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

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 22, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "We Gather Together" Arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*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

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
For the Lord is a great God;
a great ruler over heaven and earth.
Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #612 "We Praise You, O God"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

…in whose 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

In this land of plenty, we confess that we are a broken people. We have enough, but we want more than we need. The gulf between rich and poor grows to disastrous results. We are a nation that welcomed the immigrant, but now we spread hate, fear and violence. We are many colors and of many faiths, but racism and distrust divide us. Heal our nation, O God. Open our eyes and our hearts to recognize our role in bringing peace and harmony.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

…So live as forgiven and empowered people. **Amen.**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Hymn #451 "Open My Eyes"

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this
reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as
you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive
what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance
among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,
according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above
all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only
in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made
him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills
all in all.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the
throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people
one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep
at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave
me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me
clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the
righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or
thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and
welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in
prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to
one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to
those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared
for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you
gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did
not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer,
'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison
and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not

do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' **46** And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON "Truth or Consequences?" Elder Ken Schmidt

Responding to God

*HYMN #714 "God of the Fertile Fields"

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION by Abraham Lincoln

OFFERING OF COMMITMENT CARDS *Please bring cards forward and place them in the chest.*

*Doxology #606
*Prayer of Dedication

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 #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG "Now Thank We All Our God" *Stanza 3*

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**
Martin Rinkart, c.1636

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist:	Linda Hunt
Preacher:	Ken Schmidt, Ruling Elder
Music Director:	Marilyn Padon
Organist:	Pam Ferrell

Continuing this Sunday, Rock Lake is in the fourth week of our four-week 2027 **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**, "More than Enough!" This week 4 – Shared: More Than Enough. The 2-page (front and back) is attached to the bulletin .

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE invites everyone to stay after Worship today to put up Advent decorations. Advent begins next Sunday!!

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. Today is the last day that Hope Village is open.

OAKWOOD TERRACE CHRISTMAS PROJECT was given the approval this week by the new owners to proceed with the activities this year. Delivery day is Sunday, December 20 at 2:00 pm. Gift lists are being created this week with the intent of putting this information into the hands of the gift buyers this weekend or early next week.

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
Barker Family
Shayne Compton
Jeff George
Larry Graham
Emily Holton
Ravi Isaiah
Kirk King
Doug Lathom
Cheryl Laws
Hollie McCraw
Rick McGuire
Marcia Obukowicz*
Karen Robinson
Don Shroder
Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Ed Thompson
Bill Wagner
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
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: Belle Presbyterian Church; Marlinton Presbyterian Church; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vienna; Kaglo-ini Church; Wandumbi Parish