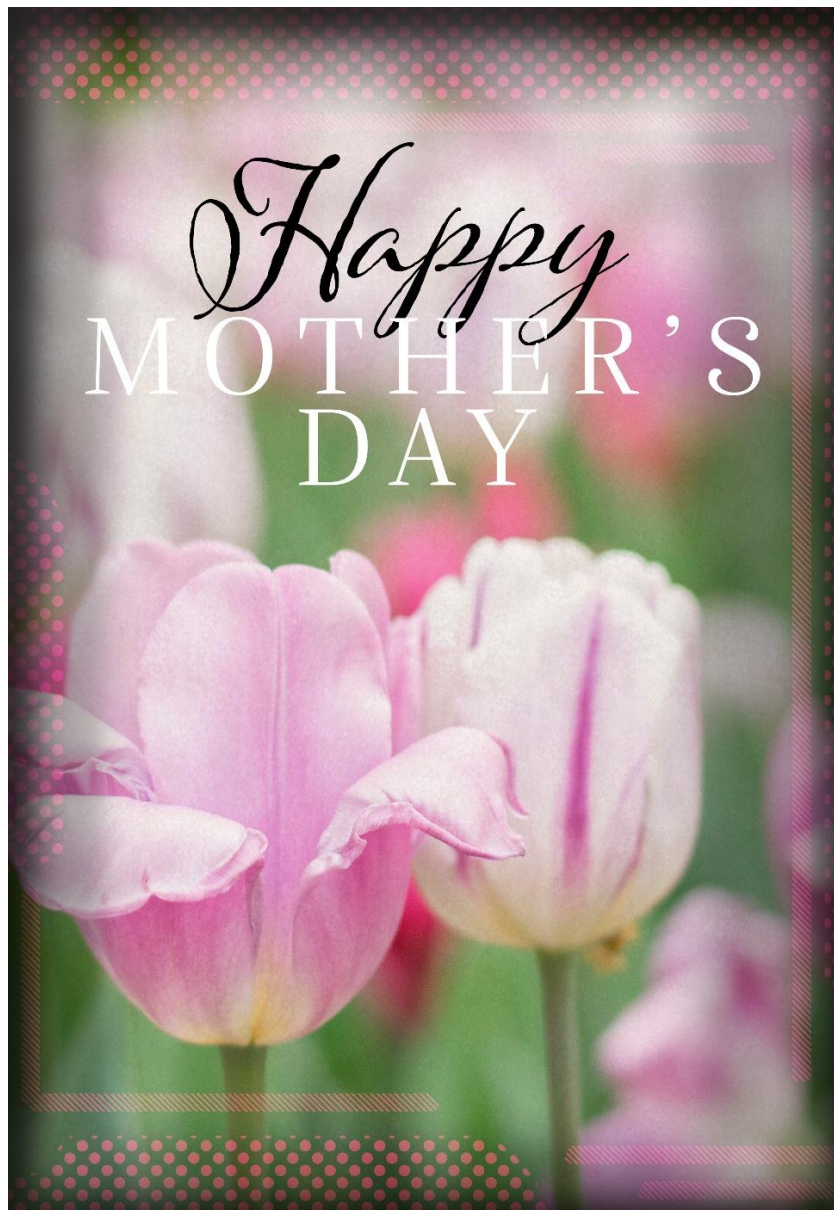


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 75 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



May 11, 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

May 11, 2025

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"In the Garden"

Arr. Roger C. Wilson

When Mary went to the tomb, she encountered Jesus in the garden.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice and be glad:

this is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice and be glad:

heaven and earth will never be the same!

Rejoice and be glad:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN #233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!

Still we look for the living among the dead.

Silence for personal confession.

Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation.

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

ASSURANCE OF FORIVENESS

Hear what the prophets have spoken: that everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of his day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:11-18

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Gardener"

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN #241

"Woman, Weeping in the Garden"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

People of God, we are witnesses to these things and this is what we believe:

that Christ died, hanging on a cross;
that God raised him from the dead on the third day;
that he is coming again in glory to reign.

This is the good news we tell to all the world:

Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

"He Is Lord"

**He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!**

**He is Love, he is Love! He has shown us by his life that he is Love;
all his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love!**

**He is Life, he is Life! He has died to set us free and he is Life;
and he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.**

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*BENEDICTION

You are witnesses to the resurrection; you are messengers of the gospel.
Go forth to tell the good news, preaching peace by Jesus Christ who is Lord of all.

Grace and peace to all who have undying love for our living Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG (#243)

"Be Not Afraid"

**Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

SINCE TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY, POTLUCK SUNDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 18, AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE.

DON'T FORGET THE PRAYER LIST UPDATE changes coming on June 1. Details are in the May newsletter on page 9.



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

Celia Jan Andrews	Judy Hardin	Jackson Rice
Stephani Andrews	Tre' Hardin	Ritchie Rutledge
Ed Bailey	Walter Hardin	Wanda Rybolt
Jack Binning	Dr. Richard Hayes	Kevin Shaffer
Susan Booher	Willie Haynes	Daris Shamblin
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Amy Jo Hickey	Ryan Slaughter
Nancy Braenovich	Emily Holton	Bradley Smith
Keyleigh Caruthers	Ravi Isaiah	Michelle Smith
Erin "Nikki" Childers	K C Lovin	Steve Smith
Connie Dent	John Mawyer	Mike Spurgeon
Jeff Dent	Andrea McClung	Howard Swint
John Dlugog	Diane Lynn McClure	Ike Taylor
Richard Edwards	Carl McCormick	Tory Terry
Tory Fenniger	Mike McDougle	Lauren Thomas
Mary and Larry Graham	Bob Miller	John Wagner
Jennifer Haynes Greene	Paula Miller	Phyllis Whitten
Margie Gumowski's unnamed friend	Joy Ratcliff Parsons	Vernell Williams
Adilynn Hardin	Joyce Perry	Johnny Witt
	Reid family	

- Praying for peace in the Ukraine/Russia conflict and the hostages and their families.
- 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	Brent Bishop
Jeff Barker	Evan Chaney

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; Joel Callison, Pocahontas Center; Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at Home –Donie Argento, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann, Bill Wagner

Prayer List for Churches: Community Presbyterian Church, Arthurdale; Milton Presbyterian Church; Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church; Githiru Church (Gay-THEE'roh); Kagumo Parish (Kah-GOOM'OH)

**The classes below are being offered at the
main library in Charleston**

Talking through Medicare

Thursday, May 15 at 6:00 PM, Room 311C

Medicare plays a crucial role in the health and financial security to millions of older people and younger people with disabilities. Yet, 1 out of 4 beneficiaries say they don't understand their benefits. CEO of Just Us Retirement, Tabitha Justice, breaks down all the confusion by going over the history of Medicare, the difference between A, B, C, and D, and state and federal assistance programs.

Hospice vs. Palliative Care

Thursday, May 22 at 6:00 PM, Room 311A

Sierra Jones, Hospice Liaison, explores the difference between Hospice and Palliative Care. Get practical guidance on choosing the right care and discover support systems for families and caregivers.