

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

PENTECOST

May 24, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Arr. John Carter

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From different places,

we gather as one body.

With different lives and experiences,

we trust in one saving God.

With varied languages,

we speak one truth of Christ's amazing love.

With many gifts,

we go to serve in many and varied ways, led and blessed by one Holy Spirit.

Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

Tune: MERLE'S TUNE

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.**

**The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.**

**God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.**

**O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.**

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...and bind us together in unity and love. **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

**Refreshing wind of God, whisper the truth of your love to us.
Where we are breathless with sin and regret, breathe new life into us through
your mercy and your grace.
Where we stand firm in our divisions, remold us with your mighty power,
that we might rise in unity and love.
Renewing wind of the Spirit, help us recognize our gifts, that we may use
them for your glory. In your holy presence, we pray.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

All who call upon the name of God are saved. By calling on God and confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit re-creates us anew and saves us by God’s grace. **Thanks be to God.**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...and answer your call with confidence. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!” ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Rest of the Story"

Ken Schmidt, Elder

Responding to God

*HYMN #288

"Spirit of the Living God"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

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 #286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #600

"Amen"

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: John Haynes
Preacher: Ken Schmidt
Hymn Leader: Taylor Bailey
Music Director: Marilyn Padon

PENTECOST SUNDAY - Red is the color of the Holy Spirit, reminding us of the tongues of fire that descended on the disciples. If you are able, please wear Pentecost colors (red, orange, and yellow) on your tie, dress, shirt, or other visible article of clothing.

POSTCARDS TO OTHER CHURCHES are 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 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



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

Merrily Bailey	Emily Holton	Don Shroder
Barker Family	Ravi Isaiah	Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Jack Binning*	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Shayne Compton	Hollie McCraw	Ward Family
Larry Graham	Rick McGuire	Gary Withrow

- 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	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: Church of Our Saviour, Clarksburg; Clothier Presbyterian Church; Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, Huntington; Marua Church; Kagumo Parish