



ROSE RUN
PRESBYTERIAN



*The Fellowship of the
Extended Hand*

TENTH • SUNDAY • OF • PENTECOST
JULY • 26 • 2026

**Rose Run Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to experience
the love of God and share it with the communities we serve.**



WE ARE GATHERED AT GOD'S INVITATION

Prelude

Guest Organist, Beth Parker

Welcome, Announcements

***Three Chimes & Introit #750 "Goodness is Stronger than Evil"**

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.**

Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us. (repeat 2x)

***Call to Worship**

Warren Keller

Liturgist: Long before we set out to find God, God set out to find us.

All: "I will bless you ... so that you will be a blessing." (Genesis 12:2, NRSVue)

Liturgist: Before Zacchaeus ever came down from the sycamore tree, Jesus already knew his name and called him by it.

All: Before we knew to look for God, God was already looking for us.

Liturgist: This is the God we gather to worship: a God whose grace reaches toward us before we can reach back.

All: We come to receive that grace again, and to become people through whom others can recognize it.

Liturgist: Come, Fellowship of the Extended Hand.

***Hymn #630 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (vss 1,2,&3)**

***Call to Confession**

Zacchaeus climbed a tree not because he was ready to change, but because something in him longed to see Jesus — and Jesus saw him first. Before Zacchaeus spoke a word of repentance, Jesus called him by name and invited himself into his home. Friends, we do not come to confession to earn God's welcome. We come because God has already welcomed us, and that welcome is what makes honesty possible. Let us confess our sin together, trusting the grace that reaches for us before we ever reach for it.

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you have reached toward us long before we reached for you, yet we confess we have been slow to receive your love, and slower still to share it. We have measured your grace by our own, doubting it was wide enough for our neighbors — or even for us. We hesitate to abide in your love, choosing striving over resting, and self-reliance over trust. We have treated the invitation to bless others as a burden, or overlooked it altogether, when it was meant to be the overflow of a life held close to you. Forgive us, gracious God. Prune away what keeps us from bearing fruit, and root us again in your love, that we might become people through whom others can recognize the welcome you have always offered. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: "Today salvation has come to this house ... for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." (Luke 19:9-10, NRSVue) Jesus did not wait for Zacchaeus to earn a place at the table — he invited himself in, and grace did the rest. The same is true for us. God's mercy reaches us before we are ready for it, and holds us long after we think we deserve it. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*The Gloria Patri - "More Like You" by Scott Wesley Brown

More like you, Jesus, more like you;

Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.

More like you, Jesus, more like you;

Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.

*Passing of the Peace

Since God has shown us mercy and patience, let us share Christ's peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please return to your seats during the singing of our Fellowship Verse - #306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (1st Verse only)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

That fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Time for our Children

Rev. Bob Armstrong

First Scripture Lesson - Luke 19:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Lesson - John 15:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon - "The Blessing That Invites"

Saint Teresa's Prayer

**Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.**

**Yours are the eyes through which
he looks with compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good.**

**Yours are the hands through which
he blesses all the world. Amen.**





Call to Offering

God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. In gratitude, let us offer our gifts so that Christ's welcome may be known through the ministry of this congregation and through the blessing we extend to our neighbors.

***Presentation of the Offering (see pg. 6 note about offering)**
Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, Every good gift comes from you. Receive these offerings and the offering of our lives. May all that we give become an invitation for others to discover the love already reaching toward them in Jesus Christ. Through him we pray. Amen.

Receiving New Member

Moment for Mission -

An Update from our Pastor Nominating Committee

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

***Sung Response: #471 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"**

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD AS CHRIST'S PARTNERS

***Sending Hymn - "Pass It On" (see insert)**

***The Charge**

Warren Keller

**Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God is there working for good.
Christ who dwells in you has something he wants to do there
With you and those you meet on the way.
Believe this and go in God's grace, and love, and power.**



*Benediction

*Benediction Response - "Wherever We Go" (*sung - see insert*)

Wherever we go, you're there; whoever we meet, you love;
Use our hands and our feet, our hearts and our lives
'til earth is like heaven above.

*Postlude



First Scripture Lesson - Luke 19:1-10

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Second Scripture Lesson - John 15: 1-9

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.



WELCOME TO ROSE RUN PRESBYTERIAN

After the service, please join us for a time of Fellowship.

Whether you're just visiting or you're a long-time member, you're welcome to participate in any or all of our activities. There are opportunities here to feed your soul, strengthen your faith, and expand your spirit. You never know – you just might be home!

Card Ministry: The Deacons have started a Card Ministry for members and friends. We invite you to add your name to a card at the "Noah's Ark" table in the Narthex – and let someone know you care!

Offering: We are presenting the offering plate for dedication with envelopes as an expression of the gifts given via many different means. If you'd like to make a gift, there is an Offering Box on the stand by the last pew or you can make a donation online at roserunpresbyterian.org/giving.

Christian Education for Children: If you have school-age children and are interested in learning about our ministries with children, please contact Debbie Oien (debbie.oien@gmail.com) or introduce yourselves during our Fellowship after worship this morning.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 26

- 10:30 am – Worship and Receiving New Member – Margie Hancock – Sanctuary
- 11:30 am – Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- **REMINDER: Last day to bring in school supplies for NA Bridges!**

Sunday, August 2

- 10:30 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:30 am – Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 4

- 9:30 am – Women's Bible Studies – Conference Room
- 6:30 pm – Session Meeting – Conference Room

Sunday, August 9

- 10:30 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:30 am – Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 pm – Hector Garcia Santana in Concert Playing Chopin – Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 11

- 7:00 pm – Deacon's Meeting – Conference Room

Saturday, August 15

- 8:30 am – Session Retreat – Conference Room



HECTOR GARCIA SANTANA in concert playing Chopin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH - 3:00 PM

A mix of well-loved favorites (music you may not know but you actually know!) and some more seldom heard jewels from Chopin's later years.

There is no charge for this event!

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

Sunday, August 16, 2026 - 10:30 am

*A backpack carries more than books and supplies—it carries hopes, dreams, challenges, and opportunities. On **Sunday, August 16**, we will bless the backpacks and the children who wear them as they prepare to head back to school. Join us as we pray that these children will be surrounded by God's love each day and be encouraged to grow in knowledge and kindness for the upcoming school year.*

A Sundae on Sunday!

August 16, 2026 - 11:30 am

*After worship on Sunday, August 16, we'll celebrate the coming of the new school year and the start of the fall season with our annual **Ice Cream Social** - complete with sprinkles! There's something about ice cream that brings us together, so let's share a sweet treat and good conversation in the Fellowship Hall after church.*

MISSION
on the MOVE

Making a difference for those in need!

BACK
TO
SCHOOL

Time to help NA BRIDGES collect school supplies for the 2026-2027 school year!

Please donate any of the following items, and place in the NA BRIDGES collection box for school supplies on the Mission Table in the Narthex by **Sunday, July 26th.**

- 24 pack of Crayola Crayons
- Wide Ruled 1-Subject Notebooks
- 12 pack of Colored Pencils
- Sharpie Markers
- 3 x 5 Lined Note Cards

Thank you for helping those in need in our community!

Mission Ministry Members: Megan Campbell, Vicki Clark, Stephanie Dinsmore, Sheila Phillips and Val Robinson



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THE SESSION

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We extend a heartfelt welcome to our guests today. Our worship is richer for your presence. Please join us for a time of fellowship after worship. Rose Run Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), established September 18, 2018, by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Rose Run Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to experience the love of God and share it with the communities we serve.

