

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
February 1, 2026
10:45 AM

Prelude Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”
1. Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
2. Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name
Refrain: Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name
3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name
Refrain
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

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

“Psalm 126”
1. Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord
Chorus: *Although we are weeping*
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry

Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy
2. The nations will say, “He has done great things!”
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord
Repeat chorus

Confession of Faith

The 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.

Worship with Tithes and Offering

“Jesus Cast a Look On Me”
1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know
2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet
3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might
4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood
5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

Prayer of Thanksgiving *John Sadler*

Announcements

Welcoming One Another
(K-2nd graders 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 *Bryan Sanchez*

Lamentations 3:22-24
Because of the Lord’s great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴I say to myself,
“The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him.”

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

Romans 5:6-8
⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

Sermon
The Lord is My Portion

Pastor Brian

Sermon Passage

Psalm 73:1-3; 12-28
Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ²But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. ³For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
¹²This is what the wicked are like— always free of care, they go on amassing wealth. ¹³Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments. ¹⁵If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children. ¹⁶When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply ¹⁷till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny. ¹⁸Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin. ¹⁹How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors! ²⁰They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies. ²¹When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, ²²I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. ²³Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. ²⁴You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. ²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. ²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. ²⁷Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. ²⁸But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

Confession of Sin
We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(Offer silent prayers of confession.)

The Lord’s Supper
On behalf of our Savior, Rock Creek Fellowship warmly welcomes all baptized Christians to receive the Lord’s Supper. Since this is a meal for increasing our faith, enhancing our allegiance, and participating more deeply in the life of Christ, we’d ordinarily expect those who participate to be looking to Christ for their renewal and salvation, to trust and follow him, and to be a member of a church that is seeking to esteem and embody Christ in its worship and ways.

(Additional communion songs on Insert)

Closing Song

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”
Chorus We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more
1. We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (**Chorus**)
2. In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength **(Chorus)**
3. Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom. **(Chorus)**

Benediction

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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

COLLEGE BRUNCH
All college students, please join us right after the service at the Martinez home for a chili cook-off between Golden and Carlos. We hope you will join us for great food and fellowship!!

SIMPLY SOCIAL
Women of Rock Creek, please join us for a teriyaki and sushi buffet to kick off the spring semester on Friday, February 6th, from 6:30-8:30pm at Lookout Mountain City Hall (1214 Lula Lake Rd). **Please let us know you are coming by TODAY as this will help us finalize our food order.** Reach out to Adeline Voss, Katie Bostrom, or Kathaleen Hughes with any questions. Look for sign-ups in our weekly Announce or on our Instagram/Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you!

CHILDREN’S COMMUNICANTS’ CLASS
If we have enough interest, we hope to offer a Communicants' class **Thursdays from 4:30-5:30PM at our Lula Lake site beginning Thursday, February 19 and running through Thursday, March 19.** *(We'll skip Thursday, February 26)* The intent for this 4-week class is to assist you in readying your child to become communing members of Rock Creek Fellowship--those admitted into the full membership of the church and thus welcomed to participate in the Lord’s Supper after making a profession of faith and taking the vows of membership at RCF. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to [Kristen](#).

YOUTH GROUP
All 6th-12th graders, please join us tonight from 6-8PM at Durham Rd. for dinner, fellowship, and teaching. If you have any questions, please reach out to Paul.

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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THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION.

"Sacrifice is God's chosen means of righting what's wrong in the world."
-Eugene Peterson

"The Word leads us to Christ by the ear: the Sacraments lead us to Christ by the eye and by the mouth and by the hand. But it is to the same Christ we are led. We do not get a better Christ in the Sacrament. But we may get Christ better by taking it."
-Robert Bruce, 16th Century Scottish Pastor

"And let me make it quite clear that when Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being 'in Christ' or of Christ being 'in them', this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. **They mean that Christ is actually operating through them; that the whole mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts- that we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body. And perhaps that explains one or two things. It explains why this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts life belief, but by bodily acts like baptism and Holy Communion...God never meant man to be a purely spiritual creature. That is why He uses material things like bread and wine to put the new life into us.**"
-CS Lewis