

ROCK PRAIRIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 17, 2025

9:30 a.m.



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Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Flourish" | Wagner

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" | Arr. Organ

"Hymn" | Wagner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" | Arr. Limburg

*CALL TO WORSHIP –

ISAIAH 5

One: We gather to give thanks and praise to the Lord.

All: We come to worship our Lord and King.

One: The name of Jesus Christ remains above every name.

All: We turn to the Lord as we grow in faithfulness.

One: Let us open our hearts to God with our worship.

All: We trust the Lord and God's faithfulness.

One: Let us worship and adore Christ our Lord and King.

All: Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore You.

*HYMN *"Rejoice The Lord Is King!"*

[374] +HFG

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PSALM 82

Divine God, You have set before us the path of faith. We often wander away on our own path. We sometimes fail to be mindful of others in a caring, just and righteous way. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

Forgive us, O God! In your loving care, show us again your Kingdom.

Almighty God, we hear your call to come to our senses and return to your way. When we are slow to respond, call us again to listen for your guiding voice. Give us grace so we may put your love in word and action to share your grace with others. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

COLOSSIANS 3

One: Friends, be assured that God hears our petitions! Your sins are forgiven. May the Lord strengthen you in all goodness. Amen.

All: God's forgiven people, we are free to live in faith. Alleluia! Amen!

PASSING THE PEACE

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE** *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound"*

[107 Vs. 1&2] +HFG

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREWS 12

THE GOSPEL

HEBREWS 11:29-38

BY FAITH THEY OVERCAME

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

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

***"God is so good, God is so good, God is so good,
He's so good to me!
I love Him so, I love Him so, I love Him so,
He's so good to me!"***

THE EPISTLE

HEBREWS 11:39-12:2

THE RACE OF FAITH

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON*"Something Better"*

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***"Let All Things Now Living"*

[389 vs. 1] + HFG

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LUKE 12

Gracious God, all good gifts come from your hand. You are generous and share everything with us. You invite us into the community to share your steadfast love with our neighbors. You ask to respond with a portion of these gifts to work for justice and care for others. We dedicate our offering to your work in our lives and our community. Through Christ we may set aside this offering to honor Christ. Amen.

***HYMN**

"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

[326] + HFG

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Recessional on 'To God Be the Glory'" | Doane, Wagner

** 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.



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

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

Director of Music: Krista Jones

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LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, August 18th

6:30pm ~ Session Meeting

Thursday, August 21st

6:30pm ~ 1st Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 24th

9:30am ~ Worship

Thursday, August 28th

6:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 31st

9:30am ~ Worship

Guest Preacher Elder Tim Whitney

Thursday, September 4th

6:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 7th **Rally Sunday!**

9:15am ~ Children's Sunday School

9:15am ~ Adult Sunday School

10:30am ~ Worship/Communion

