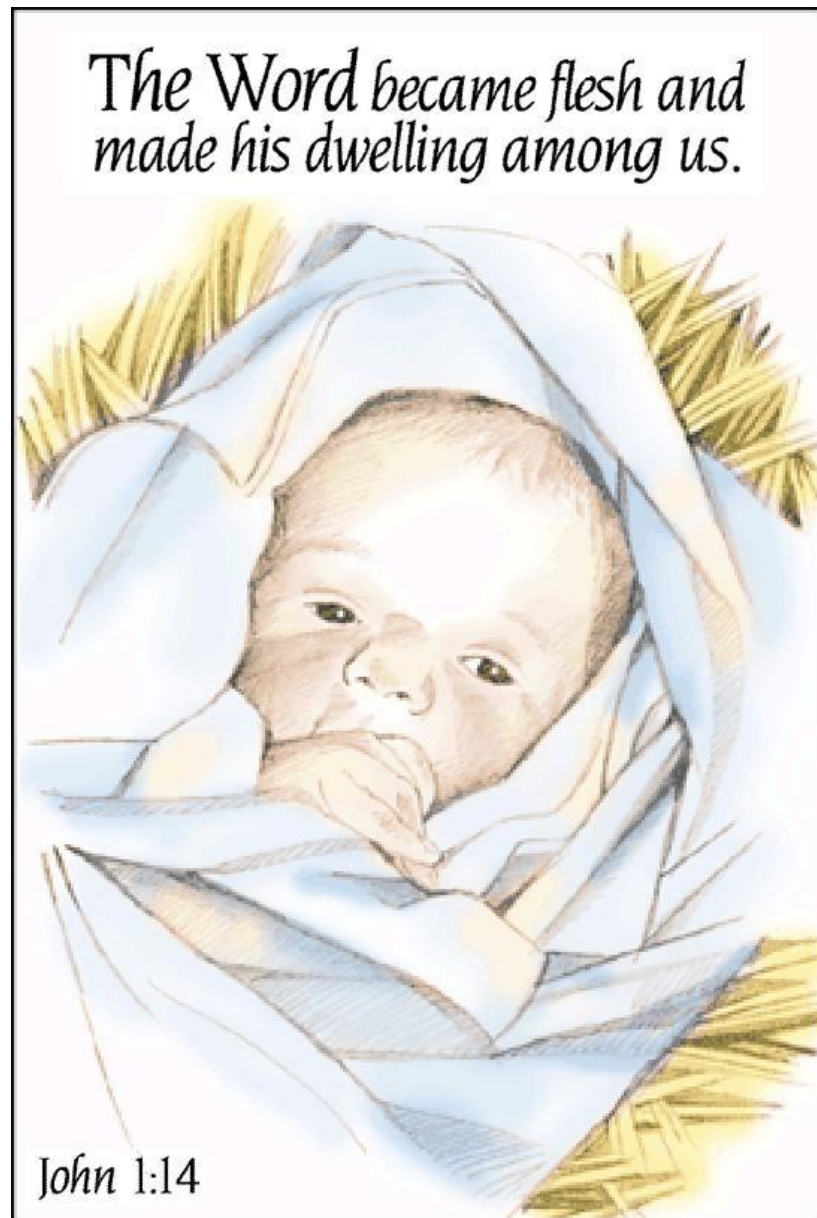


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 76 years of "Shining Christ's Light"

December 28, 2025
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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

December 28, 2025

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word became flesh and lived among us

and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

Christ is the light of the world,

and whoever follows him will not walk in darkness but will

have the light of life.

Let us worship God Incarnate.

*OPENING HYMN #127

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

("Jesus, the Light of the World")

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...In Christ's 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

Faithful God, you love righteousness and hate wickedness, yet we have not lived lives of integrity and truth. We have failed to honor you. We turn to you in love and ask that you pardon our offenses and purify our hearts, that our lives may glorify you, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, receive the good news: the light of Christ shines in our darkness, to bring light and life to all. By the gift of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Praise God for our victory in Christ. **Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE #132

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shine upon us, God of glory, and by your Spirit reveal to us the grace and truth of Jesus Christ your Word made flesh. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5, 14, 18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. **14** And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. **18** No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Living Light"

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN #110

"Love Has Come"

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

FAREWELL TO PASTOR JARVIS

...Together we have laughed and cried, together we have worshiped and praised God, together we have lived.

