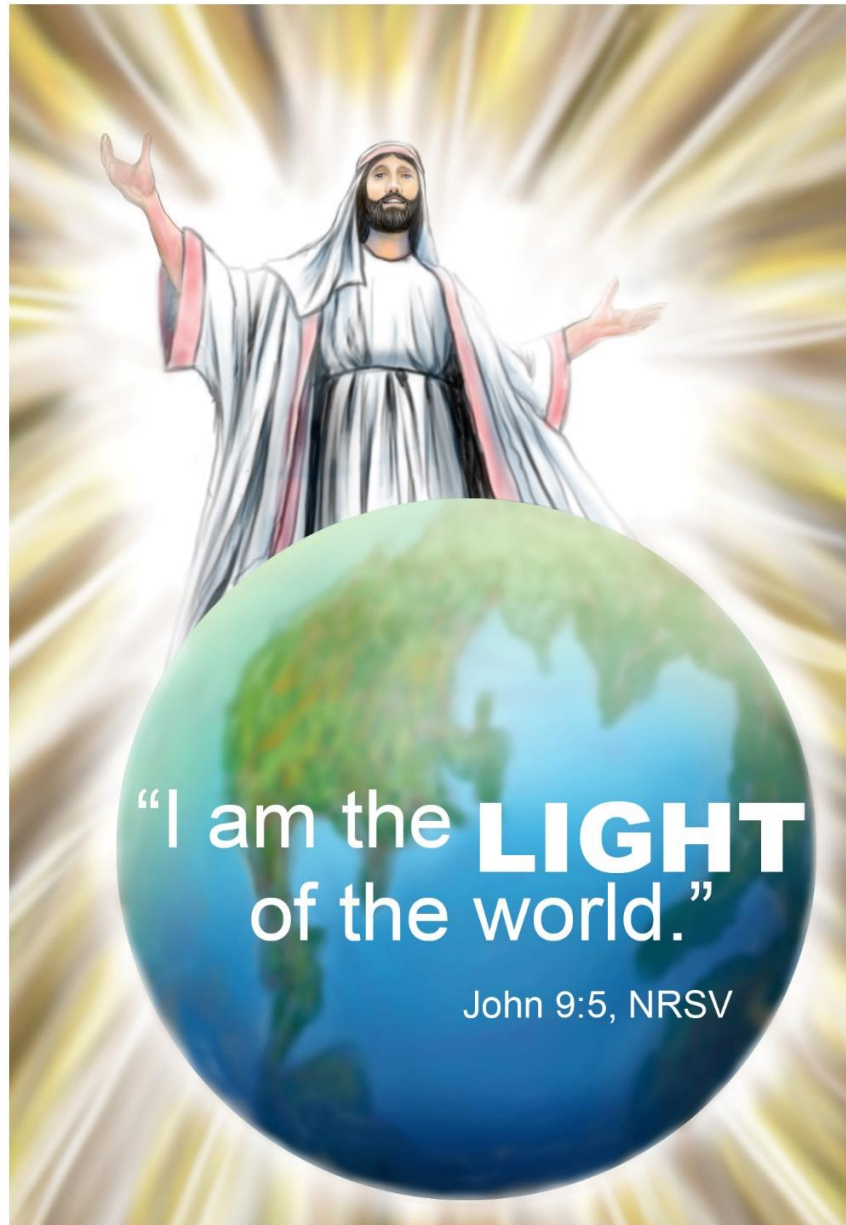


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 75 years of "Shining Christ's Light"

March 17, 2024
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Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church.
We are happy to have you worship with us.

Here are a few tips to help you participate:

“*” Invites all who are able to stand.

Bold type invites reading or singing by the congregation.

Italic type invites silent reading by the congregation.

Large print hymnals are available from the usher.

Please return hymnals after the service.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"St. Patrick's Breastplate"

Traditional Irish Melody

Arr. Lani Smith

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three, of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord! Partial text of hymn attributed to St. Patrick, 5th century.

WELCOME AND THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God summons us to this place of worship.

We come as we are, yearning for a healing word.

Some come broken in body and broken in spirit.

Some come full of joy and confidence.

However we come, God meets us here just as we are. Let us worship God.

*HYMN #415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Sing verses 1, 2, then refrain

Sing verses 3, 4, then refrain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

... that others may be drawn into the circle of discipleship. **Amen.**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD #466

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (singing) #423

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Psalms 51

Silence for personal confession. God's people say **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The we are assured that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive his goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*singing*) #451 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Verses 1, 2

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-41

Pew Bible, New Testament page 102

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Who's in Charge Here?"

