



Rock Presbyterian Church (ECO)

Advent & Christmas 2025

"The Three Gifts of Christmas"

Sunday, November 30	<i>Gold</i> Isaiah 9:6-7 & Luke 1:26-33	Dr. Chris Leonard
Sunday, December 7 9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m.	<i>Christmastime - The True Reason for the Season</i> Christmas Cantata	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday, December 14	<i>Frankincense</i> Hebrews 4:14-5:10	Dr. Chris Leonard
Sunday, December 22	<i>Myrrh</i> Luke 2:8-14	Dr. Chris Leonard
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Services <i>The Greatest Gift Ever Given</i> (5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship in MPB; 7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary)	Dr. Chris Leonard
Sunday, December 28	<i>The Joy After Christmas</i> Luke 2:25-35 (One service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary)	Rev. Marshall Steinle

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

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 due 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 decorations, 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.

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

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!

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.

YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!

Merry Christmas

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, Decombor 14
Mission House**

Rock JAM



ROCK JESUS AND ME

December 2025 Activities:

Saturday, December 6:
Christmas Cantata Practice - 10am in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 7:
RPC Christmas Cantata at 9am and 11am
Children sing and play bells in both services / breakfast provided during Sunday School

Rock JAM Christmas Party & last Rock JAM of the year!
We'll celebrate Jesus' Birthday & decorate gingerbread houses!
(Dinner provided)

Sunday, December 14:
Second Sunday Children's Church
Christmas Open House at the Leonard's home, 4-6pm

Wednesday, December 24:
Christmas Eve Services at 5pm and 7pm

Sunday, December 28:
One 10am church service & no Sunday School



ROCK JAM CHRISTMAS PARTY!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 5-6:30PM


WE'LL CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTHDAY
AND DECORATE GINGERBREAD HOUSES!
(DINNER PROVIDED)

(THIS WILL BE THE LAST ROCK JAM OF THE YEAR
AND WE'LL MEET AGAIN ON JANUARY 4!)

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.



Merry Christmas

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:



CROWN™
Advancing God's Principles of Stewardship and Life.

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 2nd Sunday of Advent	<i>Christmastime - The True Reason for the Season</i> Christmas Cantata	RPC Sanctuary Choir
December 14 3rd Sunday of Advent	The Three Gifts of Christmas <i>Frankincense</i> Hebrews 4:14-5:10	Dr. Chris Leonard
December 21 4th Sunday of Advent	The Three Gifts of Christmas <i>Myrrh</i> Luke 2:8-14	Dr. Chris Leonard
December 24 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Services <i>The Greatest Gift Ever Received</i>	Dr. Chris Leonard
December 28 One Service, 10:00 a.m.	<i>The Joy After Christmas</i> Luke 2:25-35	Rev. Marshall Steinle

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.



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.

All men are invited to the Mission House for a delicious breakfast, Christian fellowship, and a brief devotion.



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
Marshall Steinle, pastor and teacher



Julie Driver



Campbell Driver



Margaret Crooks

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



*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

MAILING LABEL

Return Service Requested



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