

# ROCK CREEK FELLOWSHIP

November 1, 2026

9:00 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.

## Get Connected

If you are interested in getting connected or have any questions about RCF, please email our office at [office@rockcreekfellowship.org](mailto:office@rockcreekfellowship.org) or scan the QR code below.



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## 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*

## 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.

## 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*

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## Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Follow the QR Code to make an online gift.



## **Psalm 40**

I will sing, sing a new song (x4)

**1.** I waited patiently for the Lord  
He inclined and heard my cry  
He lifts me up out of the pits  
Out of the miry clay

I will sing, sing a new song  
I will sing, sing a new song  
How long to sing this song?  
How long to sing this song?  
How long, how long, how long  
How long to sing this song?

**2.** He set my feet upon a rock  
And made my footsteps firm  
Many will see  
Many will see and hear

I will sing, sing a new song  
I will sing, sing a new song  
How long to sing this song?  
How long to sing this song?  
How long, how long, how long  
How long to sing this song?

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Chris Bryant*

# 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

*Leigh Ann Theune*

#### **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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will honor you;  
cities of ruthless nations will revere you.

<sup>4</sup> 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

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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

<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup> "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"*

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## **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.*

## **Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

1. Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; Oh, receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none, Hangs my helpless soul on  
Thee; Leave, ah! leave me not alone, Still support and  
comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from  
Thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head With the shadow  
of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, More than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the  
blind. Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my  
sin; Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure  
within. Thou of life the fountain art, Freely let me take of  
Thee; Spring Thou up within my heart; Rise to all eternity.

## **Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling**

1. Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling

Calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching.

Watching for you and for me.

### **REFRAIN:**

Come home, come home

You who are weary, come home

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling

Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading

Pleading for you and for me

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies

Mercies for you and for me

### **REFRAIN**

3. O for the wonderful love he has promised

Promised for you and for me.

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon

Pardon for you and for me.

### **REFRAIN**

## **Near the Cross**

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross,

There a precious fountain;

Free to all, a healing stream,

Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

### **Refrain:**

In the cross, in the cross

Be my glory ever,  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

**2.** Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Shed His beams around me. [Refrain]

**3.** Near the cross! O lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]

**4.** Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever;  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river. [Refrain]

## **Closing Song**

**Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder,**     *The Ann Book, p.19*

## **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](mailto: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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT LULA

Sunday School for all ages is offered immediately following the service from 10:30-11:00AM. We would love to have you stay after and join us.



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## Sermon Notes



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