

Rock Presbyterian Church (ECO) Advent & Christmas 2025



"The Three Gifts of Christmas"

Sunday, November 30 Dr. Chris Leonard

Isaiah 9:6-7 & Luke 1:26-33

Sunday, December 7 Christmastime - The True Reason for the Season Sanctuary Choir

9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m. Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 14 Frankincense Dr. Chris Leonard

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Sunday, December 22 Dr. Chris Leonard Mvrrh

Luke 2:8-14

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Services Dr. Chris Leonard

The Greatest Gift Ever Given

The Joy After Christmas

(5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship in MPB; 7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary)

Luke 2:25-35 (One service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary)

Childcare is available for all services. Livestream on Facebook/YouTube page.

Join Us for Christmas Eve Worship, Wednesday, December 24

Contemporary - 5:00 p.m.; Traditional - 7:00 p.m.

The two evening services of worship will include lessons, carols, communion, and candle lighting. Both services will be livestreamed on our Rock Facebook page.

WOC CHRISTMAS CASSEROLE DINNER

Thursday, December 4, 6:00 p.m. (MPB)

All women are invited to enjoy a festive time together with their sisters in Christ. Just bring a dish to share. Deanna Steinle is our speaker. A love offering will be received.

MEN'S DECEMBER PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 6, 8:00 a.m.

All church men (regardless of age) invited to the Mission House at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, and a brief devotion.

SANTA ROAD CLEAN

Sunday, December 28

Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to come help beautify our stretch of the highway and wear your best Santa or Christmas hat!

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

Sunday, December 7

Thank you for your support of this ministry. Wrapped gifts are dué back by Sunday, December 7

SANCTUARY CHOIR CANTATA "CHRISTMASTIME, THE TRUE REASON FOR THE SEASON'

Sunday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Sanctuary Choir with the Rock Children's Choir and Youth will present a musical message "Christmastime - The True Reason for the Season" at both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 .a.m., in our church sanctuary. With all of the decrations, parties, family gatherings, and busyness of the season, come hear the message of Jesus Christ coming to bring redemption to our fallen world. Have you made a personnel decision to make Jesus your Savior? He came to bring you peace, love, hope, and joy.

ROCK JAM CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 7, 5:00 p.m. (FH)Children 4K through 5th grade are invited to join us! We'll celebrate Jesus' birthday and decorate gingerbread houses. Dinner provided!

Rev. Marshall Steinle

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 7, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (MH) Come celebrate with food, games, and plenty of Christmas cheer! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater and get ready for a joyful evening of fun and fellowship!

CONGREGATIONAL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 14, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

You are invited to an open house at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Chris Leonard (Forest Hills). Come and enjoy a time of good food and warm Christian fellowship. **sponsored by the Cong. Care Team**

DECEMBER FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday, December 17, 5:45 p.m.

Join the church family for a covered dish meal to share as we celebrate the Christmas season with trivia and caroling led by the Festive RPC Staff. Please bring a dish that will feed 8-10 people! Desserts provided by the church. No sign up needed.

One worship service on Sunday, December 28, 10:00 a.m., in the sanctuary.

YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!



As we joyfully anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth our schedules fill up. In the coming weeks, several of our youth will be participating in the Cantata, helping with the Angel Tree, and enjoying some well-deserved time away from school.

The excitement continues into 2026! We're looking forward to our ski trip, DNow, serving our community in the name of Jesus Christ, and gearing up for an unforgettable week of summer camp.



And a good time was had by all!!

Decorating the Mission House for Christmas.







Second Sunday Breakfast Christmas Celebration 10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 14 Mission House

Rock JAM











SECOND SUNDAY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 14

All children K4-5th grade are invited immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Christmas children's message for Bible time, music, snacks, crafts, and more in the fellowship hall.





Rock Family Supper Wednesday, December 17 5:45 p.m., MPB

Calling all church family!! You are invited for a festive covered dish meal and lots of Christmas cheer. There will be Bible trivia, a brief devotion, and Christmas caroling led by the RPC Festive Staff Choir. No sign ups needed! Just come and bring a dish to share with 8-10 people. Dessert will be provided by the church.

Stewardship

ASK CHUCK:



How to Be Generous in a Selfish World:

https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-how-to-be-generous-in-a-selfish-world/

Avoid the Holiday Debt Hangover this Year:

https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-avoid-the-holiday-debt-hangover-this-year/

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

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Worship



December Childcare

	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
December 7	Ginny Edwards	Patty Reagin	JoAnn Wolf
December 14	Ellen Warner	Laura Snelling	Diane Easterlin
December 21	Angela Easterling	Amy Williams	Ann Stevenson
December 28 One Service 10:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Edwards	Julia McClanahan	Carolyn Fish

December Sermons Livestream available on Facebook/YouTube.

Sunday 7 Christmastime - The True Reason for the Season RPC Sanctuary Choir

2nd Sunday of Advent Christmas Cantata

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3rd Sunday of Advent Frankincense

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

December 21 The Three Gifts of Christmas Dr. Chris Leonard

4th Sunday of Advent

Myrrh

Lulu 2.9

Luke 2:8-14

December 24 Christmas Eve Services Dr. Chris Leonard

5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. The Greatest Gift Ever Received

December 28 The Joy After Christmas Rev. Marshall Steinle

One Service, 10:00 a.m. Luke 2:25-35

November Ushers: *Tom Watkins and Mike Hobbs

Christmas Eve Communion: 5:00 p.m. Kaye and Tammy Brock

7:00 p.m. Linda Kellam

Childcare is available for all services.



