



**ROEBUCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
December 18, 2022

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

*You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might;  
come and save us.*

Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

*How long, LORD God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the  
prayers of your people?*

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

*You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies  
mock us. Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we  
may be saved.*

Psalm 80:1-7 (NIV)

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
*Morning Worship Service, 10:00 AM*

**BELL RINGING**

**PRELUDE**  
"The Birthday of a King"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP & RESPONSIVE READING**  
Psalm 80:1-7 (NIV)—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.

† **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Angels We Have Heard on High," Hymn 214

† **CONFESSING OUR FAITH**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 & OFFERINGS**

“O Holy Night,” offertory

### **+ 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.

### **+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **+ HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly,” Hymn 216

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Philippians 3:19–21 (NIV)

Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Isaiah 55:7 (NIV)

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

### **MUSICAL OFFERING—THE CHOIR**

### **THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD**

“What Christ’s Coming Says to Us and the World,” [Isaiah 40:1–11](#)

### **+ HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“As with Gladness Men of Old,” Hymn 226

### **+ BENEDICTION**

Philippians 4:23 (NIV)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

*+ Congregation will stand*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bob & Mae Cribb thank everyone in the church for their visits, cards, prayers, and food following James' passing

Tonight is the Children's Christmas program at 6:00 PM. Please bring finger foods.

For Christmas Sunday we will have worship at 10:00 AM with communion (no Sunday School or evening service).

On Sun, Jan 1, there will be no evening service.

## THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS:

Nursery AM: Phyllis Mauldin, Vivian Bruce  
Bell ringer: Greta Fulmer

## NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS:

Nursery AM: Brenda McArthur, Greta Fulmer  
Bell ringer: Coleman Fulmer

**LAST MONTH'S OFFERING** (Nov): \$13,471.00 (monthly budget for 2022: \$13,583.00).

**SERMON NOTES:** What Christ's coming says to us and the world.

1. God ends our punishment (vv. 1-2).
2. God lives with us (vv. 3-5).
3. God acts faithfully when we do not (vv. 6-8).
4. God loves us and others (vv. 9-11).

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Sunday School, 9:00 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship and Youth Group, 6:00 PM

### What does Roebuck Presbyterian Church believe?

Our foundational belief is that the Bible is God's Word, the ultimate standard for what we believe and how we live. The Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Shorter and Larger Catechisms define our beliefs in key areas of Christian faith and practice. Adherence to the gospel constitutes the most essential mark of a Christian and a Christian church (Rom 1:1-7, 16-17; 1 Cor 15:1-11).

### What is the mission of Roebuck Presbyterian Church?

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he commissioned the church to "make disciples of all nations" (Mat 28:19). The ministry of the local church equips believers to fulfill this mission (Eph 4:7-16). Therefore, RPC exists to glorify God by strengthening believers and evangelizing unbelievers (mission). We strive to be a gospel-centered church that produces mature disciples for Roebuck, Spartanburg county, and beyond (vision). To accomplish this mission, we prioritize the Word and worship, shepherding and holy living, fellowship and relationships, and outreach and community service.

### Church Officers and Staff

Pastor: Richard Winston, 864-607-6165, [richard@roebuckpca.com](mailto:richard@roebuckpca.com)  
Elders: Wade Bruce (Stated Clerk), Aaron Fulmer, Rik Hollifield, Donald McAbee, E. L. Outz  
Deacons: David Hunter (chairman), Lee Amick, Graham Brooks, Jonathan McAbee, Phillip McArthur, Eddie West  
Music ministry: Joan McAbee (Choir director), Nancy Smith (Organist), Ava Hughes (Pianist)

### Missionaries and Ministries We Support (quarterly)

Peter & Diane Bakelaar (MTW, Japan)—\$250  
Brian & Missy Howard (RUF, Clemson)—\$125  
Tom & Chané Hart (RUF, Furman)—\$125  
Rachel Bauserman (MTW, Japan)—\$250  
Clete & Karen Hux (ARC, Birmingham, AL)—\$250  
Marc & Aline Mailloux (MTW, International)—\$250  
Brian & Megan Moore (MTW, Germany)—\$250  
Gerald & Debbie May (TEAM, Japan)—\$250  
Tony & Janice Rogers (Metanoia, SC Prisons)—\$250  
Becky White (MTW, Taiwan)—\$250  
David & Robin White (MTW, Atlanta)—\$250  
Tom & Lucy Wright (MTW, Africa)—\$250  
Child Evangelism Fellowship—annual gift  
Carolina Pregnancy Center—annual gift  
Gideons International—annual gift