

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 76 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1 NRSV

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

May 3, 2026
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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 3, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Abide with Me"

Arr. William H. Monk

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brothers and sisters, come and worship!

**For we are a chosen people,
royal priests,
a holy nation.**

God's very own family!

**Let us proclaim together the goodness of God, who has called us
out of darkness into his marvelous light!**

*OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Tune: REGENT SQUARE

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving kindness, hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

**Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

7th century Latin; trans. John Mason Neale, 1857. Public Domain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

For failing to love others as you have loved us...God of grace, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...God of grace, **forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need...God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope...God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you...God of grace, **forgive us.**

In the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

SUNG RESPONSE

Tune: REEGENT SQUARE

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your Word, O God, is a source of refuge and guidance. Lead us and inspire our hearts and souls as we engage holy Scripture with our minds and spirits. **Amen.**

EPISTLE

I Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—
³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know

him and have seen him.”⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Reflections on the Scripture”

Randy Fife, ALP

Responding to God

*HYMN

“Christ Jesus, the Way, Beginning and End”

Tune: LYONS

**Christ Jesus, the Way, beginning and end, you lead us to God; our joy you intend.
In faith we will follow the path you have shown; as Church we will journey and never alone.**

**Christ Jesus, the Truth, reflecting God’s face, you mirror compassion’s healing embrace.
May we be your Good News to neighbor in need, proclaiming the Gospel by word and by deed.**

Christ Jesus, the Life, God’s heartbeat on Earth, your love has surrounded, blessed us from birth.

May we give of self as you taught us to give; may we live more simply, so others might live.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe and know that Jesus is the Holy One of God.
We believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.
We believe that he is in the Father and the Father is in him.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that by believing we have life in his name.**

Written by Michael Perry. Posted on *The Jubilate Group* website. <http://www.jubilate.co.ul/liturgy>

OFFERING OF FOOD FOR HEART AND HAND

...to remind those who receive the food that they are loved and valued. **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 #501

"Feed Us, Lord"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ...For great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #538

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!"

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #600

"Amen"

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Margie Gumowski
Preacher: Randy Fife
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME RANDY FIFE TO OUR PULPIT TODAY

Randy completed the Presbytery's Authorized Lay Preacher/Commissioned Pastor program in 2024 and has preached in several different churches of the Presbytery. He is an elder, served as Clerk of Session, and over the years has served the Presbytery as Moderator, Commissioner to the General Assembly, Chair of the Committee on Ministry and Chair of the Leadership Team. Randy retired from the practice of law after 37 years. He is married and has two adult children.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated this Sunday, May 3. For those who will not be able to attend in-person worship, please take time during the coming week to prepare for the Sacrament.

FOOD OFFERING SUNDAY is also this Sunday. 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.

THE MAY POTLUCK was moved from May 10 to May 17 due to a conflict with Mother's Day.

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

Roberta Alsop	Ravi Isaiah	Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Merrily Bailey	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Barker Family	Hollie McCraw	Ward Family
Shayne Compton	Rick McGuire	Gary Withrow
Larry Graham	Olga Schmidt	
Emily Holton	Don Shroder	

- Praying for peace in the US/Iran conflict, Ukraine/Russia conflict, and the Israel/Hamas conflict and all conflicts around the globe. Grant us peace!
- 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 year.
- 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 - Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at Home –Joel Callison, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: South Park Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Winfield Presbyterian Church; Kagumo Parish