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**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

Welcome, Announcements

*Three Chimes & Introit #468 "In My Life" vss 1 & 2

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified.

*Call to Worship

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Liturgist: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

All: From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Liturgist: To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

All: Our life with God begins in grace: not with what we achieve, but with what we receive.

Liturgist: Christ comes among us still—calling, welcoming, making his home with us.

All: We open ourselves to his presence. We welcome his grace. We receive his life.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the God who has come near to us in Jesus Christ.

All: With open hearts, let us worship God.

*Hymn -

#394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" vss 1, 2, & 3

*Call to Confession

Christ comes to draw us into the fullness of life with God. Yet we often guard ourselves, relying upon our own strength and resisting the grace we cannot control. Trusting the One who receives us with mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you come near to us in Jesus Christ, yet we confess how carefully we guard the doors of our lives. We trust what we can manage. We rely upon our own strength. We hold tightly to the identities we have constructed. We know we need you, and we do want you in our lives, but at a comfortable distance—close enough that you hear when we call, but not so close that we lose ourselves. Teach us to trust your gentle and steadfast love, and the fullness of life you bring. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.



*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: before we opened ourselves to God, God opened the heart of grace toward us. In Jesus Christ, God has come near and receives us with mercy. We are forgiven, welcomed, and given power to become children of God. And by the Holy Spirit, God continues to work within and among us—helping us become more like Jesus, learning his way of love, and joining his life and work together. 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

Scripture Lesson - John 1: 1-18

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon - "Receiving Christ"

Prayer - Day By Day - att Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee, three things I pray:

to see thee more clearly,

to love thee more dearly,

to follow thee more nearly,

day by day.



Call to Offering

We give because we have first received. Our lives, our abilities, our relationships, and all that sustains us are gifts of grace. So we loosen our grip on what we possess and offer ourselves and our gifts in gratitude, trusting God to use them for Christ's work in the world.

***Presentation of the Offering (see pg. 7 note about offering)**

Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication**

Giving God, everything we have begins in your generosity. Receive these gifts, and receive again the lives from which they come. Free us from imagining that what we possess belongs to us alone. Teach us the joy of receiving gratefully and sharing freely. Join these gifts to the gifts of others, so that together we may participate in what Christ is doing among our neighbors and throughout your world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Prayer for Pastoral Transition**

Gracious God, you have drawn us together to welcome all people with the extravagant love you have shown us in Jesus, and to share that love generously with our neighbors. As you have led us in the past, lead us now. Open the eyes of our hearts to see what you are doing among us, and give us wisdom to recognize and welcome the pastor who will journey with us into this next chapter. Prepare us for one another and for the new things you will do among us. Keep us confident in your faithfulness, attentive to your Spirit, and ready to follow where you lead. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moment for Mission - Auracast Introduction

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 - #697 "Take My Life" vss 1, 2, & 6

*The Charge

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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" (see below)

*Postlude

Wherever We Go

Wher - e - ver we go, you're there. Who - e - ver we meet, you love,
Use our hands and our feet, our hearts, and out lives 'til Earth
is like Hea - ven a bove!



Scripture Lesson - John 1: 1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the only begotten from the father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is the only begotten, who is God and is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.



Fall Small Group is Back!

We will start our Fall Small Group series, "Small Faith in a Big Love", in late September. The small group ministry gives you the opportunity to connect with Rose Run members on a more intimate level. We are offering evening and day meeting times this fall. You're welcome to learn more about our Small Group Ministry during fellowship on September 27. If you are interested in learning more, see Sarah Underhill or Marilyn Tanious.



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September Lunch Bunch!

Our next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for
Wednesday • September 16, 2026 • Noon (New Time!)
Scrambler's Restaurant
5729 N. Hamilton Road • Columbus, OH 43230

If you are interested in coming, please contact Mike Stover at
614-973-8623 or email Mike at mstover1951@gmail.com

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 invite you to stop by the Card Ministry table in the Narthex and sign a card for a member or friend. A personal message of care means a lot.

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.

Enhanced Audio for Worship: We are excited to offer **Auracast**, a new Bluetooth technology that sends clear, high-quality audio directly to compatible hearing aids. You can now listen to announcements, sermons, and music with improved clarity by selecting our **Auracast** broadcast on your device. We also have receivers available at the back of the Sanctuary for anyone who does not use Bluetooth, ensuring all worshipers with hearing impairments can benefit from clearer sound. See Steve Thompson, or email him for more information: office@roserunpresbyterian.org



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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.

