



## ROEBUCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 31, 2025

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

*(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)*

and find out what pleases the Lord.

*Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.*

But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

*This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”*

Ephesians 5:8–11, 13–14 (NIV)

## THE LORD’S DAY – AUGUST 31, 2025

*Morning Worship Service, 10:00 AM*

### PRELUDE – CHIMING THE HOUR

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP & RESPONSIVE READING

Ephesians 5:8-11, 13-14 (NIV) - *front of the 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:

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*, Hymn 521 (all)

#### † 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 WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory: *What If It Were Today?*

#### † 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

#### † HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:      *Speak, O Lord* (insert)

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION      Based on Matthew 5:7–9

O Lord, we have not lived by the priorities of the kingdom of heaven, and we have not called “blessed” what You have called “blessed.”

*You have said, “Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy,” But we have been harsh and unforgiving. O Lord, have mercy upon us.*

You have said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God,” But we have fomented discontent and added to disputes instead of seeking peace and reconciliation.

*O Lord, we confess that the values of the kingdom of Christ have been held in low esteem by us.*

Forgive us, as we repent of having our affections set on this world’s values, and give us the mind of Christ, that we might live godly and uprightly in this world. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON      Psalm 28:6–7 (ESV)

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

#### THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD:

*Salt and Light in a Covenant World* - Matthew 5:13-16  
Rev. Todd Buchner

#### † HYMN:      **I Know Whom I Have Believed**, Hymn 705 (all)

#### † BENEDICTION

† *Those able, please stand.*

SERMON NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WELCOME back Rev. Todd Buchner today. Thank you for bringing God’s message to us!

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm: Mt. Calvary Presbyterian Church is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service this month. Refreshments follow.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH (WIC): There will be a special Guest Speaker at the WIC meeting on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to come and enjoy this time of devotion and fellowship.

VOLUNTEERS:

Date	Nursery	Stream Team
August 31	Nancy Fulmer Sasha Cunningham	Graham Brooks
September 7	Jennifer Amick Joyce Outz	Jonathan McAbee
September 14	Sasha Cunningham Jennifer Brooks	Grayson Fulmer
September 21	Terry Bennett Brenda McArthur	Wade Bruce

GIVING	Budget	Actual Tithes/Offerings
Month of July	\$12,385	\$17,720
Year to Date	\$92,885	\$103,461

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our Nation & Leaders, local/state/national
- Church Officers and Ministries of the Church; Missionaries
- Our Church Family, the sick, and the homebound

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*Strengthen the church, evangelize the world.*

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[www.roebuckpca.com](http://www.roebuckpca.com), [Facebook.com/RoebuckPCA](https://www.facebook.com/RoebuckPCA)  
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 AM; Morning Worship, 10 AM;  
Evening Worship and Youth Group, 6 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” (Matt. 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

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

**Deacons:** Graham Brooks (Chair), Lee Amick, Jonathan McAbee, Phillip McArthur, Eddie West

**Music Ministry:** Lorry Bruce (Choir Director), Nancy Smith (Organist), Ava Hughes (Pianist)

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REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW