

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



**Blessed
are the
peacemakers,
for they
will be called
sons
of God.**

Matthew 5:9

February 1 2026
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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 1, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Arr. Jeffrey Blersch

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed:

The poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek.

We gather to hear who Christ calls blessed:

**Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
the merciful, the pure in heart, the peace makers, the persecuted.**

Blessed.

*OPENING HYMN #610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...we can journey humbly with you all our days. **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 fail to do what is right. Instead, we pursue evil and do not speak the truth. When we try our best to be faithful, we turn away from you. Forgive us, accept us and redeem us, that we may seek to do what you call "good."

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption, is the one who judges us. Christ is the one who was born for us and forgives us with abundant love.

We will boast of all the good God has done for us! Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE #610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Stanza 5

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

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...and to answer our call. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:1-12

58Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. **2** Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. **3** “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. **4** You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. **5** Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? **6** Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? **7** Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? **8** Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. **9** Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, **10** if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. **11** The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. **12** Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he began to speak and taught them, saying: **3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. **8** “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10** “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

SERMON

“Blessed Are You”

Sallie Daugherty, ALP

Responding to God

*HYMN #172

“Blest Are They”
Soloists on verses; all on refrain

OFFERING OF FOOD for Heart and Hand

...We pray in Jesus' name. **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 #515

“I Come with Joy’

Stanzas 1, 2, 3

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

O God, you give us new life in Christ Jesus. With all that we have and all that we are, we seek to be faithful to this gift. Accept our endeavors, amend our errors and guide our ambitions, that we may know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, for Christ's sake.

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #515

“I Come with Joy’

Stanzas 4, 5

*BENEDICTION

...that the love of Christ Jesus, flowing through you, changes everything. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #765

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

**May the God of hope go with us everyday, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

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Greet one another in peace

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Ed Thompson, Moderator

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Church Notes

Liturgist: Ken Schmidt
Preacher: Sallie Daugherty
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME SALLIE DAUGHERTY TO OUR PULPIT TODAY - Sallie Daugherty is a native West Virginian who grew up in Charleston and has been a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston where she is an Elder, former Clerk of Session, has been a choir member and children's Sunday school teacher and she is currently serving as a Deacon. The Presbytery of West Virginia approved Sallie as an authorized lay preacher at its November 20, 2020 meeting. Since then, Sallie has answered God's call to travel around West Virginia to fill the pulpit wherever she is asked. Upon the retirement of Pastor Cherrie Sizemore, Sallie became the Commissioned Moderator of Elk Hills Presbyterian Church. She is the daughter of Jarve Currence and the late George A. Daugherty and is married to Byron Goodew. Sallie and Byron make their home in South Charleston, West Virginia.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated today.

FOOD OFFERING SUNDAY is also today.

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.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED the Annual Congregational Meeting for today after worship in the sanctuary. Ed Thompson will moderate. The meeting's purpose is to:

- Receive the annual reports of church committees and organizations, and answer any questions about the reports.
- Review and answer questions on the 2025 Year End Financial Report; and discuss the 2026 church budget.
- Hear and act upon the report from the Congregation's Nominating Committee.
- Hear and act upon a proposed amendment to the Rock Lake Presbyterian Church Incorporated Bylaws. **The clerk withdraws this item pending further consultation.**

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – February 8 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.

2026 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of this writing (January 30, 2025), with 21 families responding, the 2026 total commitment is \$112,080.

Of these families, 13 have increased their commitments from 2025!

Thank you to all members and friends who have returned commitments for 2026!

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!

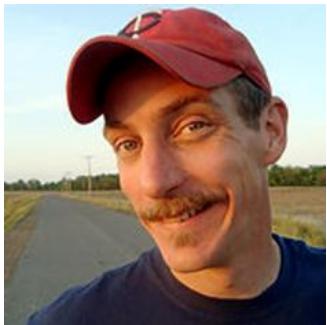
Returning your commitment card will reduce the number of follow-up contacts which the Stewardship Task Force must make.

We need to hear from all our members and friends so we can plan for 2026. 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 2026!

Ken Schmidt, chair, Stewardship Task Force



“Tell Me a Story,” Saturday, March 21, 2026

In this email, you will find information on the [Presbytery of West Virginia's Festival of Faith](#), including a [flyer](#) to post where those in your church might see it; a [bulletin insert](#); [registration information and form](#); [Workshop Descriptions](#); and a [Lunch Order Form](#). Please share these by email and in print with those in your congregation.

Festival of Faith, a day of learning through keynote and workshops, fellowship, worship, will occur this year on Saturday, March 21, at First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, from 9:30 am – 3:45 pm.

Bil Lepp, storyteller, artist, and recording artist, will be our Keynote Presenter. The title of his keynote will be: The Widow's Mite and the Widower's Might: Seeing Scripture in

Ordinary Actions. He will also be leading a workshop titled: “Using Storytelling to Spread the Word.”

Other workshops on a variety of topics will also be offered. Descriptions can be found [here](#). [Information](#) and [registration forms](#) are available using the links in this email and also on the [Presbytery of West Virginia's website](#). The early registration deadline, with a lower cost, is Monday, March 2. The deadline for [ordering lunch](#) or indicating the need for childcare is also Monday, March 3.

If you have questions about this event, or need additional information, please contact Kari Preslar, Chair of the Festival of Faith Planning Team, [by email](#) or 304-541-7222.

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

Roberta Alsop	Cheryl Laws	Brandon Ward
Merrily Bailey	Hollie McCraw	Sympathy for the Family and
Larry Graham	Rick McGuire	Friends of Charles Turley
Mary Graham	Don Shroder	
Emily Holton	Mike & Susan Spurgeon	
Ravi Isaiah	Bill Wagner	

- Praying for all the brothers and sisters in Minnesota and all other states whose lives are being challenged by ICE.
- 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.
- Praying for peace in the Ukraine/Russia conflict and the Israel/Hamas conflict and all conflict around the globe. Grant us peace!
- 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: Alexander Mem. Presby. Church, Stony Bottom; Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Shinnston; Kiawaithanji Church; Gaaki Parish