinheinz will be off to college! We thank Emily for the wonderful care she has provided to our Rock Prairie children. We will miss her but wish her well in the next chapter of her life journey! If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please contact Rev. Bruce or Pam Hatfield, Personnel Chair. Applications may be submitted to Indeed.com.

Ongoing Programs

FeedThe Cart: July Mission Items- School Supplies

Prescription Bottles: We are still collecting empty prescription bottles in the Fellowship Hall basket. Please be sure to remove the labels from all the bottles before depositing them in the bin.

Texas Roadhouse: Did you know if you bring your church bulletin to Texas Roadhouse on Sunday's a percentage of the cost of your lunch or dinner will go to our church?! If you are planning to go after church any Sunday, don't forget your bulletin!

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