

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship

November 30, 2025
10:45 AM

Prelude Song

“Sing Oh Sky”

Chorus: Sing oh sky, sing oh earth
Sing oh sky; sing with me (2x)
1. M: My Lord Jesus has come today
W: My Lord Jesus has come today
M: And I am united with him
W: And I am united with him
M: I cannot stop my lips from singing
W: I cannot stop my lips from singing

Repeat Chorus

2 M: Sing you angels and birds of the sky
W: Sing you angels and birds of the sky
M: Play the music of the waves
W: Play the music of the waves
M: I cannot stop my lips from singing
W: I cannot stop my lips from singing
Repeat Chorus

Call to Worship

Gene and Marian Fitzgerald

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE.

With all God’s people in every land, we use this light to remember that our Savior, Jesus Christ, is the Light of the World who keeps our lamps burning so we may endure patiently as we await His healing return and with it, the renewal of all things. May our hearts burn with hopeful expectation for the coming of the Light of the World into all the darkness we experience.

As God spoke through the prophet Isaiah:

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.”—Isaiah 9:2

Let us pray:

Keep and preserve us, O Lord, while we wait in hope, between the time of your first coming to live and die in our place and your second coming to make all things new. May our lives be characterized by a serious seeking after you and an affectionate walking with you, every day of our lives; that when you come, we may be found not hiding our talents, nor serving ourselves, nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for our Lord, our glorious King, for ever and ever. Amen*(*Prayer adapted from a 17th century Richard Baxter prayer)

Worship in Song

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For each perfect gift of Thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of Heaven
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise

Confession of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the

holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

“Let All Things Now Living”

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.
2. His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a Song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

“Come, Oh Redeemer Come”

1. Father, enthroned on high
Holy, holy,
ancient eternal light
Hear our prayers
2. Lord save us from the dark
Of our striving,
Faithless and troubled heart
Weighed down
Chorus:
Come, Oh Redeemer, come
Grant us mercy
Come, Oh Redeemer come
Grant us peace.
3. Look now upon our need
Lord be with us,
Heal us and make us free
From our sin (**Chorus**)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Jelley, Elder

Welcoming One Another

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, as it is now, and ever more shall be,
world without end. Amen

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:1-5

Kendra Tingle

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
² Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

Reader: The Grass Withers and the flowers fall

All: But the Word of our God stands forever.

Luke 17: 11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[a] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. ⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily and Testimonies of Gratitude

Pastor Eric

“Forget Not All His Benefits:” *“Reflections of God’s Reliable and Surprising Provisions”*

Closing Song

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Chorus
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Chorus

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE STUDENT BRUNCH

The Martinez family would like to invite all college age students to join us for brunch at their house next Sunday, December 7th immediately following the service. We will have Christmas themed food and fellowship and Christmas carols by the fire! No need to RSVP but you can email Lynell at lynell.martinez@covenant.edu if you have any questions or dietary restrictions. Our address is 714 N Stewart Lane. Gate code is 0929. Special thanks to Mary Katherine and Golden Goss for their help and support at our brunches!!

HOPE FOR CHATTANOOGA CHRISTMAS STORE

We are privileged to once again participate in HOPE for Chattanooga's Christmas Store. The store provides families an opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for their children at half the price. We will be collecting new toys as well as monetary donations **beginning Sunday, November 23-, December 7.** Bins will be in the foyers at both Lula and Durham. Hope for the Inner City is also in need of volunteers to help work in the store during December. If you're interested, please talk to Kristen Jelley.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 21.** If your child would like to participate, please have him/her arrive at 9:30AM on the 21st wearing a costume: shepherds, wise men, or angels. (Please just use what you have at home, or we'll have a few costumes available at the church.) If you have any questions, please reach out to Kendra Tingle.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Please join us on December 24 at 5PM at Durham Rd. for our Candlelight Christmas Eve service.

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 cry 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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