

RPC NEWSLETTER



A Report From the 2026 ECO National Gathering (Atlanta, GA)

The ECO (Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) National Gathering was held in Atlanta the first week of February, and was a Holy Spirit filled, weeklong event centered on worship, encouragement of pastors and elders, and a time of equipping the church. This year's theme, "Called," was drawn from the Book of Esther (4:14) and each of the speakers used this to remind us that we are all "called" into the service of Jesus Christ, our Lord, whether as pastors, elders, or covenant partners. God's plan is to use every one of us in unique and powerful ways to live out that calling. The same can be said for each of our churches. The Lord calls our churches to be witnesses; salt and light. This is an important challenge, since the church faces complex cultural challenges, guiding our communities through uncertain times, and prayerfully discerning faithful next steps for the sake of the gospel.

The National Gathering provided us space to slow down, listen and reflect on the messages of challenge and grace, and to be reminded that God is actively at work, calling his people to deeper faith, bold leadership, and renewed confidence in him. Throughout the week, we received practical resources and meaningful encouragement to strengthen the church and more effectively engage and serve our local communities. Worship was led by Brandon Muchow of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, guiding more than 1,500 Presbyterians in praise. It was an awe-inspiring experience to witness so many followers of Jesus gathered together, lifting their hands and raising their voices in unity as we sang of God's faithfulness. Worship concluded with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, further uniting us as the body of Christ fully reliant on the Grace of God.

"Called" by God to lead this particular Rock church forward, we also took time in Atlanta to gather as the Presbytery of South Carolina to conduct our regional business, and then in the full body of the Synod, to consider and vote on matters brought forward since the National Gathering of 2024. Even amidst the weight and seriousness of denominational business, the desire to glorify God remained central to every discussion and vote. During this voting session, we were given the opportunity to hear from ministry leaders and ECO partners serving around the world, including many from Africa and South America. Each leader shared how their particular reformed bodies are advancing the gospel to the ends of the earth and inviting us, as a denomination, to partner with them in proclaiming the Word of God.

On behalf of Dr. Leonard, who was also in attendance, I thank you for your support of our ECO denomination. Great things are happening. All for the Glory of God!

Blessings,

Rev. Marshall Steinle

YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!



IMPORTANT DATES!!

- Easter Egg-stavaganaza
April 4
- Hot Ones Challenge
April 26
- Youth Sunday
May 10
- Senior Recognition RFS
May 20

Sunday Night Live

Hot Ones Challenge



Come watch Chris and Marshall take on the Hot Ones Gauntlet!

April 26!! During SNL @5pm in the MPB

Wings Dinner for the Youth. Bring your friends

9am and 11am Services in MPB

May 10



Youth Sunday

May 10

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5



Second Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, April 12

10:00 a.m.

Mission House



Rock JAM

Family Easter EGGStravaganza



Rock Presbyterian Church, ECO
invites your family to join us on
Saturday, April 4, 10-11:30am

Bring the whole family for Chick-fil-A breakfast,
crafts, a walk through the Easter story,
and an EASTER EGG HUNT!



Please Join Us on Easter Sunday, April 5

 at 9:00am or 11:00am to worship
and celebrate our Risen Lord!
(Sunday School for all ages at 10am)

RPC is located at 122 Rock Church Road NW ~ www.rpcgwd.org

April Activities:

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Saturday, April 4:

RPC Easter Eggstravaganza @ 10am!



Easter Sunday, April 5:

He is Risen! No Rock JAM



April 12: Rock JAM

Parent Helpers: Snelling & Snelling
Second Sunday Children's Service @ 9am!

April 19: Rock JAM

Parent Helpers: Edwards & Fletcher

April 26 & May 3: Rock JAM

Dinner Provided

Second Sunday

Children's Service:

Breakfast, Music & More!

After the 9am Children's Message:

January 11	April 12
February 8	May 10
March 8	June 14



RPC VBS 2026

JOIN US FOR ROCK PRES VBS!
JUNE 8 - 11, 9AM - NOON
RISING 4K - 5TH GRADE

Rock Presbyterian Church, ECO
REGISTER @ www.rpcgwd.org or scan QR

Cokesbury Kids
**SNOWBALL
MOUNTAIN
CHALLENGE**

FIND
YOUR
STRENGTH
IN GOD



We are excited to announce our
2026 RPC VBS...

