

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
December 21, 2025
10:45 AM

Christmas Pageant

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 be - hold 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. God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
Very God, begotten, not created;
Refrain
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
Refrain
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
Refrain

Call to Worship *The Connis Family*

Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent Wreath — the candles of **HOPE**, **PEACE** and **JOY**. Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of **LOVE**.
Our Savior has embodied love in his monumental act of self-giving on our behalf. It is his loyal love and sacrificial generosity that permits the righteous and unrighteous alike to enjoy so many benefits. And it is our calling to broadcast his generous love through our edifying words and sacrificial deeds for the benefit of the world that he intends to rescue.
In the Book of Deuteronomy we find these words:
“For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”— [Deuteronomy 10:17-19a](#)
And from the Gospel of John we hear:
“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”— [John 13:34-35](#)
Let us pray: Give us an increase of generous love, O Lord, for you, for one- another, and even for our enemies. May we mimic your ardent concern for the stranger, the orphan, the widow, and the lonely poor. As we actively strive to demonstrate your affection in all our work and play, grant that your steadfast love would be made complete in us. Come Lord Jesus, satisfy us and this world you adore with your unfailing love that all may praise you and be glad all our days. Amen

Worship in Song

“Star in the East (Brightest and Best)”
CHORUS
Brightest and best of the sons of the morning;
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
1. Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all!
CHORUS
2. Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?
CHORUS
3. Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart’s adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Confession of Faith *From Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Q. 23. How is Christ our redeemer?
A. As our redeemer, Christ is a prophet, priest, and king in both His humiliation and His exaltation.
Q. 26. How is Christ a king?
A. As a king, Christ brings us under His power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and all our enemies

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”
1. Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!
2. O ye heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert sing, evermore and evermore!
3. Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

Worship with Tithes and Offering

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.
2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.
3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the shadows clear away.
4 At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high!”

Prayer of Thanksgiving *Nathan Brauer*

Welcoming One Another
(K-2nd grade children are dismissed to the foyer for Children’s Church)

“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 *Mary Katherine Goss*

Daniel 7:13–14
¹³ “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man,^[a] coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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

Hebrews 1:6–9; 2:5–11
⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” ⁷ In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.” ⁸ But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

⁵ It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified: “What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? ⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor ⁸and put everything under their feet.” In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. ⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

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

Sermon *Pastor Eric*
O Come Let Us Adore Him: “Christ, The Reigning King”

Closing Song
“God, Rest ye Merry Gentlemen”
1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy
2. From God our Heavenly Father a blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by Name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy
3. "Fear not then," said the Angel, "Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Savior of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy
4. The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,

And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway the Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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

2025 Contributions

The leadership of RCF is deeply grateful for your generosity and steadfastness in giving thus far and through the remainder of 2025. As an annual reminder all your gracious donations to RCF will need to be received or postmarked by 12/31/25 to be included in the 2025 contribution statements. Contribution statements will be mailed in January.

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT

All 9th-12th graders are invited to our 2026 Winter Retreat. We will be partnering with First Presbyterian, Chattanooga and heading to a cabin in Blairsville, GA where we’ll be hiking, fellowshiping, and learning how the gospel applies to our lives. Cost is \$200, but please don’t let that be an issue. Let Paul know if you plan to come or if you have any questions.

HEALING PRAYER

Today is Third Sunday Healing Prayer. If you are in need of prayer for any reason, elders will be available immediately following the service in the children’s wing to pray over you and anoint you with oil.

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 paypal QR code below.



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