

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

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# Reformation Service

## 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**  
**REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
**October 25, 2026**

**Gathering**

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Arr. Benjamin M. Culli

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ken Schmidt

\*GATHERING SONG #62

"Love the Lord Your God"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

What does the Lord require of you?

**To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?

**To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind,  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.**

Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts us, and abides with us.

**Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,  
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

\*OPENING HYMN #267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul and mind.  
We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love.  
We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray, free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ. Gathered in Christ's name, surely he is among us, full of grace and truth.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and lifted up to new life. Thanks be to God!**

## *Listening to the Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...Gathered in Christ's name, gathered around the Word, we pray. **Amen.**

### PSALM

#### Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, <sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, <sup>6</sup> for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

### SUNG RESPONSE

"Tree of Wisdom"

Tune: DIX

**Tree of Wisdom, fruitful, green, flourishing beside the stream;  
spread your knowledge day and night; make your law my true delight.  
Fashion me, O Lord, to be strong and splendid as a tree.**

Michael Morgan , admin. *Faith Alive Christian Resources*

### GOSPEL

#### Matthew 22:34-46

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." <sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." <sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ' ? <sup>45</sup> "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

"The Meaning of Everything"

Randy Fife, ALP

## ***Responding to God***

\*HYMN #693

“Though I May Speak”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What is the greatest commandment?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...and with all your soul...  
and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.**

Is there another like it?

Yes, a second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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 #63

“The Lord Is God”

\*BENEDICTION

\*DEPARTING SONG #742

“We Will Walk with God”

**We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.  
We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.  
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

*Greet one another in peace as you depart*

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# Church Notes

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Margie Gumowski  
Preacher: Randy Fife, ALP  
Music Director: Marilyn Padon  
Organist: Pam Ferrell

## WE WELCOME BACK RANDY FIFE TO OUR PULPIT TODAY.

We will be packing lunches for **BRIDGEVIEW SCHOOL MINISTRY** after church service this Sunday, October 25.

**POSTCARDS TO OTHER CHURCHES** are on the table in the narthex. These postcards will 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.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** will end next Sunday, November 1, at 2 a.m. Clocks will "fall back" an hour.

Next Sunday, November 1, we will be celebrating **HOLY COMMUNION**. For those who will not be able to attend in-person worship, please take time during the coming week to prepare for the Sacrament.

Also, next Sunday, November 1, is **FOOD OFFERING SUNDAY**. Don't forget that each Communion Sunday is "Food Offering" Sunday. You may leave your offering in the red wagon in the Narthex. All the collected food will go to Heart and Hand.

# ***Prayer List***

*To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,  
please call the church office (768-4141) or email [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto: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 | Emily Holton  | Karen Robinson        |
| Merrily Bailey           | Ravi Isaiah   | Don Shroder           |
| Barker Family            | Kirk King     | Mike & Susan Spurgeon |
| Shayne Compton           | Doug Lathom   | Ed Thompson           |
| Pam Gano                 | Cheryl Laws   | Bill Wagner           |
| Jeff George              | Hollie McCraw | Gary Withrow          |
| Larry Graham             | Rick McGuire  |                       |

- 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**

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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:** First Presbyterian Church, Buckhannon; Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church, Morgantown; Mathakwaini Church Dispensary; Thegenge Parish