

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
May 17, 2026
10:45 AM

Prelude Song

“Step by Step”

Oh God, You are my God And I will ever praise You Oh God, You are my God And I will ever praise You I will seek You in the morning And I will learn to walk in Your ways And step by step You'll lead me And I will follow You all of my days

Call to Worship

Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

—1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Worship in Song

“Everlasting God”

1. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

2. Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

3. You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Confession of Faith

From the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

“And Can it Be”

1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be That
Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus: Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

2. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Chorus

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Chorus

4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

Chorus

Worship with Tithes and Offering

“Isaiah 43”

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
And the waves, will not overcome you
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you
I have called you by name, you are Mine

Refrain: For I am the Lord your God (girls repeat)

I am the Lord your God
(I am) the Holy One of Israel, your Savior (2x)
(MEN) I am the Lord
(WOMEN) Do not fear

2. When you pass through the fire, you'll not be burned
And the flames will not consume you
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you
I have called you by name, you are Mine

Refrain

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Church Life Update

Pastor Andy

Sacrament of Baptism

This morning we celebrate the entrance of Laurel Josephine Durant “Josie” and Jubal Clark Durant, children of Noel and Erin Durant into the visible church of Jesus Christ. With their parents, we expectantly await the day when Jubal and Josie will personally embrace Jesus Christ and enjoy all his benefits, thus living out the union with Christ, which is being signified here today.

The vows for Noel and Erin:

1. Do you acknowledge Jubal and Josie’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Jubal and Josie to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

To the congregation of Rock Creek Fellowship, as fellow members of Christ’s church, the covenant community:

Do you, as a congregation, undertake the responsibility of assisting Noel and Erin in the Christian nurture of Jubal and Josie?

Welcoming One Another

(K-3rd 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

Eve Roebuck

Exodus 33:12-17

¹² Moses said to the Lord, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people, ’but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?” ¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

Ephesians 6:10-21

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. ²¹ Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Embodied Grace: *“Prayerful Perseverance”*

Pastor Eric

Closing Song

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.
Ending
Land me safe on Canaan's side. Bid
my anxious fears bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears,
bid my anxious fears, goodbye

Benediction

Announcements

MEN'S COOKOUT

Men of RCF, please join us for a cookout on Saturday, May 23 at 5PM at RCF Durham. The church will cater barbecue, but please bring a side, dessert, or drink to share. Let John Sadler know you're coming and what you'll be bringing.

GATHER AND SHARE

Come Gather and Share a meal *tonight* and hear our much-loved Lisa Brown recount her stories of God's faithfulness. Time: 6-8 p.m. Place: Eve Roebuck's, 4060 GA Highway 157, Rising Fawn, GA 30738 [Some have had trouble when using GPS. Look for the 6th driveway on the right past Camp Lookout]. It's never too late to RSVP: 423.413.9224 or ever4buck@gmail.com. Ya'll come! And bring friends!

HEALING PRAYER

It's the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you are in need of prayer, elders will be available after our service in the children's wing to anoint you with oil and pray over you.

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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