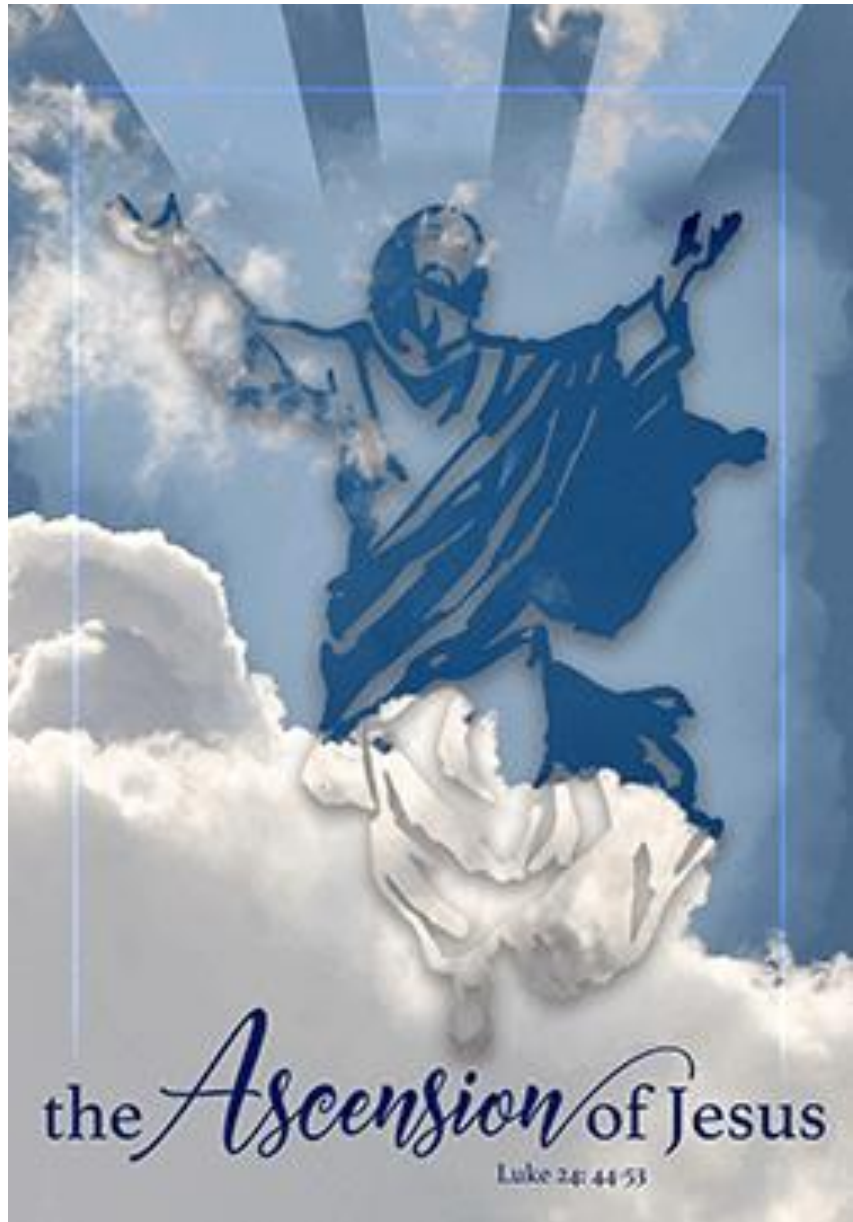


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church  
Celebrating 75 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



May 5 2024  
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## Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

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**

**ASCENSION**

**May 5, 2024**

**Gathering**

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Arr. Robert Lau

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ's gift of salvation prepares us with strength.

**Jesus goes before us and is lifted up.**

Christ's divine ministry spurs us on to share the good news.

**We wait in anticipation for the comfort of his promises, always giving thanks.**

Let us worship God.

\*OPENING HYMN #260

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...and join the angel chorus of praise as we exclaim, "Blessing, glory, and honor!" **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!**

***Listening to the Word***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, your Word. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was

blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Three Promises”

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

## ***Responding to God***

\*HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

Tune: DUKE STREET

**A hymn of glory let us sing! New songs throughout the world shall ring;  
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.**

**The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
and with his followers they see their Lord ascend in majesty.**

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord.  
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit. One.**

The Venerable Bede, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> century.

OFFERING OF FOOD for Heart and Hand

We pray in the name of Jesus. **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.**

\*HYMN #504

“We Come as Guests Invited”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Sharing the Bread and Cup

## ***Going Forth to Serve***

\*HYMN #295

“Go to the World”

\*BENEDICTION

Christ is lifted up! As he withdrew, he offered a blessing. Receive his blessing today and be commissioned to serve God in this world. Offer healing to the broken and care to the empty. Transform the world through your faithfulness. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Spirit. **Amen.**

\*DEPARTING SONG #742

“We Will Walk with God”

**We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God.  
We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

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*Greet one another in peace as you depart.*

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## ***Church Notes***

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated today.

**FOOD OFFERING SUNDAY** is also today. Don't forget that each Communion Sunday is "Food Offering" Sunday. You may leave your offering in the red wagon in the Narthex. All the collected food will go to Heart & Hand.



**PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING** will occur Sunday, May 19. The distribution of your gifts is: 40% stays with RLPC to support ministries with children, youth and young adults, 25% supports young adult volunteers serving in communities around the world, 25% supports ministries with youth including Triennium, and 10% is devoted to children at risk.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our Pentecost offering this year.

### **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.

**CAN YOU PROVIDE RIDES TO CHURCH?** If you can provide rides 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.

# Prayer List

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

## Prayers of Joy

### Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

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

-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 Bishop, Bonnie Cheely, Barbara Clark, Willie Haynes, Betty Oakes, Anita Wehrmann

**Prayer List for Churches: Prayer List for Churches:** Clear Creek Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Logan; Thageini Church (Thah-GAY’ee-nay); Gura Parish (GOO’rah)

\*Added to Prayer List this week



**WE'RE READY FOR CAMPERS!**  
HELP US PLAN FOR STAFF AND  
VOLUNTEERS BY REGISTERING FOR  
CAMP THIS MONTH!!!

# REGISTER!

## Summer Camp 2024

June 16 - 23  
June 23 - 30  
June 30 - July 7

**CAMP STARTS IN  
TWO MONTHS**

**SIGN UP SOON!!**

- *The above dates are the weeks we will be in session*
- *2-Day and 4-Day Weekend Family Camp options available*

**OR AT LEAST LET US KNOW  
YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME!**

Read about the different Summer Camp offerings at

[bluestonecamp.org](http://bluestonecamp.org)

For more details and info email [mark@bluestonecamp.org](mailto:mark@bluestonecamp.org)  
or call (304) 397-5050 and leave a voicemail.

## First Presbyterian Church Furniture Ministry



For almost 30 years, First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston has spearheaded the Furniture Mission. In co-operation with Heart & Hand, participating churches pick up and store donated furniture every other weekend from late May through August each year.

Other churches currently supporting this ministry are First Baptist, First Methodist, Genesis Fellowship, and First Nazarene.

Each church has one or two Saturdays during the summer on which it has three volunteers pick up donations and deliver them to a storage shed on the FPC parking lot. Heart & Hand then distributes the donations to local people in need. Pick up hours are about 8-1, with one person driving a truck rented by FPC.

If you would like to help on either May 25 or June 8, please contact Scott Hamilton or Ken Schmidt.