**We feel sorrow in your leaving.
We will miss your love and support.
We will miss your challenging sermons.
We will miss your tender pastoral care.
You have added so much to our lives.**

You have bound us together in the church, great God, and built up the Spirit of love among us.
**Though we must go separate ways in working for your kingdom, help us to know
that we are joined forever in your loving care.**

We pray for your blessing on Patricia as she seeks new ventures, and we pray for Rock Lake Church as we move into new leadership.

We thank you for the years we had together, for mutual support and mutual forgiveness.

Never let friendship fade, but keep us remembering one another, and grateful for the life we have shared, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*HYMN

“God Be with You”

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you, God be with you till we meet again.**

Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880. Public Domain

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS:

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

THE BRIDGEVIEW FOOD MINISTRY will be packing lunches today, after worship service. Join us in the Fellowship Hall!

POSTCARDS TO OTHER CHURCHES - On the table in the narthex are postcards to 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.



RLPC HANDWORK FOR MISSION will resume their weekly meeting on Thursday, January 8.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING For those persons who missed the official final day of the offering this past Sunday, envelopes remain on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.

OAKWOOD TERRACE CHRISTMAS PROJECT Ed Bailey and Taylor Bailey represented Rock Lake Presbyterian Church Sunday at Oakwood Terrace last Sunday. All went well as the gifts were handed out to the children.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Donors must deliver checks on or by midnight December 31, 2025 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2025. Checks that are in the offering during the first worship service in 2026 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2025, even if the check was actually written in 2025. However, under the so-called "mailbox exception," checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2025 will be deductible in 2025 though they are not received by the church until 2026. You may give checks or cash directly to the treasurer, place it in the treasurer's box in the office or place in the church's mailbox (Village Drive side of the church). All boxes will be checked after midnight, December 31.

If you are over 75, please consider making a direct transfer for a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution for the year to Rock Lake. This has great tax implications for you. Giving securities (stocks, mutual funds, etc.) that have appreciated in value can be very helpful from a tax standpoint. If you give appreciated securities directly to Rock Lake, you will not have to pay capital gains taxes on them and you will still be able to take a charitable deduction on your income tax return. These are a wonderful way of channeling some of your resources into a work in which you believe. Please contact your financial advisor and church treasurer for further information regarding this form of giving.

2026 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of this writing (December 26, 2025), with 19 families responding,
the 2026 total commitment is \$108,680.

Of these families, 13 have increased their commitments from 2025!

Thank you to all members and friends who have returned
commitments for 2026!

If you have not yet responded, won't you please take a few moments to
prayerfully consider how you can help Rock Lake Church *Shine Christ's Light*
by supporting our ministries!

Returning your commitment card will reduce the number of follow-up
contacts which the Stewardship Task Force must make.

We need to hear from all our members and friends so we can plan for 2026.
If you need a commitment card, please call Ken Schmidt (304-768-8565
or 304-881-2408).

We invite you to join us in worship each Sunday in the Sanctuary.
If you cannot attend in person, subscribe to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
on YouTube. Worship each Sunday is at 10:00 am ET. If you need a printed
bulletin, call the church office at 304-768-4141 between 9:30 and
11:30 am ET, Monday through Friday.

And may God bless you this Advent season!

Ken Schmidt, chair, Stewardship Task Force

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

Roberta Alsop	Hollie McCraw	his death. Freddie was the
Merrily Bailey*	Rick McGuire	husband of Cherrie
Larry Graham	Don Shroder	Sizemore, who is on our
Mary Graham	Bill Wagner	pulpit supply list for the first
Emily Holton		quarter of 2026.*
Ravi Isaiah	Family and friends of Freddie	
Cheryl Laws	Sizemore on the occasion of	

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: Bridgeport Presbyterian Church; The Staff of the Presbytery of WV; Gatumbiro Church (Gah-toe-BAY-‘roh); Wandumbi Parish (Wah-DOO’bee)