



## ROEBUCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 10, 2017

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

*A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

*And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

Isaiah 40:1-5 (NIV)

## THE LORD'S DAY

*Morning Worship Service, 10:00 AM*

PRELUDE & INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† GREETING THE FAMILY OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP & RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 40:1-5—see front of bulletin

INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven;

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

† WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

"Once in Royal David's City," Hymn 155

† CONFESSING OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and our salvation came down from heaven, and was

incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

“Gloria Patri”

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

#### WORSHIPING GOD IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

##### † PRAISING GOD FOR HIS BOUNTY

“The Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

##### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

##### † WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

“Heavenly Host,” William Billings

Methinks I see a Heav'nly Host,  
Of Angels on the Wing;  
Methinks I hear their chearful Notes,

So merrily they sing:  
'Let all your Fears be banish'd hence,  
Glad Tidings I proclaim,  
For there's a Saviour born to Day,  
And Jesus is his Name.

Lay down your Crooks, and quit your Flocks,  
To Bethlehem repair;  
And let your wand'ring Steps be squared  
By yonder shining Star.  
Seek not in Courts or Palaces,  
Nor royal Curtains draw;  
But search the Stable, see your God  
Extended on the Straw.

Then suddenly a Heav'nly Host  
Around the Shepherds throng,  
Exulting in the threefold God  
And thus address their Song:  
'To God the Father, Christ the Son,  
And Holy Ghost ador'd;  
The First and Last, the Last and First,  
Eternal Praise afford.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG, the Choir

*Children 3 yrs. to 1<sup>st</sup> grade dismissed to children's church*

#### THE READING AND PREACHING OF THE WORD

“The Songs of Christmas: Zechariah's Song,” [Luke 1:68-80](#)

#### † RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory,” Hymn 131

#### † BENEDICTION

*Evening Worship Service, 6:00 PM.*

**Tonight's hymns:** 141, 137, Christmas hymn requests

**Tonight's message:** Exodus: The Story of Redemption, Part 4, [Exodus 19:5-6; 20:1-17](#)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The deacons will meet today at 5:00 PM.

The children will meet for play practice today at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary.

We will meet at Miracle Hill this Wednesday to serve a meal from 6:30–8:30 PM. The address is 189 N. Forrest St. Spartanburg, 29301, and you may enter at the front door. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec 17 at 6:00 PM. Please bring finger foods and desserts for afterwards.

Youth Group will not meet 12/24, 31, and 1/7.

Christmas schedule: Sunday, Dec 24: 10:00 AM service only (no Sunday School or evening worship); Sunday, Dec 31: Sunday School and 10:00 AM worship (no evening service).

#### **TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:**

Greeter: Eddie West (we lock the church doors at 10:00 but the greeter will admit you if you come afterwards)

Nursery AM: Joyce Outz, Allyson Nelson

Nursery PM: Dan & Nancy Fulmer

Church cleaning: E. L. & Joyce Outz (before Dec 17)

#### **NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS:**

Greeter: David Busch

Nursery AM: Jennifer Amick, Libby Hughes

Nursery PM: Eddie & Mickey West

Church cleaning: Dan & Nancy Fulmer (before Dec 24)

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING** \$5,426.00 (weekly budget: \$1,840.77).

## **ROEBUCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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Sunday School, 9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM

Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study resumes January 10

#### **The Doctrine of Our Church**

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and life. We believe the doctrines of the Bible are best summarized by and contained in the [Westminster Confession of Faith](#) and [Shorter](#) and [Larger](#) Catechisms, which form the standards of the Reformed Faith to which we adhere. Roebuck Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America ([PCA](#)).

#### **Church Membership**

We believe that every Christian should be a member of a Bible-believing, Gospel-preaching church. The only requirement for church membership is a credible testimony of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. You are cordially invited to unite with this church in worship, fellowship, and service to our Lord. If this is your desire, then please speak to the pastor or one of the officers. You may be received as a member by profession of faith, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer of membership.

#### **Church Officers and Staff**

Pastor: Richard Winston, 864-607-6165, [richard.bbc@gmail.com](mailto:richard.bbc@gmail.com)

Elders: Rik Hollifield (Stated Clerk), Aaron Fulmer, Tom Lindsey, Donald McAbee, E. L. Outz

Deacons: Alan Washburn (Chairman), Lee Amick, Wade Bruce, Jonathan McAbee, Phillip McArthur, Tim Nelson, Eddie West

Music ministry: Joan McAbee (Choir director), Nancy Smith (Organist), Ava Hughes (Pianist)

#### **Missionaries and Ministries We Support (quarterly)**

Rev. & Mrs. Clete (Karen) Hux (ARC, Birmingham, AL)—\$200

Mr. & Mrs. Marc (Aline) Mailloux (MTW, International)—\$208

Mr. & Mrs. David (Robin) White (MTW, Atlanta)—\$208

Rev. & Mrs. David (Mary Beth) Ely (RUF, Furman)—\$200

Rev. & Mrs. Rick (Beth) Brawner (RUF, Clemson)—\$200

Mrs. Alice Hatch (MTW, International Counselor)—\$208

Mr. & Mrs. Peter (Diane) Bakelaar (MTW, Japan)—\$200

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald (Debbie) May (TEAM, Japan)—\$100

Dr. & Mrs. Tom (Lucy) Wright (MTW, Africa)—\$208

Miss Becky White (MTW, Taiwan)—\$208

Child Evangelism Fellowship—annual gift

Carolina Pregnancy Center—annual gift

Gideons International—annual gift