

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

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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
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 5, 2025

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Santo, Santo, Santo" Arr. Edwin T. Childs
Argentina
Santo, santo, santo! Mi corzon te adora! (Holy, holy, holy. My heart adores you!)
Mi corazon te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor! (My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!)

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Ron Rogillio

INTROIT "Louez le Seigneur!" ("Praise the Lord!") *Cameroon*
Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the globe, God's people gather this day.
On World Communion Sunday we gather around the Lord's table.
We gather in different languages, with different customs, yet we all worship God our Creator.
Let us worship in unity, peace and joy!

*OPENING HYMN #664 "Morning Has Broken" *Scotland*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY *Prayer from Daybreak Office of the Eastern Church*
...through Jesus Christ our Sovereign. **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 (*sung*) #425 "Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace" *New Zealand*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the good news that brings us new life. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Amani Utupe" Patsy Ford Simms
Rick McGuire, Djembe *Kenya*

As we travel; down this weary road, *amani utupe na ustawi* (Grant us peace, give us courage.)
We need strength to carry on our load...Grant us peace, give us courage...
Road is rocky and the way is dark...Every road has a different fork...
Hallelujah, hallelujah!...

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prayer from New Guinea

Gracious God, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your word to us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 11:17-34

¹⁷ In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. ¹⁸ In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. ²⁰ So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, ²¹ for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. ²² Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter! ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. ³² Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world. ³³ So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. ³⁴ Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A World In Communion"

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN #318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

**You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

OFFERING OF FOOD for Heart and Hand

...We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

JOYS & CONCERNS

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.

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 #526

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Jamaica

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #538

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"
Soloist sings verses; all sing refrain

South Africa

*BENEDICTION

May the grace of God be upon you. May the steadfast love of Christ Jesus be within you.
May the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you, now and forever. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #448

"Peace of God Be with You"

Arabic

**Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.**

Greet one another in peace as you depart

Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS:

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

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be celebrated today.

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.



PET SUPPLIES NEEDED

The RLPC Women's Circle is sponsoring a pet supplies drive for the Kanawha County Animal Shelters during the month of October.

There will be a box in the Narthex where you can drop off any of the following items, which would be welcome:

Wet and/or Dry Dog and Kitty Food (Purina preferred)
Blankets, sheets, towels (no pillows)
Toys and Greenies



MINUTE FOR MISSION

BACKPACKS FILLED WITH HELP AND HOPE

Handwritten on bright orange construction paper, the first grader's simple message was surrounded by smiling stick figures, hearts and flowers.

"I am thankful for my food," she wrote to the friends she has never met at Chester (Virginia) Presbyterian Church.

For the past 12 years, Chester Presbyterian Church, in the Presbytery of the James, has partnered with Marguerite Christian Elementary School to provide backpacks of food for children to take home over the weekend — as well as a drive-through café that meets the needs of 90 to 105 residents weekly.

Jane Ward, a retired high school marketing teacher who coordinates the congregation's "Backpack Buddies" program, said, "Even though you wouldn't think there's poverty here because we're pretty middle class, you'll find a lot of low-income residents. And because many in our community make minimum wage working in restaurants or food service, their families need the food to get them through the weekend."

She continued, "When the school asked us this year if we could increase the number of backpacks we provide, I knew we couldn't manage it, but thankfully another church stepped up. If it wasn't for us, there would be some little kids hungry on the weekends. I wish I could feed them all."

Confronting hopelessness through acts of compassion is just what the Peace & Global Witness Offering has sought to achieve for more than 40 years. The annual Offering enables congregations like the Chester Church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in their community and across the world.

Peace & Global Witness, which is highlighted during

A Season of Peace, Sept. 7–Oct. 5, is traditionally received on World Communion Sunday. The Offering is unique in that half of the gifts received are directed to efforts at the national church level for peacemaking and global witness work around the world, while 25% is retained by congregations for local peace and reconciliation work, and 25% goes to presbyteries for similar ministries at the regional level.

The Chester Church's Backpack Buddies program exemplifies the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s longstanding commitment to peacemaking. Feeding the hungry who are living in systems of poverty helps to pursue what makes for peace in the lives of our neighbors.

"When children don't eat, they can't learn," said Jane. "Through programs like 'Backpack Buddies' and the Peace & Global Witness Offering, churches can continue to address food poverty in their communities. In our congregation and across the PC(USA), many hands make light work."

We are the Church, together. And when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Let us pray —

*O Christ, surround us
as we work to bring peace
like you did in your earthly ministry.
Help us to pursue peace
in our homes, communities,
nation and world.
Thank you for every opportunity
to bring about the peace
only you provide.
In your name we pray.
Amen.*

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

Ed Bailey	Cheryl Laws	Susan Spurgeon
Larry Graham	Hollie McCraw	Bill Wagner
Mary Graham	Rick McGuire	Mike Whitten
Emily Holton	Don Shroder	
Ravi Isaiah	Mike Spurgeon	

- We pray for peace in the world. We pray for our world leaders to do what is right and just. We pray
- for all the people in the world who are affected by war: The children, the common person, the armies, the leaders. Grant us courage and grace during the coming weeks.
- Praying 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	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Nigel Jeffries
Brent Bishop	

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; Joel Callison, Pocahontas Center; Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at Home –Donie Argento, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Belington Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Ithie Church (Ee-HITH'they); Thegenge Parish (They-GEN-gay)