ROCK CREEK FELLOWSHIP

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10:45 AM

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

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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.

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If you are interested in getting connected or have any questions about RCF, please email our office at office@rockreekfellowship.org or scan the QR code below.

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Sing Oh Sky

Chorus: Sing oh sky, sing oh earth
Sing oh sky; sing with me (2x)

1. M: My Lord Jesus has come today
W: My Lord Jesus has come today
M: And I am united with him
W: And I am united with him
M: I cannot stop my lips from singing
W: I cannot stop my lips from singing
Repeat Chorus

2. M: Sing you angels and birds of the sky
W: Sing you angels and birds of the sky
M: Play the music of the waves
W: Play the music of the waves
M: I cannot stop my lips from singing
W: I cannot stop my lips from singing
Repeat Chorus

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

What Wondrous Love is This

1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this,
O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul!

2. When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down,
sinking down;
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul!

3. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb
I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb,
who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing
while millions join the theme,
I will sing.

4. And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity
I'll sing on.

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. **that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Follow the QR Code to make an online gift.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving *Marshall Brock, Elder*

Announcements

Welcoming One Another

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, as it is now, and ever more shall be, world without end. Amen

Old Testament Reading *Kim Brock*

Isaiah 25:1-9

LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.
2 You have made the city a heap of rubble,
the fortified town a ruin,
the foreigners' stronghold a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will honor you;
cities of ruthless nations will revere you.
4 You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the storm
and a shade from the heat.
For the breath of the ruthless
is like a storm driving against a wall
5 and like the heat of the desert.
You silence the uproar of foreigners;
as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.
6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
7 On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.
9 In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

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

New Testament Reading

John 11:17-27

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been
in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was less than two
miles[a] from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to
Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their
brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she
went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 21 "Lord,"
Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother
would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will
give you whatever you ask."
23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the
resurrection at the last day."
25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The
one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and
whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you
believe this?"
27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah,
the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Eric

The Abiding Presence: "*I Am the Resurrection and the Life*"

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.

The Prayer God Always Answers

1. There once was a man born blind;
Spent most of his life a beggar
With reckless abandon
As Jesus passed him
He shouted right at him
Like a child for his mother
Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have mercy, have mercy

2. Two people went up to pray
A priest and a politician
The first said "I give thanks
That I'm not like that snake"
The other said, under his breath, with contrition
Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have mercy on me
Have mercy
Everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled
Everyone who humbles themselves will be exalted
Everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled
Everyone who humbles themselves will be exalted

Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have mercy on me; Have mercy
Have mercy on me
Have mercy

3. Lord I confess my pride
And the ways I hide the cancer
Teach me the words of life
Teach me the prayer God always answers

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

1. O come and mourn with me awhile,
O come ye to the Savior's side
O come, together let us mourn,
Jesus our Lord is crucified.

2. Seven times He spake seven words of love;
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men;
Jesus our Lord is crucified.

Chorus: O love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act Your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love;
Jesus our Lord is crucified!

3. O break, O break, hard heart of mine!
Thy weak self-love and guilty pride
His Pilate and His Judas were:
Jesus our Lord is crucified.

4. A broken heart, a fount of tears,
Ask, and they will not be denied;
A broken heart love's cradle is:
Jesus our Lord is crucified.(***Repeat chorus)***

Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee; ;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2. Not the labor of my hands ,
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked, come to Thee for dress;

Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee

My Jesus, I Love Thee

1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

3. I'll love Thee in life, and I'll love Thee in death,
I'll praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright;
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

Closing Song

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my redeemer lives,
Glory hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives,
Glory hallelujah!

Chorus : *Shout on, pray on,*
*we're gaining ground,*Glory hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found,
Glory hallelujah!

2. He lives, he lives, who once was dead,
Glory hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head,
Glory hallelujah! ***Chorus***

3. He lives to bless me with his love,
Glory hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above,
Glory hallelujah! ***Chorus***

4. He lives, all glory to his name,
Glory Hallelujah
He lives my Jesus, still the same,
Glory hallelujah! ***Chorus***

Benediction

Announcements

MOUNTAIN GATHERING AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Come spend a fall evening with us at RCF Durham next Friday, November 6 at 5:30. Bring the whole family for new booth games, face painting, bouncy houses, fresh kettle corn and our first ever chili cook-off. Look for all the details in the weekly Announce! **And we still need soups/chili, so if you'd be willing to bring one to share, we would be so grateful.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Melinda (805) 550-5260

COLLEGE BRUNCH TODAY!

It's beginning to smell a lot like pumpkin!! The Martinez family would like to invite all college (or college-aged) students to come and celebrate the cooler weather and the colors of fall immediately following our service today. We'll enjoy a fall-themed brunch (weather permitting) around a campfire. No need to RSVP, but please notify Lynell (786) 457-0354) if you have any dietary restrictions. Our address is 714 N Stewart Lane, Rising Fawn GA and the gate code is 0929.

BEYOND THE VALLEY OF DIAPERS

If you are a mom of nursery-aged children, we invite you to our next monthly Wednesday playgroup at RCF Durham on November 4 from 9AM -11:30AM. We hope it will be a time to play and encourage one another.

Please reach out to Mary Bosshardt with any questions.

GATHER AND SHARE

Gather and Share is back. We'll kick off our fall meeting with a seasonal lentil stew supper with root veggies and a pomegranate garnish and hear one of our own women tell her story of God's faithfulness.

Details: Sunday, November 15, 6-8PM at Eve's house: *(4060 GA Hwy 157, Rising Fawn, GA).*

Please text your RSVP to 423-413-9224 or ever4buck@gmail.com. Y'all come and bring friends.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE AT RCF DURHAM

As we consider the best ways to steward the opportunities of growth that have been entrusted to us as one church in two locations, the Session of Rock Creek Fellowship has decided to begin a trial 9:00 AM worship service at our RCF Durham site beginning January 10, 2027.

So our plan will be to have THREE worship services per Sunday morning starting January 10, 2027 on a trial basis:

9:00 AM at RCF Lula Lake

9:00 AM at RCF Durham

10:45 AM at RCF Durham

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