

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 76 years of "Shining Christ's Light"



March 29, 2026
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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

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Arr. James Southbridge

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT

"Savior, King!"

Katie Houts

Sing hosanna, sing! For our Messiah's here: let praises ring! Sing hosanna, sing!
Come wave your palms before our Savior King!
Make a path for Christ our King with blanket, palm or shawl.
Welcome Jesus, here to save and show God' love for all! Sing hosanna, sing!...

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 118:19-22

Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, let us worship the Lord together!

*OPENING HYMN #196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...the new Jerusalem where Christ lives forever in glory. **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

Wonderful God, we are not ready to celebrate. We see too much devastation and death. We feel the hunger and pain and loss that fill our world. We long to sing hosannas with a cheering crowd, but we grow fearful at the sight of an angry mob. We want to defend the helpless, but we don't know how to start. We pray and work for peace, but peace is beyond our control. O God, heal our broken world and heal our broken spirits. Restore in us the joy of your salvation.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Your God has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus' obedient suffering has released you. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:4-6

⁴ but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

GOSPEL

Luke 19:29-40

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Truth Will Out"

The Rev. Kathryn W. Weed

Responding to God

*HYMN

“A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd”

Tune: MARTYRDOM

**A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare,
and hailing Christ as king aloud, waved branches in the air.**

**They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms
and vows of lasting love bestowed with royal hymns and psalms.**

**When day dimmed down to deepening dark the crowd began to fade
till only trampled leaves and bark were left from the parade.**

**Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise,
remind us, God, as this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.**

**Instead of palms, a winding sheet will have to be unrolled,
a carpet much more fit to greet the king a cross will hold.**

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

**Let the same mind be in your that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as
something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming
human likeness.**

**And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to
the point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every
other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven
and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

CENTSABILITY OFFERING

...and bless those who work to eradicate hunger. **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.**

Going Forth to Serve

ANTHEM

“Jesus, Meek and Humble”

B. Walther and S. Hart

Jesus meek and humble, heaven’s gift to earth. Word from Word among us, spoken from the first. Song of our salvation, rising from the fall. Jesus, meek and humble, heaven’s hope for all.

Jesus, meek and humble, teaching by the shore, casting nets to gather broken, lame, and poor. Living bread you offer, hungry we receive. Jesus, meek and humble, teach us to believe.

Jesus, meek and humble, mercy born of pain on the cross we fashioned from our sin and shame. God himself providing Lamb and sacrifice. Jesus, meek and humble, in this death is life.

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

I Peter 2:4-6, Philippians 4:7

*DEPARTING SONG #223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far to small;
love so amazing so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Isaac Watts, 1707. Public Domain

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Shayn Davis
Preacher: The Rev. Kathryn Willoughby Weed
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME THE REV. KATHRYN WILLOUGHBY WEED to the pulpit today. Kathy is a retired chaplain, having served at Saint Francis and Thomas Memorial hospitals. She is currently Associate for Ministry to Older Adults for the Presbytery of West Virginia. A Charleston resident, Kathy is a world traveler and active in several local community groups.



The Good Friday Service will be celebrated this Friday, April 3, at noon in the Parlor.

We will retell the story of Jesus' last hours, his trial, and his execution.

This service will be live only. It will not be live-streamed.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available in the Narthex.

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 today.

Forms for the order are in the bulletin, 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.

THE BRIDGEVIEW FOOD MINISTRY will be packing lunches today after worship service.

The following items are needed:

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| Mac and Cheese | 56 | Oatmeal | 18 |
| Pudding | 3 | Cereal | 54 |
| Fruit | 63 | Chocolate Milk | 73 |
| Juice | 55 | Chef Boyardee | 73 |
| | Pop Tarts | 24 | |

Thank you for your generosity!



UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICE

Let's get ready to sing for Easter!

Rehearsal: Thursday: April 2, 7:00 pm

See you there!

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

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

- Prayers for our troops and for all who are involved in the Middle East Conflict; hoping that it ends soon.
- 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.
- Praying for peace in the Ukraine/Russia conflict and the Israel/Hamas conflict and all conflict around the globe. Grant us peace!
- 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

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| 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: First Presbyterian Church, Ripley; Waverly-Bethel Presbyterian Church, Waverly; Wamagana Church and Nursery School; Giakanja Parish



This year we will provide tulips for purchase in memory or in honor of someone to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Please use the order form below to place your order by Sunday, March 29.

Please send your payment to the church office or place it in the offering plate using a pew envelope designated as "Easter Flowers". Checks should be made payable to RLPC.

Be sure to complete the order form below, including how many pots you want and if they are in memory or in honor of someone. (Additional forms will also be available in the narthex.)

A list of those giving and for whom the flowers are given will be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Please take your flowers home on Easter morning or they will be planted in the church garden.



Order form

_____ 6" Potted Tulips without a bow \$16.50 each

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Your name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____



THE GUYS WEEKEND & SPRING GETAWAY RETREATS

See more information on the bulletin board

THE GUYS WEEKEND

APRIL 24 - 26 @ Bluestone

Retreat Cost = \$100 Friday Dinner = \$13
(for early arrivals)

17th Annual Men's Retreat

At The Guys' Weekend, we are committed to several things:

- † encouraging growth in faith †
Weekend Chaplain/Keynote - Rev. Craig Schaub - Scan Here > 
- † employing our gifts in service †
(in particular to serve the ministry of Bluestone)
- † to glorify and enjoy God forever †
(in work, worship, and fellowship)

Visit our web page to retrieve registration forms as well as general information and details:

bluestonecamp.org/guys-weekend

You may also contact mark@bluestonecamp.org to have forms and information emailed to you.

Registration Deadline is April 20

Fees includes two nights lodging, three meals Saturday and one meal on Sunday. Youth are encouraged to attend as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

SPRING GETAWAY RETREAT

MAY 1 - 3 @Bluestone

Retreat Cost = \$100 Youth = \$60 (ages 4 - 11)
Children FREE (ages 3 & under)

This is an Open Weekend
😊 All are Welcome!

There'll be plenty of good food and fellowship... plus

- † trail hike or craft you can do at your leisure †
- † optional service-beautification projects †
- † fireside chats, campfire, s'mores †
- † plenty of time and space to just simply be †

Visit our web page to retrieve registration forms as well as general information and details:

bluestonecamp.org/spring-getaway

You may also contact mark@bluestonecamp.org to have forms and information emailed to you.

Registration Deadline is April 24

Fees include two nights lodging, three meals Saturday and one meal on Sunday.