

ROEBUCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH April 30, 2023

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.

We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:3–7 (NIV)

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

CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE "My Saviour First of All"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP & RESPONSIVE READING Titus 3:3–7 (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** "And Can It Be That I Should Gain," Hymn 455

⁺ **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 "Because He Lives," 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

"The Power of the Cross," CCLI #11270136

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day Christ on the road to Calvary Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then Nailed to the cross of wood

Refrain:

This the power of the cross Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on your face Bearing the awesome weight of sin Every bitter thought every evil deed Crowning your blood stained brow

Refrain Now the day light flees, now the ground beneath Quakes as its maker bows his head Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life Finished, the victory cry

Refrain

Oh to see my name written in the wounds For through your suffering I am free Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live Won through your selfless love

Refrain.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Father, we confess that we may approach you with our mouths and our lips, when our hearts are not in worship. We confess that we offer to you that which costs us little. Though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, gifts, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your laws when it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us of our many debts! Cleanse us and give us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 45:21–22

MUSICAL OFFERING—THE CHOIR

THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD

"The New Life Jesus Gives Us Through the Spirit," John 3:1–16

⁺ HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Amazing Grace," Hymn 460

+ BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fifth Sunday joint worship meets this evening at Mt. Calvary at 6:00 PM. Dr. Pipa will preach and there will be a meal afterwards.

We will have a Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday, May 14 at 9:00 AM.

THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS:

Nursery AM: Phyllis Mauldin, Vivian Bruce Stream team: David Hyslop

NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS:

Nursery AM: Brenda McArthur, Greta Fulmer Stream team: Vivian Bruce (AM), David Hyslop (PM)

LAST MONTH'S OFFERING (Mar): \$18,267.00 (monthly budget for Mar: \$12,634.00).

SERMON NOTES: The new life Jesus gives us through the Spirit.

- 1. We need new life from the Spirit in order to experience God's reign (vv. 1–8).
- 2. Jesus provides and invites us into this transformative new life (vv. 9–16).

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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 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: Lorry Bruce (Choir director), Nancy Smith (Organist), Ava Hughes (Pianist)

Missionaries and Ministries We Support (quarterly)

Peter & Diane Bakelaar (MTW, Japan)—\$250 Todd & Shannon Buchner (CTC)—\$250 Brian & Missy Howard (RUFI, 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 Shori & Saki Šunagawa (MTW, Next)—\$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