

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



"No good tree bears bad fruit..."

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.

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 30, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Pastorale"

Douglas E. Wagner

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalms 118 and 95

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful song of praise!

*OPENING HYMN #15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. **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

O Lord, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with pure hearts, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your great compassion forgive us our sins. Create in us clean hearts, restoring to us the joy of salvation and sustaining us as we strive to be your faithful disciples.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, open our minds as the Gospel is read and your Word is proclaimed, transforming us into faith-filled disciples who bear witness to your greatness in all we do and say. **Amen.**

EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:5-11

⁵ For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with excellence, and excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For anyone who lacks these things is blind, suffering from eye disease, forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. ¹¹ For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:43-45

⁴³ “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Infinite”

The Rev. Kathryn Willoughby Weed

Responding to God

*HYMN #692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

*HYMN #749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, Hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

WE WELCOME BACK KATHRYN WILLOUGHBY WEED TO OUR PULPIT TODAY.

Kathy is a retired chaplain, having served at Saint Francis and Thomas Memorial hospitals for many years. She is currently Associate for Ministry to Older Adults for the Presbytery of West Virginia, as well as Moderator of Rock Lake's Session. Kathy lives in Charleston and enjoys traveling domestically and world-wide.

POSTCARDS TO OTHER CHURCHES are on the table in the narthex. They will be sent to other West Virginia Presbyterian churches this week. Please take time to add your signature to let them know that we are thinking of them and have them in our prayers.

BRIDGEVIEW SCHOOL MINISTRY will begin packing food bags after service today, for a September 2nd delivery.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday, September 6. 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 next 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.

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

All the preachers who have served in our pulpit since January. And the generosity of this part of Christ's Body.

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Patricia Ansley & Family	Ravi Isaiah	Don Shroder
Merrily Bailey	Kirk King	Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Barker Family	Doug Lathom	Ed Thompson
Shayne Compton	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Pam Gano	Hollie McCraw	Gary Withrow
Larry Graham	Rick McGuire	
Emily Holton	Karen Robinson	

- 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: Beechwood Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg; Bradley Presbyterian Church; Centerville Presbyterian Church, Greenville; Nyamachaki Memorial Church; Rware Parish