

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
November 30, 2025
9:00 AM

Prelude Song

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels.

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest

Refrain

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee, be all glory giv’n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

Refrain

Call to Worship

The Bryant Family

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

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus,”

Hymnal, pg. 244

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*

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

“O Little Town of Bethlehem,”

Hymnal, pg. 250

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mike Cameron

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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:1-5

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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o’er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT/MILK AND COOKIES

Mark your calendar for our annual Children’s Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 14 along with the traditional Milk and Cookies festivities following the service. All children are invited to participate in our pageant. Please come dressed as a biblical character from the Christmas Story. We also are in need of middle schoolers or high schoolers to help read scripture or lead music. If you are willing to participate or have any questions, please call Sally Worland at 423-322-2707.

THANKSGIVING GATHERING

All are welcome to stay after the today, to “Thanks-give” together with fruit and pastry platters and time to linger together.

COLLEGE STUDENT BRUNCH

The Martinez family would like to invite all college age students to join us for brunch at their house on December 7th immediately following the 10:45 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday school meets in the fellowship hall after church until 11 a.m. A lively discussion of the sermon is always our topic. Deacon James Bevill leads us.

Children’s Sunday School is on break. We’ll resume on Sunday, January 25.

ADVENT WREATH

As Thanksgiving approaches, we have a new cause for Thanksgiving: the wooden advent wreath handmade by Ben Dady, patriarch of the Dady-Theune clan and one of the elders on loan from LMPC in the beginning of the church. He also made the baptismal font at the front of the church.

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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