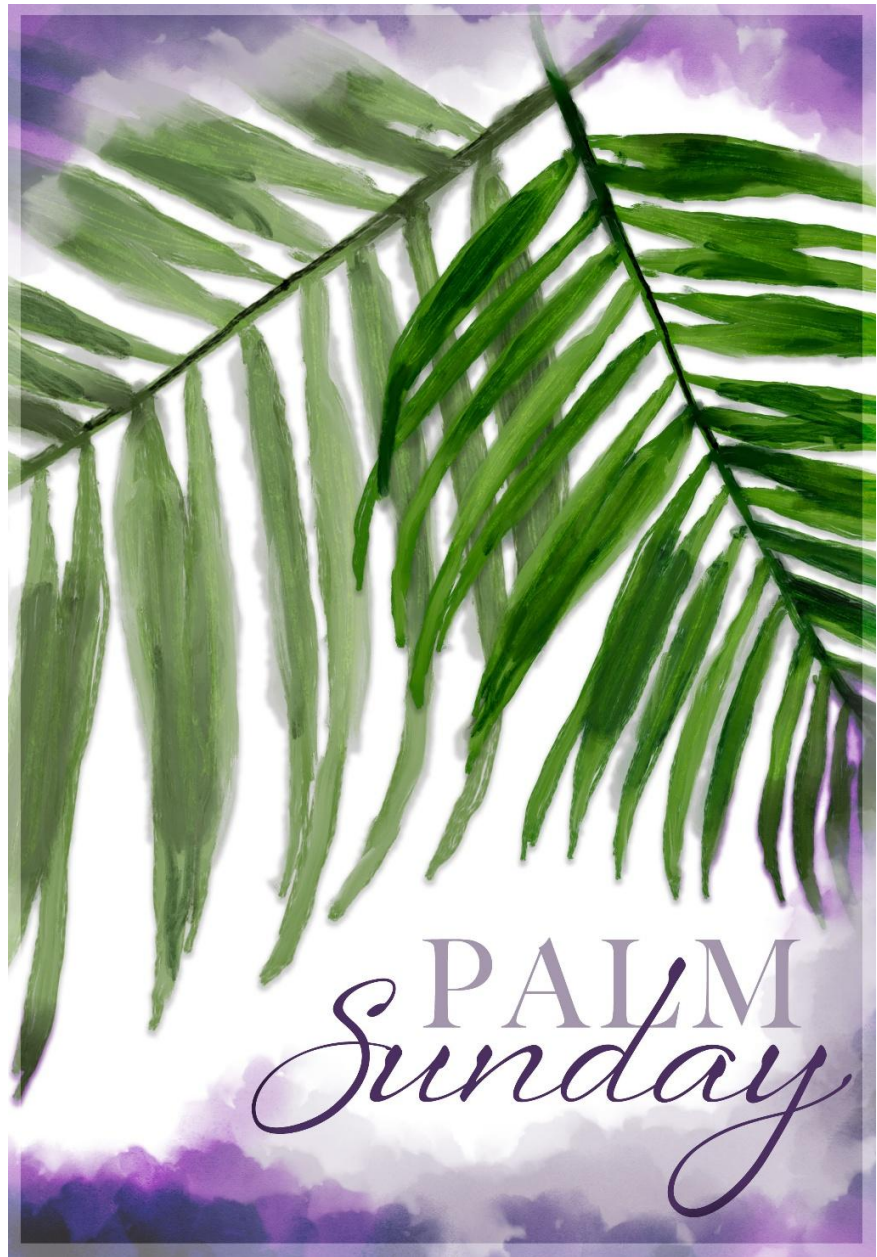


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 75 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



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.

April 13, 2025
Email: rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com
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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Ride On, King Jesus"

Traditional American Spiritual
Arr. Larry Shackley

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ken Schmidt
Ron Rogillio

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Remain seated*)

Have you heard the news? Jesus is coming!

The king is coming!

Even if we keep silent, the very rocks will shout it out: The king is coming!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

CHORAL INTROIT

"Savior, King!"

Katie Houts

Sing, hosanna, sing! For our Messiah's here: let praises ring!

Sing, hosanna, sing! Come wave your palms before our Savior, King!

Make a path for Christ our King with blanket, palm or shawl.

Welcome Jesus, here to save and show God's love for all! Sing, hosanna sing...

*OPENING HYMN #196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. **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

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name.

Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny

him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this

world, but only in the Prince of Peace.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORIVENESS

God loves and forgives us; who will declare us guilty? We can shout with the followers of Jesus,

"Hosanna!" **Hosanna!**

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
There in the distance they begin to see, there on a donkey comes the Savior Christ.
From every corner a thousand voices sing praise to the One who comes in the name of God.
Our acclamation breaks forth in shouts of praise, our triumphant song of joy:
"Hosanna, hosanna to Christ! Hosanna, hosanna to Christ!"

As in that entrance to Jerusalem, hosannas we will sing to Jesus Christ,
to our Redeemer who still calls today, asks us to follow with our love and faith.
From every corner...

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may hear anew the story of Jesus' wondrous love and sacrifice. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-44

Pew Bible, New Testament, page 83

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

SERMON

"Cheering Stones"

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN #198

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"
Choir - Stanza 1
All sing remaining stanzas

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal

(Singing, #581:) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Excerpt from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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

"A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

Tune: MARTYRDOM

**A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare,
and hailing Christ as king aloud, waved branches in the air.**

**They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms
and vows of lasting love bestowed with royal hymns and psalms.**

**When day dimmed down to deepening dark the crowd began to fade
till only trampled leaves and bark were left from the parade.**

**Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise,
remind us, God, as this week starts, where Christ has fixed his gaze.**

**Instead of palms, a winding sheet will have to be unrolled,
a carpet much more fit to greet the king a cross will hold.**

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EXTINGUISHING OF LENTEN CANDLE

*BENEDICTION

As we move through this week from joy and hosannas to the events of Holy Week, may the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus:

the one who never turned back in defiance,
the one who gave his back to the lash,
the one who faced spitting and insult.

