

Rock Creek Fellowship  
Worship  
August 24, 2025  
9:00 AM

Prelude Song  
“Jesus, I Come,” The Ann Book, pg. 21

Call to Worship  
“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;  
We come thirsting for you, O Lord.  
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!  
We come hungering for you, O Lord.  
Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
Satisfy us with your unfailing love, O Lord  
Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.  
Open our ears to hear, incline our hearts to obey, and enliven us in healing praise as we give ourselves to you in worship, O Lord!  
-from portions of Isaiah 55

Worship in Song  
“This is My Father’s World”  
1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas. His hand the wonders wrought.  
2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world. He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass, I hear him pass. He speaks to me everywhere.  
3. This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world. Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Confession of Faith Janet Hulsey

From the Heidelberg Catechism (Q/A 69, 74)  
Q 69. How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ’s one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?  
A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul’s impurity, that is, all my sins.

Q 74. Should infants also be baptized?  
A. Yes. Infants as well as adults are included in God’s covenant and people, and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin through Christ’s blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith. Therefore, by baptism, the sign of the covenant, they too should be incorporated into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers. This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision, which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.

Worship with Tithes and Offering  
“Fairest Lord Jesus”  
1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.  
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.  
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.  
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Marilyn Griffith

Welcoming One Another  
“Doxology”  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

Confession of Sin  
Father in Heaven, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.  
  
(Offer silent prayers of confession)  
  
Assurance of Pardon  
Hear, receive, and rest by faith upon the promises of God to all those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for all their confidence before God: “If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading Clara Bryant

Leviticus 16:15-19  
15 “Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for [the sins of] the people and bring its blood within the veil [into the Most Holy Place] and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. 16 So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place (Holy of Holies) because of the uncleanness and transgressions of the Israelites, for all their sins. He shall also do this for the Tent of Meeting which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness (impurities). 17 There shall be no person in the Tent of Meeting when the high priest goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place [within the veil] until he comes out, so that he may make atonement for himself (his own sins) and for his household and for all the congregation of Israel. 18 Then he shall go out to the altar [of burnt offering in the court] which is before the Lord and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the goat and put it on the horns of the altar on all sides. 19 With his finger he shall sprinkle some of the blood on the altar of burnt offering seven times and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the Israelites.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,  
All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

1 John 1:5-2:6  
5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the

darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all<sup>[a]</sup> sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.4 Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God<sup>[a]</sup> is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon Pastor Eric  
The Joyful Invitation: “Heart Diagnostics and Needed Defense”

Closing Song  
“There is a Fountain Filled with Blood,” The Ann Book, pg. 43

Benediction

Announcements

NEW HERE?

We welcome you to Rock Creek! If you would like more information about Rock Creek, please fill out the “Welcome Cards” located in the foyer and place in the wooden box also located in the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen in the office: [Kristen@rockcreekfellowship.org](mailto:Kristen@rockcreekfellowship.org)

SIMPLY SOCIAL

Women of Rock Creek, come kick off the fall semester with us on Monday, September 15th, from 6:30-8:30pm at Lookout Mountain Pizza Company (203 Scenic Hwy, Rising Fawn, GA 30738). It will be a time of delicious food and fellowship! **Please let us know if you can make it by RSVPing on the weekly Announce or by** reaching out to [Adeline Voss](mailto:AdelineVoss) (adelinevoss@gmail.com) or [Katie Bostrom](mailto:katiemobo@gmail.com) (katiemobo@gmail.com).

FALL PICNIC AT HIDDEN HOLLOW

Mark your calendar for our annual fall picnic at Camp Hidden Hollow. **We'll gather together for dinner and lots of fun on Sunday, September 28 from 4-7PM.** More details will be sent as time approaches.

TOP GOLF

Men of Rock Creek, mark your calendars for an outing at *Top Golf* on Saturday, September 16 at 6PM. Look for more details soon.

BAPTISM AT DURHAM RD.

We are privileged to welcome Monti Lloyd, daughter of Joe and Brittany, into the visible church of Jesus Christ today as she receives the covenant sign of baptism.

**NEW HERE?** We welcome you to Rock Creek! Nursery is available for ages 0-5 during the worship service in the children’s wing behind the Sanctuary. If you prefer to be with your nursing and/or crying child, please use the Quiet Room located in front of the Sanctuary. You are also more than welcome to keep your children in the service with you.

GIVE TO RCF

There are several ways that you can contribute financially to Rock Creek Fellowship: 1. Drop a check in the offering basket, 2. Mail a check to the church, or 3. Make a payment electronically using the QR code below.



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