ROCK PRAIRIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Sunday, July 20, 2025*

*9:30 a.m.*

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*Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones*

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

**Prelude**  Sylvia O’Connor

“*God Leads Us Along” | Young, Shackley*

*“There Is a Balm in Gilead” | Spiritual, Hayes*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Interlude** Sylvia O’Connor

*“Here I Am, Lord” | Schutte, Raney*

**\*Call to Worship** – Colossians 1

One: Come and worship Christ, the visible image of the invisible God.

**All: Jesus our Lord, the firstborn of creation, the eternal God.**

One: The One through whom all things were created.

**All: The One in whom all things are still held together.**

One: Jesus calls us to set our priorities on the presence of God.

**All: We delight in the presence of God in this place.**

One: Let’s worship as we seek the Lord together.

**\*Hymn**  *“Seek Ye First ”* [175] //GG (Insert)

**The church confesses and seeks assurance**

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**  Psalm 15

**Holy God, we come with humility and reverence, to acknowledge your majesty and power. We do not deserve to be in your dwelling place, as we have not led a blameless life. Yet, You welcome us and hear our prayers. We confess our faults and failure to live constantly according to your will. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess the sins which weigh us down.**

**Time for Personal Prayer and Examination**

Redeeming God, save us from our foolishness and guide us to your wisdom. Gather us in your righteousness and redemption.

**Holy One, forgive us when we fail to be faithful stewards of your gifts. Forgive our transgressions and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. By your Spirit, turn us away from sinful ways to walk in the path of your grace. Give us the strength to resist temptation and to choose your way of unfailing love and mercy. In Christ’s name we**

**pray. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance and Pardon** Psalm 15

One: Because we are not worthy to enter God’s dwelling, God came to dwell with us. Be restored by God’s grace. In Christ Jesus you are forgiven*.*

**All: Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and forgive us.**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Passing the Peace**

**\*Grateful Response** *“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”* [2026] \*\*SF

**THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**  Colossians 1

**The Gospel** Luke 10:38-42 Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village,

where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.

**Kids Kirk** *“Hallelujah”*  Katie Bilija

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

***“Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Halleluha! Praise Ye Lord!***

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***Praise Ye the Lord! Hallelujah!***

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**Special Music**  Brandon Crandall & Joan Heinze, Duet

**The Epistle**  Colossians 1:15-19, 24-28 The Supremacy of Christ

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**  *“The Main Thing”* 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.**

**Prayers of the People; The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Give and Serve**

**\*Response** *“Doxology”*  [384] + HFG

**\*Prayer of Dedication**  Colossians 1

**Lord of the Kingdom, we give thanks with grateful hearts for the blessings you've bestowed upon us.  Your goodness and mercy have followed us every step of the way. Thank You for the gift of life, love, and relationships. We dedicate these gifts to spread your love, beyond our imagination. We thank You for every good gift and the opportunity to share these gifts with our neighbors. As we enjoy the company of those around us, may our hearts be filled with gratitude and our spirits be lifted. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *“The Church’s One Foundation”* [547] + HFG

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**  Sylvia O’Connor

*“Halle, Halle Doxology” | Traditional, Choplin*

*\* 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.

**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.

Help us spread the word about Rock Prairie Presbyterian Church!!

If you have a Facebook account,

please like and follow us. 😊.

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**Worship Guide**

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// 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 OneLicense A-73845

**STAFF**

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

**Director of Music:** Krista Jones

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

**Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper:** Sandi Fogle

**Nursery Coordinator/Office Assistant:** Jessica Wellnitz

**Nursery Assistant:** Emily Kleinheinz

**Audio/Video Technician:** Matthew Blija

**Church Caretaker:** Michael Blija

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Greeters:** Frank & Donna Liston

**Usher**: Sandi Fogle

**Liturgist:** Georgia Waterman

**Kids Kirk:** Katie Blija

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**2025 Session**

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**Youth Ministry** – VACANT

**2025 DEACONS**

Char Behling, Jackie Davis, Theresa Huber, Martha Johnson,

Jean Paszkiet, Chris Stried & Kay Ward

A close-up of a flower

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Monday, July 21st**

No Session

**Sunday, July 27th**

9:30am ~ Worship

Russ Antos Preaching

**Monday, July 28th**

First Day of VBS!

A paint palette with paint brushes

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**Wednesday, July 30th**

6:00pm ~ Paint & Sip

**Sunday, August 3rd**

9:30am ~ Worship

10:45am ~ Fellowship Meeting

**Tuesday, August 5th**

3:30pm ~ Personnel Meeting

No Youth Meeting

6:30pm ~ Christian Ed Meeting

**Sunday, August 10th**

9:30am ~ Worship/Communion

A church and a building with a cross and a train running

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