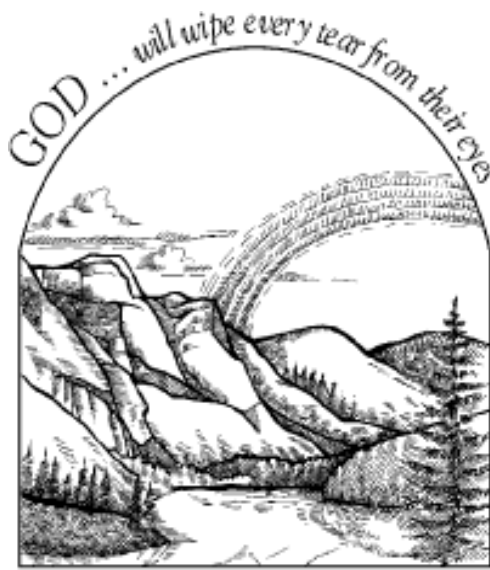


ROCK PRAIRIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 30, 2026

9:30 a.m.



*There will be no more death or
mourning or crying or pain.*

Revelation 21:4

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** Please stand if you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR & CINDY RILEY

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

/ Haydn, Kraus

"Abide with Me" / Monk, Kraus

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

/ Elvey, Kraus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR & CINDY RILEY

"Wondrous love" / Traditional, Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 45, JOHN 1

One: The Holy One declares,

"See, I am making all things new."

***All: We behold the Christ who makes
all things new.***

One: Let us worship the God whose glory is
revealed in Jesus.

***All: The Kingdom God is near,
we gathered in hope.***

One: As a covenant people, shaped by grace,
we worship the Lord.

***All: Our worship renews our hearts to serve
with holy imagination.***

One: Let us worship God who claims us and
sends out to serve.

***HYMN #374 + HFG** *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

JOHN 1

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

JOHN 8

God of Mercy, You call us to be the light of the world, yet we often hide our light behind fear, complacency, or comfort. You call us to embody your Kingdom on earth, yet we settle for our small visions and limited hopes. You call us to seek justice, to proclaim the Gospel and to care for one another, we confess that we have not lived fully into the great ends of your church. Hear our prayers of personal confession...

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

God of Glory, walk with us and guide us. Forgive us for not always following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another.

God of Light, forgive and renew us. Set us free to shine with your light and live as your people in the world. Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Divine Love is revealed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON COLOSSIANS 3

One: *Hear the Good News: Our faithful Lord
calls us to be in a covenant relationship.
God makes all things new. In Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven, restored, and sent.*

**All: *As forgiven and renewed people, may
we reflect the love and life of Jesus
Christ into our world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.***

PASSING THE PEACE

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE #2026 + StF**
"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

JOHN 14

THE OLD TESTAMENT

MATTHEW 5:14-20

SALT AND LIGHT

Jesus explains the identity of His disciples during the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus' followers are the "light of the world" and should not be hidden. Disciples are called to let their good actions shine so that others see them and praise God in heaven. Jesus states clearly that he did not come to abolish or destroy the Law or the Prophets, but to fulfill them. He emphasizes that every part of the law remains important until its purpose is fully accomplished.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

KIDS KIRK

ED HALE

Children are invited to come up to the chancel

#2226 + StF “*Bind Us Together*”

“Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together

***With cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together, Lord Bind us together,
Bind us together in Love. There is only one
God, There is only one King, There is only
one Body, That is why we sing."***

SPECIAL MUSIC

CINDY RILEY & SYLVIA O'CONNOR

THE GOSPEL

REVELATION 21:1-5

NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH

John introduces the ultimate cosmic renewal: a new heaven and a new earth. At the climax of the Bible, God invites us to shift from our human suffering to God's eternal presence. The old, broken universe is replaced by a pristine new heaven and earth where chaos (symbolized by "the sea") is gone. God moves in directly with His people, bridging the gap between heaven and earth. The voice on the throne declares, "Behold, I am making all things new," instructing John to record these trustworthy words.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying -

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God

himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. "And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

REV. DR. BRUCE A. JONES

"Kingdom Vision"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

HEBREWS 12

***RESPONSE #384 + HFG "Doxology"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ROMANS 8

King of kings, receive our gifts and use them to proclaim your gospel, as we exhibit your kingdom in our community and beyond. We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to build signs of your new creation here and now. Take what we offer today; our gifts, our time, our imagination, our courage; so our faith exhibits your kingdom on earth. Magnify our gifts to nurture disciples and promote justice as You

*make all things new. In Christ's name we pray,
through your Spirit. Amen.*

***HYMN #595 + HFG "LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Theme from "Symphony No.1" / Brahms

****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 ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Karen & Rich Johnston

Ushers: Kathy Toebeas & Sandi Fogle

Liturgist: Chris Zhe

Kids Kirk: Ed Hale

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.

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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THIS WEEK AT RPPC

Tuesday, September 1

3:00pm ~ Personnel Committee Meeting

5:45pm ~ Mission Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 3

6:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 6

10:30am ~ Worship

11:45am ~ Fellowship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 8

3:00pm ~ B&G Committee Meeting

6:30pm ~ CE Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

6:30pm ~ Outreach Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 10

6:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 11

10:30am ~ Prairie Pals

Sunday, September 13

Rally Sunday

10:30am ~ Worship/Communion

11:45am ~ Sundae Sunday

12:00pm ~ Identity Theft Presentation

Monday, September 14

3:00pm ~ Finance Committee Meeting



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