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.**

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #702

"Christ Be Beside Me"

EXTINGUISHING OF THE FIFTH CANDLE OF LENT

...Lead us in the work of justice and peace. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

Live in Christ's light, even in the darkest valley. Trust that he is able to open your eyes,
enabling you to walk by faith in his name.

May the love of God pursue you, the light of Christ enfold you, and the Holy Spirit keep you this day and every day. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #598

"Amen, We Praise Your Name"

Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen, amen, amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.!

Greet one another in peace as you depart.

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Scott Hamilton
Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

ABOUT THE PRELUDE "St. Patrick's Breastplate": The Trinitarian text belongs to a Celtic style of hymn known as *lorica*, from the Latin word for "armor" or "breastplate," or a hymn for protection. Likewise, the closing hymn "Christ Be Beside Me" is another *lorica* and is sung to another familiar Celtic tune.

REPAIRING THE BREACH booklet is available on each of the pew seats for you to read. One Great Hour of Sharing special offerings provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

There are OGHS envelopes in the pew racks or on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary. If you write a check, please put 'OGHS' on the memo line. Thank you for donating to help those less fortunate than you!



CHOIR REHEARSALS to prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter services will take place on Thursday, March 21 and Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm. Joyful noisemakers always welcome!!

EASTER TULIPS

Tulips have been made available for your purchase in memory of or in honor of an individual or family on Easter Sunday. The deadline for ordering is next Sunday, March 24.

Forms for the order are in the March newsletter and on the shelf in the narthex for your convenience.

Any tulips not picked up by the donor on Easter Sunday will be planted in the church garden.

****PLEASE NOTE - THE BRIDGEVIEW FOOD MINISTRY** will be packing lunches next Sunday, March 24, after worship service (since Easter is the last Sunday of this month). We are asking church volunteers to meet after worship service.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION

If you would like to share a Joy or Concern, we would like to hear it. In order to hear it, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? If you need a ride to church, please call Ken Schmidt at 304-768-8565 (home), or 304-881-2408 (cell). Both numbers can record a message.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

A restroom is located in the parlor across from the sanctuary. It is handicap accessible. Additional restrooms are located downstairs and near the nursery.

WE ARE
called TO PROCLAIM
THE GOOD NEWS
OF THE LORD, OUR GOD;

WE ARE
challenged TO FOLLOW
THE EXAMPLE OF
JESUS CHRIST;

AND WE ARE
charged TO PROVIDE
FELLOWSHIP
WHERE ALL CAN FIND
RENEWAL AND FULFILLMENT
THROUGH THE WORK OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Mission Statement for
Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

Prayer List

*To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com*

Prayers of Joy

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Dr. Clark Adkins	Brad Harkins	Kevin Shaffer
Gene Bishop	Teresa Hart	Daris Shamblin
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Dr. Richard Hayes	Ryan Slaughter
Nancy Braenovich	Amy Jo Hickey	Bradley Smith
Keyleigh Caruthers	Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah	Michelle Smith
Erin “Nikki” Childers	K C Lovin	Steve Smith
Connie Dent	Diane Lynn McClure	Tom Smith
Jeff Dent	Carl McCormick	Ike Taylor
John Dlugog	Mike McDougale	Lauren Thomas
Tory Fenniger	Bob Miller	Jacob Wagner family*
Liz Given	Paula Miller	Vernell Williams
Larry Graham	Marcia Obukowicz	Johnny Witt
Margie Gumowski’s unnamed friend	Joy Ratcliff Parsons	
Adilynn Hardin	Joyce Perry	Family and friends of Jane Johnson on the occasion of her death*
Judy Hardin	Reid family	
Tre’ Hardin	Jackson Rice	
Walter Hardin	Ritchie Rutledge	
	Wanda Rybolt	

- We pray for the US soldiers and their families that were killed and injured in the Jordan drone strike.
- We pray for peace including the Gaza strip conflict and the hostages and their families.
- We pray for peace in the Ukraine/Russia conflict and the hostages and their families.
- Climate change as evidenced by more severe and deadly storms, fires, floods, and prolonged heat waves locally, nationally, and globally. These events are causing large numbers of injuries and deaths of people, disruptions of food supplies, and many animal & plant species to greatly diminish and even go extinct

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop
Jeff Barker	Evan Chaney

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at home –Donie Argento, Day & Gene Bishop, Bonnie Cheely, Barbara Clark, Willie Haynes, Betty Oakes, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Bramwell Presbyterian Church; Gilbert Presbyterian Church; Kariguini Church (Kah-REE’goh-ee-nay); Giakanja Parish (Gie-uh-KAH’juh)

*Added to Prayer List this week