

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 75 years of "Shining Christ's Light"

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine



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.

February 2, 2025
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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 2025

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the feast, God of abundance, you turn water into fine wine.

Though the wine has run out, you work miracles among us.

Though the work feels impossible, you accomplish wonders through us.

**Help us to receive your good gifts this day, that we might learn
to put our faith in you.**

Let us worship our miracle-working God.

*OPENING HYMN #402

"How Lovely, Lord" (Psalm 84)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...Through Christ, in the power of the Holy spirit, 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

**Holy God, we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that all people are your
beloved children. We turn away the stranger and ignore the cries of the desperate. We
embrace violence as solution and revenge as justice.**

**Gracious God, restore in us the vision of your love and mercy. Help us to be a reconciling
agent in our world, and bless us with your peace.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORIVENESS

As children of the Holy One, God forgives you and loves you eternally. By the power of God's
Spirit, forgive yourself and forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Thanks be to God.

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*sung*) “Jesus, Come, for We Invite You” Tune: REGENT SQUARE

**Jesus, come, for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana’s wedding, speak, and let us hear your word;
lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.**

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SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” **4** And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come.” **5** His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” **6** Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it. **9** When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” **11** Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Saving the Best Till Last”

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN

“Jesus, Come, for We Invite You”

Tune: REGENT SQUARE

**Jesus, come! Transform our pleasure, guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone;
though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.**

**Jesus, come in new creation, heav’n brought near by power divine;
give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine;
rouse the faith of your disciples—come, our first and greatest Sign!**

**Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness; make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give;
let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!**

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Install John Haynes and Ken Schmidt

The Rev. Jim Robinson

OFFERING OF FOOD for Heart and Hand
...in body and soul to those who receive them. **Amen.**

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.

*HYMN #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together" Stanzas 1, 2

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Sharing the Bread and Cup

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together" Stanza 3

*BENEDICTION

May the God of justice be your path, the Lord of mercy be your guide, and the Spirit of love be your light, this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG (#610, stanzas 4, 5) Tune: AZMON

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

**To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and haven.**

Charles Wesley, 1739. Public Domain

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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CANDLEMAS – Those who wish may gather at the front of the sanctuary and have candles brought from home blessed. You and your household may also receive a blessing, if you wish.

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated today.

FOOD OFFERING SUNDAY is also today. 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 & Hand.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY - February 9

We are asking the congregation to donate cans of soup that we can take to our local Heart and Hand Food Pantry. Checks are also welcome.

After our service on that date, please join us for a soup style lunch in the parlor. Please bring your favorite soup or breads to share.

We have a sign-up sheet for you to list the soup/bread/dessert that you would like to share on that day. Please click on the link below and it will take you to the sign-up sheet.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1s2zlZRII6WKZ4h0IF_U4diepeHdz9j_d9JFCuNyT8JE/edit?usp=sharing

2025 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of this writing (January 26, 2025), with 21 families responding,
the 2025 total commitment is \$96,037.

Of these families, 8 have increased their commitments from 2024!

Thank you to all members and friends who have returned
commitments for 2025!

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
2025. 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 in 2025!

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

Stephani Andrews	Walter Hardin	Jackson Rice
Susan Booher	Brad Harkins	Ritchie Rutledge
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Teresa Hart	Wanda Rybolt
Nancy Braenovich	Dr. Richard Hayes	Kevin Shaffer
Joel Callison*	Amy Jo Hickey	Daris Shamblin
Keyleigh Caruthers	Ravi Isaiah	Ryan Slaughter
Erin “Nikki” Childers	Doug Lathom	Bradley Smith
Barbara Clark	K C Lovin	Michelle Smith
Connie Dent	John Mawyer	Steve Smith
Jeff Dent	Diane Lynn McClure	Howard Swint
John Dlugog	Carl McCormick	Ike Taylor
Richard Edwards	Mike McDougle	Tory Terry
Tory Fenniger	Rick McGuire	Lauren Thomas
Mary and Larry Graham	Bob Miller	Ed Thompson
Jennifer Haynes Greene	Paula Miller	Mary Wagner
Margie Gumowski’s unnamed friend	Marcia Obukowicz	Vernell Williams
Adilynn Hardin	Joy Ratcliff Parsons	Johnny Witt
Judy Hardin	Jackie Pauley	
Tre’ Hardin	Joyce Perry	
	Reid family	

- Praying for people who lost their homes in southern California wildfires. We also pray for the firefighters.
- We pray for the people who are experiencing the snow and ice storms throughout the country.
- We pray for peace as Israeli Hostages and Palestinian Prisoners are released as cease-fire begins.
- 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; Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at home –Donie Argento, Bonnie Cheely, Barbara Clark, Willie Haynes, Betty Oakes, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Alexander Mem. Presbyterian Church, Stony Bottom; Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Shinnston; Kiawaithanji Church (CARE’wha-eeTHA-JEH); Gaaki Parish (GAH’key)