Snowball Mountain Challenge!

This VBS program will transform our church into a snowy mountaintop experience filled with laughter, life lessons, and lasting faith. As children face their challenges and discover their strength in God, you'll hear them say, "Challenge accepted – with God I am strong."

Here's the link to register:

<https://forms.gle/CRddKWv47bZ6omN18>



Calling all RPC Family!! Don't miss a delicious meal of ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, and dessert. Gluten free and children's options available, too. There's sure to be lots of fun and fellowship as we enjoy a kid friendly program. Sign up with bulletin insert, fellowship folder, or contact the church office. Cost is \$5/adults, \$3/children, and Free for those under 2.

Stewardship

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Too Little Money or Too Much Lifestyle

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-too-little-money-or-too-much-lifestyle/>

Check out www.crown.org for other financial resources.

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Worship

April Childcare



Nursery

Date	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
April 5 Easter Sunday	Patty Reagin	Ann Stevenson	Diane Easterlin
April 12	Shelley Botchie	Laura Snelling	Ellen Warner
April 19	Mary Ann Edwards	Julia McClanahan	Carolyn Fish
April 26	Angela Easterling	Beth Taylor	Mary Catherine McCartha

April Sermons *Livestream available on Facebook/YouTube at 11:00 a.m..*

Sermon Series: Jesus' Last Words From the Cross

April 3, Noon	Good Friday Service of the Cross	RPC Sanctuary
April 5, Easter Sunday	Sunrise Service, 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. What If? Would It Matter? Luke 24:1-6	Rev. Marshall Steinle Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
April 12	Come See, Go Tell! Matthew 28:5-7	Rev. David Turner
April 19	A.B.C. Matthew 28:16-20	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
April 26	A Quiet Faith That Speaks Volumes Mark 1:16-18	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard

April Ushers: *Robert & Peggy Hawkins

April Communion: 9:00 a.m. Dianne Salter, Patty Clark
11:00 a.m. Beth Armstrong, Pam Griffin



Childcare is available for all services.



Rock Presbyterian Church (ECO)

"Holy Week Worship 2026"

Palm Sunday, March 29
Palm Procession and Children's Choir
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
Message: "A Holy Week"
Matthew 21: selected
Dr. Chris Leonard

Maundy Thursday, April 2
6:00 p.m. ***Greenwood ARP Church***

Good Friday Prayer Vigil, April 3
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
RPC Sanctuary and Prayer Room are open for all who wish to keep this vigil.

Good Friday, April 3
12:00 p.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary
"It Is Finished" (by Mary McDonald) will be presented by the adult choir and accompanied by piano, instrumental ensemble, and percussion. This powerful music and narration chronicles the events of the last week of the life of Jesus.

Holy Saturday, April 4
Easter EGGStravaganza
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (church grounds)
All children through 5th grade and their families are invited for a wonderful time of Easter crafts, walking through the Easter story, a Chick-fil-A brunch, and an Easter egg hunt!

Easter Sunday, April 5
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
9:00 a.m. Easter Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
9:50 a.m. Light breakfast and Adult/Youth Gathering in the fellowship hall
11:00 a.m. Easter Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Message: "What If? Would It Matter?"
Luk 24:1-6
Dr. Chris Leonard

On Easter Sunday, a cross will be placed by the front sanctuary doors and you are encouraged to bring flowers to "flower the cross" when you arrive on Easter morning.

Childcare is provided for all services of worship for children age 4 and under.

Music Notes from the Piano Bench by Sandra Hix

Easter Hymns



There are several hymns we commonly sing on Easter Sunday morning: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today", "Christ Arose", "He Is Lord", and "He Lives". The hymn "He Lives", in our hymnal # 269, was written by Presbyterian minister Alfred H. Ackley. Alfred Henry Ackley was born January 21, 1887 in Spring Hill, Pennsylvania. He was the youngest son of Stanley Frank Ackley. His father taught him music and then he attended the Royal Academy of Music in London, England. He graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary in Maryland and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1914. He served churches in Pennsylvania and California.



