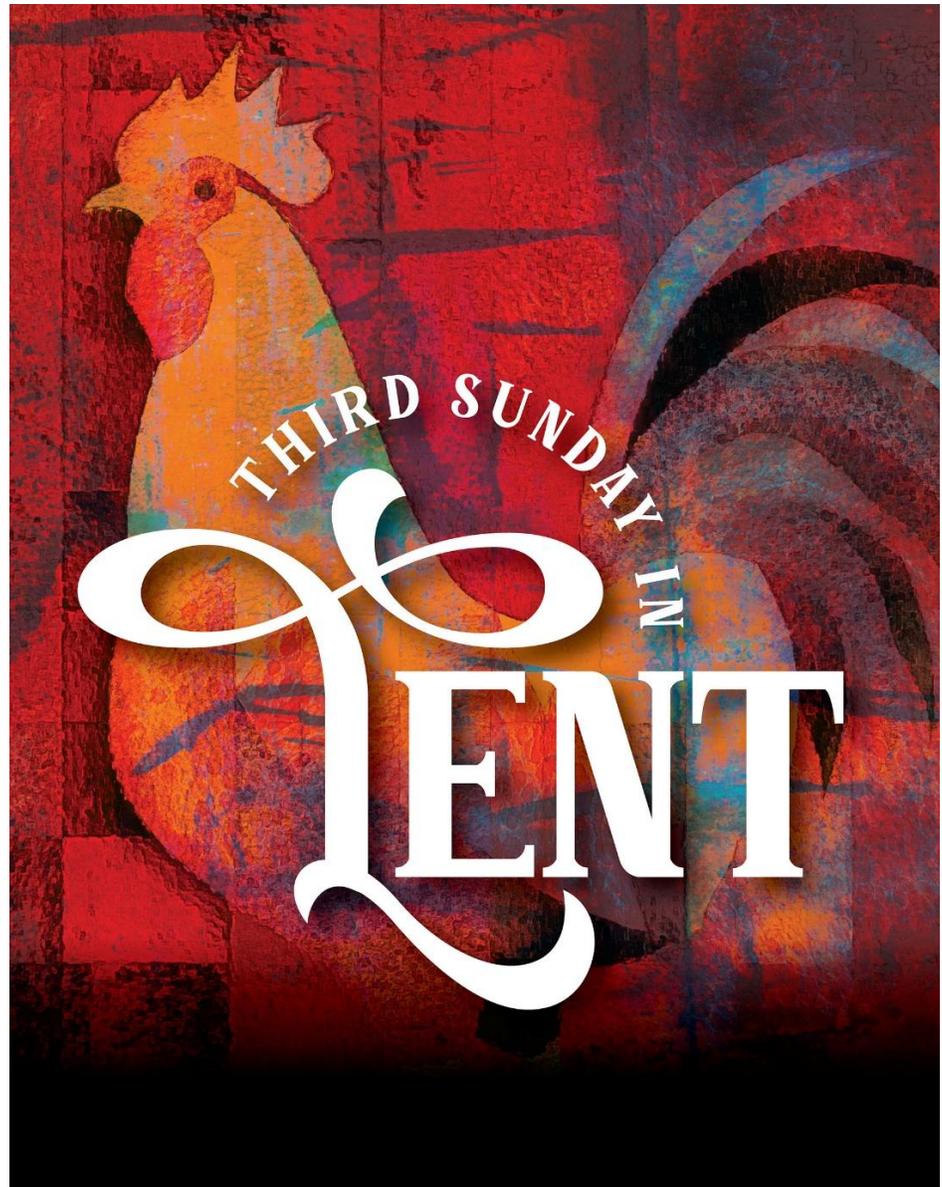


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church  
Celebrating 76 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



March 8, 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**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
*March 8, 2026*

***Gathering***

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Arr. Robert Hobby

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!**

We are the people of God's pasture; we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

**We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!**

Let us worship the triune God.

\*OPENING HYMN #479

"Ho, All Who Thirst"

*Repeat refrain after soloist.*

*We will sing refrain only.*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...alive with the presence of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. **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*) #423

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***Listening to the Word***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Responding to God***

\*HYMN #479

“Ho, All Who Thirst”  
*Soloist sings verses; all sing refrain.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

*Adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.21*

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 #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

EXTINGUISHING OF LENTEN CANDLE

\*BENEDICTION

\*DEPARTING SONG #826

“Lift High the Cross” *(Refrain only)*

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

*Greet one another in peace as you depart*

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# Church Notes

## WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Ken Schmidt  
Preacher: Adam Greathouse  
Music Director: Marilyn Padon  
Organist: Pam Ferrell

## **WE WELCOME ADAM GREATHOUSE AS OUR PREACHER TODAY**

Adam is an Authorized Lay Preacher (ALP) with the Presbytery of West Virginia and has been faithfully preaching for the past six years. He and his family make their home in Scott Depot, where he lives with his wife, Holly, and their two daughters. Together, they are active members of First Presbyterian Church of Saint Albans.

Professionally, Adam serves as the Director of Operations for Radiation Oncology at CAMC Cancer Center in Charleston, where he leads with compassion and a deep commitment to excellence in patient care. Outside of work and ministry, Adam enjoys time outdoors, traveling, and sharing life's simple moments with his family.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** starts this Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour forward.

**MARCH POTLUCK SUNDAY** will be celebrated this Sunday. We invite everyone to the potluck after the worship service. Even if you cannot bring any food to the potluck, we invite you to bring your most important ingredient – YOU!!

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are available in the Narthex.



## **UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICE**

**Let's get ready to sing for Easter!**

**Rehearsal:**

**Thursday: March 19, 7:00 pm**

**Thursday: March 26, 7:00 pm**

**Thursday: April 2, 7:00 pm**

**See you there!**

**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 March 29.

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.



Presbytery of West Virginia's  
**Festival of Faith**

“TELL ME A STORY”

Saturday, March 21, 2026  
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston  
9:00 am – 3:45 pm

**Keynote** : The Widow's Mite and the Widower's Might:  
Seeing Scripture in Ordinary Actions

Presenter: Bil Lepp



**Festival of Faith  
Workshops**

- ❖ Using Storytelling to Spread the Word
- ❖ Finding God at the End of Your Pen: Journaling as Spiritual Practice
- ❖ How Storytelling Can Help Seniors Heal
- ❖ Presenting to the People: Effective Communication Matters
- ❖ Redefining Opportunity: What One Writer Learned from Immigration Description
- ❖ My Story: A Journey of Recovery, Redemption, and Faith
- ❖ Hope for Our Emerging Presbytery
- ❖ Treasurer and Finance Committee Chat
- ❖ Scrapbooking for FUN!
- ❖ Story Talk: Children's Books for Celebrating Family Stories
- ❖ Singing the Stories of the Christian Faith
- ❖ Telling the Biblical Story through the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
- ❖ Growing Up Black in Appalachia
- ❖ A Budget that Tells a Story: Stewarding Resources for God's Mission Description

**A time to grow in faith and knowledge, gain insights and skills to take back to your congregation, and to connect with colleagues in ministry.**

# ***Prayer List***

*To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,  
please call the church office (768-4141) or email [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)*

## **Prayers of Joy**

### **Prayers for Concerns** – Our friends and neighbors and their families

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

- 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**

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:** Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Welch; Beulah Humble Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth; Salem Presbyterian Church, Ronceverte; Kagwathi Church; 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: \_\_\_\_\_