

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 75 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

February 23, 2025

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

Arr. T. Smith and D. Hustad

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The way of Christ turns the world upside down.

God's ways are not our ways.

It moves us beyond retribution and cycles of violence.

God's ways are not our ways.

It leads us to enemy-love and scandalous forgiveness.

God's ways are not our ways.

So let us commit our way to the Lord together.

Let us worship our love-giving God.

*OPENING HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Tune: FOREST GREEN

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.**

**Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.
Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.**

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...all in the name of 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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises.
We love only those who love us;
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;
we give only when we expect to receive.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love.
Change our lives by your matchless grace.
These things we pray through Christ our Savior.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORIVENESS

Beloved children of God, through Jesus Christ we have received grace in good measure—spilling out and running over. Believe the good news—we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*sung*) #451 “Open My Eyes”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

SERMON

“Asking Us to Do the Impossible”

The Rev. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN

“How Blessed Are They Who Trust in Christ”

Tune: MARYTON

**How blest are they who trust in Christ when we and those we love must part.
We yield them up, for go they must, but do not lose them from our heart.**

**In ripened age, their harvest reaped, or gone from us in youth or prime,
in Christ they have eternal life, released from all the bonds of time.**

**In Christ, who tasted death for us, we rise above our natural grief,
and witness to a stricken world the strength and splendor of belief.**

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DEDICATION OF HANDWORK

...We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord of Love. **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.

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #756

"O God of Every Nation"

*BENEDICTION

Go with God's blessing.

As followers of Jesus, we will love our enemies and do good to those who hate us.

Go with God's blessing.

As disciples of Christ, we will bless those who curse us and pray for those who persecute us.

Go with God's blessing.

As people of the Way, we will treat others as we would have them treat us.

Go in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Redemer, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #587

"Alleluia"

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

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



THE HANDWORK FOR MISSION group brings forth for dedication 7 baby blankets and 17 lap robes. These items will be donated to area nursing homes and the WV Right from the Start group. We pray that these items will provide warmth and comfort to whoever receives them.

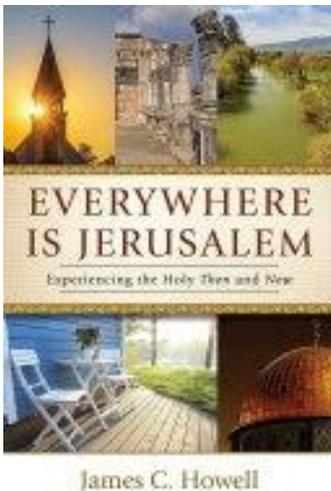
Since the start of our mission work, we have made 472 hug rugs, 185 lap robes, 142 prayer shawls, 56 caplets, and 35 baby blankets plus supported Bridget's Cradles. May God bless our continued efforts to provide this service.

Knit, crochet, or quilt? Join us each Thursday 1 to 4 in the parlor. We appreciate so much all who have donated materials over the past years.

POSTCARDS TO OTHER CHURCHES

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.

THE BRIDGEVIEW FOOD MINISTRY will be packing lunches today, after worship service.



DURING THE SEASON OF LENT we will be offering a study of the book Everywhere is Jerusalem by James Howell.

The book study, led by Ed Thompson, will start on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM and continue for the next 5 Wednesdays, meeting for about an hour every week and discussing a chapter of the book each time.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase through the church before the study begins. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the sanctuary. The class will be limited to 12 people and if more than would want to attend, we'll add a second time slot.

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

- 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; Joel Callison, Pocahontas Center; 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: First Presbyterian Church, Thomas; Keller Presbyterian Church, Pence Springs; Giaichamwenge Church (GAY-shah-MWEN’gay); Giakanja Parish (Gie-uh-KAH’juh)