

Rock Creek Fellowship

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 like 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



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Welcome to Rock Creek Fellowship! We aspire to be a one-anothering community that adores Christ and embodies the warmth and wonder of our Savior in word and deed to all the world.

Get Connected

If you are interested in getting connected, please email Kristen in the office at office@rockcreekfellowship.org.

The best ways for you to get connected with us are to:

- Attend an event
- Join a small group
- Sign up to receive email updates
- Volunteer to serve
- Become a member

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home

2. Beneath the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure

3. Before the hills in order stood
Or Earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5. Like flow'ry fields the nations stand,
Pleased with the morning light;
The flow'rs beneath the mower's hand
Lie with'ring ere 'tis night.

6. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home.

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn, pg.139

Confession of Faith

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 all the power 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.

Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Follow the QR Code to make an online gift.



Speak O Lord

1. Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word
Take your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory

2. Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;

And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built,
And the earth is filled with your glory.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mike Cameron

Announcements

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

Old Testament Reading

Clara Bryant

1 Kings 8:56

⁵⁶ "Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel
just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good
promises he gave through his servant Moses.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10:23

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who
promised is faithful.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Life of Abraham: "A World of What-if's"

Sermon Passage

Genesis 23:2-18

² Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. ³ From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier ⁴ and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD. ⁵ Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶ But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. ⁷ And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. ⁸ So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left." ¹⁰ Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) ¹¹ So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: ¹² Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. ¹³ Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD. ¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. ¹⁵ All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring^[a] forever. ¹⁶ I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. ¹⁷ Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you." ¹⁸ So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.

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.

Abide with Me

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.
2. Thou on my head, in early youth, didst smile;
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

4. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim. Its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

5. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

6. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

Chorus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

2. Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are **[Chorus]**

3. His word shall not fail you. He promised
Believe Him, and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell **[Chorus]**

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ, I live.

3. There in the ground, His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ, I'll stand

Closing Song

The Solid Rock

Hymnal, pg. 526

Benediction

Announcements

RCF UPDATES

Rock Creek's Facebook and Instagram accounts are being updated weekly. Please follow us @rockcreekfellowship to keep up with all our weekly activities, along with inclement weather updates, etc.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

We're so excited to invite all women to our fall retreat in Sevierville, TN on September 18-20. Save your spot now for \$50. The remaining cost will be determined by how many women attend. To register, you can reach out to Leah Jones or register in our weekly Announce. Don't let a lack of funds keep you from attending. Talk to Leah about potential scholarships. We hope to see you ladies there!

SIMPLY SOCIAL

All Rock Creek women are invited to a refreshing evening filled with friendship, laughter, and leafy greens.

Bring your favorite salad to share...

Fruit, pasta, garden or surprise us! We will provide the drinks and sweet treats. Throw on something super casual, grab a friend, and join us for a night of fellowship.

The Mountain Hall,

1200 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mtn GA

Thursday, June 18th at 6:30pm

SERMON NOTES



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