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Purchase a Poinsettia for Christmas

Cost is \$25. Sign up to purchase a beautiful poinsettia in honor or in memory of your loved one(s) during this holiday season and also help decorate the church for Christmas. Deadline to purchase one is Sunday, December 7. Poinsettias will be kept through the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home following the service. Those left will be donated or discarded.

🛂 Music Notes from the Piano Bench by Sandra Hix

Charles Wesley

Charles Wesley has been given the title "greatest hymn writer of all ages". He was born in Epworth England in 1707, the 18th and youngest son of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. He studied at the Westminster School. In 1726 he was elected to a Westminster studentship at Christ Church, Oxford, England where he earned his degree in 1729. During his time at Christ Church he grew in his Christian faith and began his evangelistic ministry. In April, 1749 he married Miss Sarah Gwynne. Together they had a large family, three sons who became distinguished in the musical world, and one daughter who inherited his poetry skills. The family traveled throughout England while Charles continued his ministry. Eventually the family settled back in London where he died in March of 1788.



Merry Christmas holidays! We will have our ladies casserole dinner on Thursday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the MPB. All ladies are invited and encouraged to come bring a casserole (or salad or dessert or whatever strikes your fancy) and enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Our speaker will be our own Deanna Steinle. She will tell us about her Resilience is Beautiful foundation. We will not have a Women's Council meeting in December. Merry Christmas and blessings for a glorious and safe holiday season.

Linda Goldstein

Evangelism/Missions

Congregational Christmas Open House Drop In

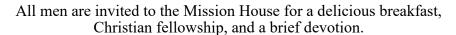


Sunday, December 14 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Calling all church family!! You are invited to the home of Dr. & Mrs. Leonard for a Christmas Drop In. Come and meet your church family while enjoying some Christmas goodies & cheer.

Miscellaneous Church News

Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, December 6, 8:00 a.m.







Wreaths of Remembrance will be placed on veterans graves in the Rock Church Cemetery on Saturday, December 13 at 1:00 p.m. Any questions contact Bob Lentz.

ROCK OF AGES

ROA had 52 in attendance for our November potluck luncheon. We enjoyed time with Debby Plumstead Marshall and learning about her role at Presbyterian Communities. We are looking forward to our January gathering! Date will be announced later.





"One Can" Ministry

RPC's One Can Ministry continues each week! You generously gave 258 lbs. of food in November. 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*.

Celebrations...

Happy Birthday

12/1 Lee Goldstein Greg Stevens

- 12/2 Beth Armstrong Mary Davidson Lauren Williams
- 12/3 Michael Shiles
- 12/4 Tod Wilson
- 12/5 Jim Hicks
- 12/6 Mary Catherin McCartha Beverly Sautter
- 12/8 Barbara Kaufman-Sienkiewicz
- 12/9 Ray Lewis Jacquelyn Ragan Scarlett Scheirer
- 12/10 Ann Butler Jeff McCulloch
- 12/11 Paul Pridmore Sarah Jane Scheirer
- 12/12 Robert Hawkins
- 12/13 Mark Dunford
- 12/14 Aubrey Fox Graham Sullivan
- 12/15 Ken Coesens Jay Griffin Sarah Luke
- 12/16 Micah Botchie Jeanne Cornelsen Missy Tripp
- 12/17 Sean Cornelsen
- 12/18 Thomas Black Mundy Price
- 12/19 Jim Martin Alex Snelling
- 12/21 Kelsey Bannister Jack Croyle
- 12/22 Paulann Benfield Kaley Humphrey Ann Weaver
- 12/24 Dave Grant
- 12/28 Nick Marshall Tim Marshall
- 12/29 Van Newell Kerri Lauren Nickles
- 12/30 Brandy White
- 12/31 Roger Collins



Welcome New Covenant Partners



The RPC 2025 Confirmation Class

Front: Haleigh Edwards, Kennedy Crawford, Lauren Williams, Caroline McCartha, Abby Hinson

Back: Luke Turner, Astrid Sisiam, Makayla Nichols, Natalee Price, Sophie Sienkiewicz

Natalee Price, Sophie Sienkiewicz Marshall Steinle, pastor and teacher



Julie Driver

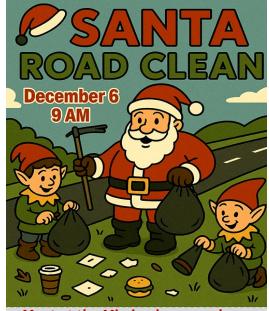


Campbell Driver



Happy Anniversary

- 12/8 Steve & Susan Chasteen
- 12/11 Don & Lynn Johnson
- 12/12 Scott & Lisa Bledsoe
- 12/15 George & Mary Schwab
- 12/16 Joe & Susan Prothro
- 12/20 Van & Beth Taylor
- 12/22 Roland & Kelly Snelling
- 12/29 Herman & Alison Fletcher Denny & Christy Layne
- 12/30 Larry & Karen Rollison



Meet at the Mission house and wear your favorite Christmas Hat/Outfit.

Please keep in your prayers Church Family at home

Bill Cochran
Lib Grier
Katherine Martin
Mac Myers (Ashley Square)
Pat Poole (Martha Franks Retirement Community)
Lee Sautter (Wesley Commons)

Active Duty Military

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

Mark and Teresa Fox and family in the death of Mark's mother

Thank you to all those known and unknown women from Rock who contributed nearly 400 pieces of home made treasures that were collected for the Presbyterian Community Christmas Sale. Rev. Plumstead-Marshall was overwhelmed by our generosity and the residents reaped the joy of shopping for themselves and their loved ones. There is no doubt Rock Covenant Partners are generous and loving in so many ways. Thank you. Judy

WAILING LABEL

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