Miscellaneous Church News

**SPRING
WORK DAY!**

Saturday, April 11th - 9:00 AM

- Helene Cleanup in the Slave Cemetery
- Organizing Storage Behind Church Office
- Removing Dead Trees by the Playground
- Other Spring Cleanup

Meet at the Welcome Center at 9:00 AM!

**FOOD
FELLOWSHIP
★ FAITH ★**

**MEN'S
STEAK
DINNER**

**APRIL 25TH
AT 6:00 PM**

**ALL AGES INVITED
3 TO 93**

Celebrations...

Happy Birthday

4/2	Judy Markell Jane Price Cyrus Sanders	4/19	Thomas Gasque Ronnie Markell Suzanne Ramage
4/4	Lisa Bledsoe Connor Fagan Ian Fagan Max Snelling	4/20	Alex Clayton Susan Jennings Sue McFarland Mary Schwab Melinda Snelling
4/5	Roland Snelling George Young, III	4/22	Savannah Edwards
4/6	Aidan Warner	4/23	Scott Bledsoe
4/7	Adalyn Croyle	4/26	Karen Hicks
4/8	Leah Johnson Reese Miller	4/27	Mary Kathryn Dill
4/9	Mary Ann Gulbach Bob Pacheco	4/28	Libby Croyle
4/11	Josh Dunford Kim Rodgers	4/29	Laurie Cordell
4/13	Danny Doss	4/30	Katherine Martin Joel Peterson
4/14	Rhett Brock Lindsay Jones Jackson Palmer Jimmy Sweezy, Jr.	Happy Anniversary	
4/16	Neeley Reagin	4/1	Tommy & Courtney Tsai
4/17	Mary Jane Bates Landen Chasteen Cassandra Figueroa Katie Piontek	4/2	Gerald & Donna Brooks
4/18	Teresa Fox Gary Scott	4/7	Mark & Rhonda Merritt
		4/10	Jim & Stacy Slagle
		4/11	Chris Dunford & Mary Ann Edwards Joe Howlett & Toni Sample
		4/14	Randy & Kathy McDaniel
		4/17	Chris & Dianne Salter
		4/21	Daniel & Kelsey Bannister
		4/26	Dennis & Debbie Dill
		4/28	Matt & Kelsey Reynolds

Rock of Ages

March Rock of Ages had 50 covenant partners to enjoy lunch and fellowship together. We hope to see that many (and more) for our luncheon on May 4, at 12 Noon. No sign up required, just come and enjoy a time together!

“One Can” Ministry

RPC’s One Can Ministry continues each week! You generously gave 87 lbs. Please bring non-perishables each Sunday to place in either of the bins located in the CE Building or the Welcome Center.

Please no expired food.



CrossRoads Women’s Center Road to Life presents

Tim Tebow

Thursday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.
Lander University, Finis Horne Arena

This signature annual event brings together supporters from across the Lakelands to champion life, strengthen families, and build a hopeful future for our community.

Proceeds from this event directly support CrossRoads Women’s Center’s mission to protect life, provide compassionate care, and empower families through education, resources, and long-term support across Greenwood, Abbeville, Laurens, Saluda, Edgefield, and McCormick counties.

Purchase Tickets at crossroadspregnancycenter.org

RPC GOLF ANNUAL MEN’S TOURNAMENT

Sat, May 30th
The Fort Club in 96
Shotgun Start 8am
Lunch & Awards immediately after



Questions?
Contact
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*Please keep in your prayers
Church Family at home*

Steve Edwards
Lib Grier
Katherine Martin
Mac Myers (Ashley Square)
Pat Poole (Martha Franks Retirement Community)
Lee Sautter (Wesley Commons)
Bill Scott
Julia Smith (Wesley Commons)

Active Duty Military

Felipe Denis Blengio (Susan Judge's grandson)
Andrew Heath (Ken & Robin Leach's son-in-law)
Adam Hix (son of Jeff & Sandra Hix)

Active Reserve Duty Military

Will Chard (David & Christine Gray's son)
Chris Miller
Craig Watkins

**Rock Presbyterian Church wishes to express
Christian Sympathy to...**

*Kenny & Jenny Craig in the passing of Kenny's mother, Shoko
Craig*

*Brock & Chelsey Steifle and family in the death of Brock's
father, Gregg Steifle*



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