Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 77 years of "Shining Christ's Light"



FOR GOD HAS
DESTINED US
NOT FOR WRATH
BUT FOR
OBTAINING SALVATION
THROUGH OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST ...
1 THESSALONIANS 5:9

November 15, 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
November 15, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Ken Schmidt

*GATHERING SONG "This Is the Day"

Leader: *All:*
This is the day, **this is the day**
that the Lord has made, **that the Lord has made.**
Let us rejoice, **let us rejoice**
and be glad in it, **and be glad in it.**
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, **this is the day that the Lord has made.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come before God not fearfully but adoringly; we worship not as a duty but with delight.
God has not marked us for punishment, but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Lift up your eyes beyond anxieties and troubles to God whose glory exceeds the expanse of the universe.
We come to build one another up in faith and joy.

*OPENING HYMN #305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

…that all may enter into the joy of Christ. **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

We must confess, our Creator and Sustainer, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we often become fearful of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall, keeping company with the distractions of this world. Called to be emptied for those

who struggle in life, we fill ourselves with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst. Help us discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a
sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I
will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' 13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their
houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant
vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and
hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That
day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of
darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon
people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their
blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their
gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the
whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of
the earth.

EPISTLE 1st Thessalonians 5:1-11

5Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night. 3When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction
will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5for you are all
children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6So, then, let us
not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7for those who sleep sleep at
night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be
sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

9For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. **11**Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

SERMON "My Deliverer" Cherrie Sizemore, ALP

Responding to God

*HYMN #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 #384 "Soon and Very Soon"

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #748 "Go with Us, Lord"

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

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Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist:	Margie Gumowski
Preacher:	Cherrie Sizemore, ALP
Music Director:	Marilyn Padon
Organist:	Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME Authorized Lay Pastor Cherrie Sizemore back to our pulpit today.

Continuing this Sunday, Rock Lake is in the third week of our four-week 2027 **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**, "More than Enough!" This week 3 – Blessed: More Than Enough. The 2-page (front and back) is attached to the bulletin .

HOPE VILLAGE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In the past Rock Lake Presbyterian has assisted First Presbyterian Church of Charleston in promoting their annual Fair-Trade Market called Hope Village. They seek out vendors who are lifting their artisans out of poverty, marginalization and sex trafficking. They obtain beautiful, hand-crafted items on consignment, sell them and return the proceeds to the vendors. The vendors pay a living wage to the artisans and support programs to educate and train others to engage in work that empowers them.

NOTE: If you own a woman's black London Fog coat, it is hanging on the rack outside the parlor.

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

Family and friends of Joseph Hunt (Rob Hunt's father) on the occasion of his death

Family and friends of John Solberg on the occasion of his death

- 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
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 - Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at Home –Joel Callison, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: First Presbyterian Church, Hinton; Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian Church, Barboursville; Githakwa Church; Wandumbi Parish