

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



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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
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 1, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

Arr. Lani Smith

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

*OPENING HYMN

“I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes” (Psalm 121)

Tune: ST. ANNE

I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid?

My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved; your guardian never sleeps;

God's watchful and unslumbering care protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your shelter and your shade.

'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe, provide for all you need.

Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909. Public Domain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...Be near us, Lord, and help us to receive You. **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!

**Before I take the body of my Lord, before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognize the sorry things within: these I lay down, O Lord, I lay them down.**

**The words of hope I often failed to give, the prayers or kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight: these I lay down, O Lord, I lay them down**

**The narrowness of vision and of mind, the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt: these I lay down, O Lord, I lay them down.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast, I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine which you lay down, O Lord, which you lay
down.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ and be at peace.
Thanks be to God!

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...a spring of hope for a thirsty world. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2** He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." **3** Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." **4** Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" **5** Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the

kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?" ¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Born From Above"

Sallie Daugherty, ALP

Responding to God

*HYMN #286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

OFFERING OF FOOD for Heart and Hand

...be a blessing to those who receive them. **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 #517

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"

Stanzas 1, 2, 3

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

O God, you give us new life in Christ Jesus. With all that we have and all that we are, we seek to be faithful to this gift. Accept our endeavors, amend our errors and guide our ambitions, that we may know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, for Christ's sake.

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #517

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"

Stanzas 4, 5

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: Jackie Thompson
Preacher: Sallie Daugherty
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME BACK SALLIE DAUGHERTY TO OUR PULPIT TODAY

Sallie Daugherty is a native West Virginian who grew up in Charleston and has been a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston where she is an Elder, former Clerk of Session, has been a choir member and children's Sunday school teacher and she is currently serving as a Deacon. The Presbytery of West Virginia approved Sallie as an authorized lay preacher at its November 20, 2020 meeting. Since then, Sallie has answered God's call to travel around West Virginia to fill the pulpit wherever she is asked. Upon the retirement of Pastor Cherrie Sizemore, Sallie became the Commissioned Moderator of Elk Hills Presbyterian Church. She is the daughter of Jarve Currence and the late George A. Daugherty and is married to Byron Goodew. Sallie and Byron make their home in South Charleston, West Virginia.

MANY THANKS for Susan Hamilton's hard work designing and stitching new paraments for the sanctuary!

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated today.

FOOD OFFERING SUNDAY is also today.



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

Prayers of Joy

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

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

- Praying for all the brothers and sisters in Minnesota and all other states whose lives are being challenged by ICE.

- 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: Beverly Presbyterian Church; Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, Scott Depot; Githunguri New Church Development; Giakanja Parish