ROCK CREEK FELLOWSHIP

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9:00 AM



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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 Welcome code below.

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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *Hymn, pg. 797*

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.
We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.
—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,

Call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward,
In the triumph song of life.

Confession of Faith

(from the Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 1,2)

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.

Your Labor is Not in Vain

1. Your labor is not in vain,
Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
But your labor is not in vain.

2. Your labor is not unknown,
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
but your labor is not unknown.

Chorus
For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you.
I have called, called you by name.
Your labor is not in vain.

3. The vineyards you plant will bear fruit,
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will, at last, be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.
Chorus

4. The houses you labored to build,
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed,
and all that is broken be healed.
Chorus

Prayer of Thanksgiving *Janet Hulsey*

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

Confession of Sin

Father in Heaven, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

(Offer silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear, receive, and rest by faith upon the promises of God to all those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for all their confidence before God: *"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:9)

Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Reading *Peter Goss*

Isaiah 27:2-6

In that day—"Sing about a fruitful vineyard:
3 I, the LORD, watch over it;
I water it continually.
I guard it day and night
so that no one may harm it.
4 I am not angry.
If only there were briers and thorns confronting me!
I would march against them in battle;
I would set them all on fire.
5 Or else let them come to me for refuge;
let them make peace with me,
yes, let them make peace with me."
6 In days to come Jacob will take root,
Israel will bud and blossom
and fill all the world with fruit.

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

New Testament Reading

John 15:1-11

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **5** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**8** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. **9** "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord
All: **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Sermon *Pastor Eric*

The Abiding Presence: "*I Am the True Vine*"

Closing Song

Yet Not I

1. What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
Refrain 1
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
Refrain 2
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
Refrain 3
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever, is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4. With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

Refrain 4 (2x)

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Benediction

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us Sunday, December 6, from 6-8PM at RCF Durham for our annual Christmas party. We'll enjoy a catered dinner and an evening of caroling together. Please let us know you're coming by using the RSVP link found in our weekly "Announce" or on the sign-up sheet on the foyer table.. **Deadline to RSVP is Sunday, November 29.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristen Jelley.

THE MATRIARCH'S TABLE

All women 65 years and older are invited to a gathering of fellowship and refreshments on Thursday, December 10 from 10:00AM-12:00PM at RCF Lula Lake. Please let Connie Divens (443-310-0283), Jane Goss (478-230-1298) or Barbara Hoover (423-364-9242) if you plan to join us.

HOPE FOR CHATTANOOGA CHRISTMAS STORE

We are privileged to once again participate in Hope for Chattanooga's Christmas Store. The store provides families an opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for their children at half the price. Beginning next week, we'll be collecting toys and other items at both RCF Durham and RCF Lula Lake. **Deadline for toy drop-off is December 6.**
Toy needs include:

Boys: bikes, sports equipment (basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, bats and balls) books, toy trucks,hats, gloves, winter apparel, sleeping bags, tents, tablets

Girls: bikes, African-American Barbie dolls, African American baby dolls, books, crayons, markers, jewelry kits, dress-up kits, colored chalk, jump ropes, hoola hoops

Teens: electronic items, head phones, t-shirts, socks, winter apparel, bedding

Misc: board games, bluetooth speakers, puzzles, play-do, legos

Supply Needs: LOTS OF wrapping paper, bows, scissors, sharpies, various sized boxes, tape, name tags

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for all ages meets immediately following the service. We would love to have you join us.

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