

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

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Now
you are the

of Christ and
individually
members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27, 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.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 16, 2025

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Chorale

Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

Variation

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735)

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The green trees turn gold and crimson red.

Bright days surrender their color to an earlier twilight.

We recognize your creative hand in the changing of the seasons, O God.

We recognize your care for us in the bounty of the fields.

Let us worship God, our Creator.

HYMN #612

"We Praise You, O God"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...Make us one in the family of God. **Amen.**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Organ Meditation

Sit quietly. Breathe deeply. Let God's peace wash over you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are all members of the one body in your Spirit.

Yet, your Church is splintered and divided.

Forgive us when we do not embody your love,

when we speak harshly to one another,

and when we judge others in our hearts.

Renew us when we forget that we are one body,

one family of our heavenly creator.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God heals our illusion of separateness and makes us one and whole.

Believe that you are forgiven and a worthy member of the family of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Stanza 1

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come alive to us, living Word, in the hearing of scripture. Gather us to yourself as we gather to the reading and preaching of the Word so that understanding your will for us, we may go to do it. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 12:12-27

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Body Building”

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

Tune: AURELIA

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.**

**We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same,
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in
a variety of ways:**

**in that we love one another;
that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;
that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit
and blessing to one another.**

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares
for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the
world and will do to the end.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

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 #306**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Stanzas 1, 2, 3

***BENEDICTION**

**As you go from this place on this day holy to God, rejoice in the strength of God, fix your eyes
on the grace of Christ, and drink deeply of the Spirit, who makes us one. Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS:

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

JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY *the Way of Jesus* concludes next week. If you need a commitment card, they are available in the pew racks or at the offering tables. Thank you for your generosity.



NEXT WEEK, Sunday, November 23 after worship, please stay to help decorate the church for Advent.

MANNA MEAL is now “Rock Lake Community Garden”, meeting on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The group is no longer part of the Manna Meal but is now independent of them. They dispense produce to multiple organizations which provide meals, food banks, etc. Their Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/people/Rock-Lake-Community-Garden/61578613784496/>

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

Larry Graham
Mary Graham
Emily Holton
Ravi Isaiah

Cheryl Laws
Hollie McCraw
Rick McGuire
Don Shroder

Mike Spurgeon
Susan Spurgeon
Bill Wagner
Mike Whitten

- 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 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

Brett Baker
Jeff Barker
Brent Bishop

Evan Chaney
Nigel Jeffries

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, Joel Callison, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: First Presbyterian Church, Hinton; Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian Church, Barboursville; Githakwa Church (Git-AH'kwah); Wandumbi Parish (Wah-DOH'bee)