



ROEBUCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 19, 2023

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.

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
Morning Worship Service, 10:00 AM

CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE
“Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP & RESPONSIVE READING
Ephesians 5:8–11, 13–14 (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**

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood,” Hymn 253

† **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 Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go,” 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

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed,” Hymn 254

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Based on Matthew 5:3–9

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 poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,”

But we have been proud and desired earthly recognition.

You have said “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted,”

But, instead of mourning over our sin, we have denied it or hidden it.

You have said “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled,”

But, instead of earnestly desiring to be righteous, we have simply longed for more of this world’s goods.

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 for 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

MUSICAL OFFERING—THE CHOIR

THE READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Jesus Endured Our Darkness So That We Can Live in the Light,” [John 12:20–36](#)

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” Hymn 498

+ BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:11

+ Congregation will stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Evening message: "Further Reasons Why Paul Changed His Travel Plans," [2 Corinthians 2:1-17](#)

Evening hymns: 116, 708, 334

If you are interested in joining a small group for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

We will have a church lunch on April 2 after the morning service. Church will provide the meat; everyone please bring side dishes and desserts. There will also be an egg hunt for the kids.

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

LAST MONTH'S OFFERING (Feb): \$13,621.00 (monthly budget for Feb: \$12,634.00).

SERMON NOTES: Jesus endured our darkness so that we can live in the light.

1. What did Jesus endure for us? (vv. 20-24, 27-33).
2. How can we follow Jesus? (vv. 25-26, 34-36).

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STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH, EVANGELIZE THE WORLD
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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 (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
Shori & Saki Sunagawa (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