

ROCK PRAIRIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 5, 2026

9:30 a.m.



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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

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"God Bless Our Native Land"

/Traditional, Keveren

"America" /Traditional, Berry

"American the Beautiful" /Ward, Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"He Who Would Valiant Be" / Douglas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 22, REVELATION 7

One: From every nation and tribe, from every land and language, God calls us to worship and to walk in God's ways.

All: We come to praise the Lord whose dominion is over all nations, guiding us with justice and mercy.

One: Let us seek the Lord of all nations!

All: We seek the Lord, grounded in peace and hope of Christ.

One: *Come, let us lift our voices with the great multitude—from every people and every nation.*

All: We come to praise and honor the Lord with our worship.

***HYMN #690 + HFG** *"America, the Beautiful"*

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

EXODUS 34, PSALM 103

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MICAH 6

Sovereign God, You have called the nations to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You. We confess that our nation has not always chosen to follow your way. We confess the sin of rebellion against your ways, seeking our own strength rather than Your wisdom. We confess the sin of civil strife, when neighbor has taken up arms against neighbor, and divisions have torn apart what You call us to mend. We confess the sin of fear and prejudice, including the internment of Japanese Americans, failing to honor those who served, during Vietnam. We failed to love our neighbors when civil rights and equality were silenced.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

Forgive us, O God— for what we have done, for what we have left undone, and when we've been slow to care.

By Your Spirit, heal our memories, cleanse our hearts, and make us instruments of Your peace, that our nation may better reflect Your justice and compassion. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

1 JOHN 1

One: Hear the Good News: God does not abandon nations or people to their failures. In Jesus Christ, grace is stronger than sin, mercy is deeper than our history, and hope is never lost. You are forgiven.

All: Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, who is making all things new.

PASSING THE PEACE

***GRATEFUL PRAISE #692 vs 1,4 + HFG**

"Battle Hymn of the Republic!"

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALM 119

THE PSALM

PSALM 100

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

This famous hymn of praise serves as a classic, joyous invitation for all the earth to worship God, centering on themes of heartfelt thanksgiving, gladness, and the eternal goodness of the Creator. Unlike some psalms that focus strictly on Israel, Psalm 100 invites "all the earth" and "all you lands" to join in the worship of God. Commanding worshipers to approach God not as a burdensome duty, but with joyful songs, shouting, and a

cheerful spirit. True praise involves the intellect (knowing who God is) paired with the emotion (joyful celebration.)

God's faithfulness to all generations.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

KIDS KIRK

KATIE BLIJA

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

MICHAEL SOLOMON

CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

The Apostle Paul defines the true nature of Christian freedom. He establishes that believers are liberated from legalism to serve one another through love. Paul passionately reminds his readers that Christ has permanently set them free from the burdensome requirements of the Mosaic Law. Believers are called to stand firm and resist returning to that heavy "yoke of slavery". Freedom in Christ is not a blank check to do whatever you want or to cater to selfish fleshly desires. True Christian liberty is highly ethical and community-focused. Instead of harboring bitter arguments or tearing others down, use your liberty to build up your community.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

REV. DR. BRUCE A. JONES

"Freedom in America"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

***RESPONSE #692 vs 2,3 + HFG**

"Battle Hymn of the Republic!"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ROMANS 12

God of All Nations, You blessed us with freedom in our community, and with the calling to serve You in this nation and beyond. Receive these gifts and our lives to strengthen Christ's mission to build peace in the world. Make us faithful stewards of your grace in our neighborhoods, our workplaces, and our country. By Your Spirit, guide us to serve not ourselves, but your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our hope. Amen.

***HYMN #695 + HFG**

"MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Recessional on "Materna"" / Ward, Wagner

****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: Kathy Crandall & Martha Johnson

Ushers: Bernie & Joanne Shields

Liturgist: Russ Antos

Kids Kirk: Katie Blija



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

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

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2026 DEACONS

Russ Antos, Theresa Huber, Eileen Howarth,
Martha Johnson, Sandy Kohls,
Jean Paszkiet, Chris Stried, Kay Ward

THIS WEEK AT RPPC

Tuesday, July 7

6:30pm ~ CE Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 8

6:30pm ~ Outreach Committee Meeting

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

9:30pm ~ Deacon Meeting

Sunday, July 19

9:30am ~ Worship

Guest Preacher ~ Krista Jones

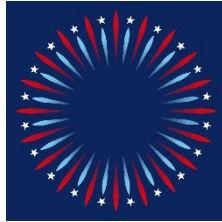


RPPC NEWS



**Feed The Cart: July item is
"School Supplies"**

**Celebrating
American**



**250 Years of
History**

On July 4, 2026, America celebrated 250 years of independence with signing of the Declaration of Independence, which was adopted on July 4, 1776. This milestone marks two and a half centuries since the 13 colonies declared their independence from Great Britain.

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