May your bearing be that of Christ Jesus:

the one who emptied himself,
the one who took the form of a servant,
the one who was raised to the heights and given the name above all names.

May your lives declare the lordship of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #227

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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

POTLUCK SUNDAY will be celebrated today. We invite everyone to the potluck after the worship service. Even if you cannot bring any food to the potluck, we invite you to bring your most important ingredient – YOU!!



Please join us in worship on Good Friday at noon.



On Easter Sunday, please join us at 10am to celebrate Our Lord's (and our) victory over death! (If you arrive early, perhaps take a few moments to add flowers to the Cross in the front of the Sanctuary.)

EASTER TULIPS

The deadline for ordering Easter tulips is **today**, April 13. Order blanks are on the narthex shelf for your convenience.

Any tulips not picked up by the donor on Easter Sunday will be planted in the church garden.

Support One Great Hour of Sharing



Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

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	Tre' Hardin	Wanda Rybolt
Ed Bailey	Walter Hardin	Kevin Shaffer
Jack Binning	Dr. Richard Hayes	Daris Shamblin
Susan Booher	Willie Haynes	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	Andrea McClung	Howard Swint
Jeff Dent	Diane Lynn McClure	Ike Taylor
John Dlugog	Carl McCormick	Tory Terry
Richard Edwards	Mike McDougle	Lauren Thomas
Tory Fenniger	Bob Miller	John Wagner
Mary and Larry Graham	Paula Miller	Vernell Williams
Jennifer Haynes Greene	Joy Ratcliff Parsons	Johnny Witt
Margie Gumowski's unnamed friend	Joyce Perry	
Adilynn Hardin	Reid family	
Judy Hardin	Jackson Rice	
	Ritchie Rutledge	

- 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 in Rehab - Betty Oakes, Sissonville; Bill Wagner, Charleston Health Care Center

Prayers for those at Home –Donie Argento, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Elk Hills Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Glenville Presbyterian Church; Gathaith Church (Gah-thah-EE'thee); Gura Parish (GOO'rah)

EASTER WEEK ACTS OF KINDNESS

Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, and forgive one another, just as God has forgiven you in Christ." Ephesians 4:32

PALM SUNDAY

Hold people before God in prayer. Take time today to bring friends and loved ones before God.

MONDAY

Do something kind for the Earth. Ideas: Plant a flower or a tree, Feed the birds, pick up litter, recycle or reuse etc.

TUESDAY

Come up with a kind act of your own. Be creative!

WEDNESDAY

Take time to write a check for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and put it in the offering plate on Sunday.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY (This is the day we celebrate the Last Supper)

Buy food for the Food Bank or the Bridgeview Ministry and bring it to the church on Sunday.

GOOD FRIDAY

As we remember Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross give something up for the entire day.

Ideas: Screen time, sugar, caffeine. Think of this as a Fast.

SATURDAY

Surprise a neighbor or an elderly friend with an Easter treat. (One idea bake Hot Cross Buns the recipe is attached.)

EASTER SUNDAY

Alleluia! Christ has Risen! Worship with others on this Day of Days!

Hot Cross Buns

The delicious hot cross bun is a doughy spiced sweet bun usually made with fruit. They are usually eaten during Lent, specifically Holy Week. They are marked with an icing or dough cross on top, they have been a holiday staple of some communities for centuries. (versions of the hot cross bun even appeared in ancient Greece.)

Different parts of the hot cross bun have certain meanings. The cross represents the crucifixion of Jesus and the spices inside signify the spices used to embalm him at his burial.

Below is a simple recipe that uses Pillsbury's Hot Roll Mix so you and your family can enjoy this fun, yummy Lenten treat.

Hot Cross Buns

1 package (16 ounces) hot roll mix
1 teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon Ground Allspice
1/4 teaspoon Ground Cardamom
1/2 cup raisins
Yeast packet from hot roll mix
1 cup hot water (120 F to 130 F)
2 tablespoons butter or margarine,
softened
1 egg

Glaze

3/4 cup confectioners sugar
3/4 teaspoon Pure Lemon Extract
1 tablespoon water

Lightly grease cookie sheet and set aside.

Empty contents of flour mixture packet from hot roll mix into large bowl. Stir in cinnamon, allspice, cardamom, and raisins. Add contents of yeast packet and mix well.

Stir in 1 cup hot water, butter, and egg. Mix just until dough pulls away from sides of bowl.

Turn out onto lightly floured surface, flour hands, and knead 5 minutes. Cover dough with inverted bowl and let rest 5 minutes.

Shape dough into eighteen 2-inch balls and place on prepared cookie sheet. Cover with damp towel and let rise in warm, draft-free place until dough doubles in size.

Bake in 400 F oven 15 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet and cool on wire rack.

To make glaze, place sugar, lemon extract, and 1 tablespoon water in small bowl and stir until well combined. Drizzle cross on top of each bun.

Makes 18 buns

This recipe created by McCormick

**Two classes below that are being offered at the
main library in Charleston on 4/17 & 4/24**

Bringing Back the Village: Basic Estate Planning

Thursday, April 17 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Adults | Room 311C

This course will cover the most basic estate planning documents including wills and powers of attorneys. We will also discuss how easily these documents can be customized to meet your unique individual and family needs, how critical it is to start early, when you need to update your documents and how to get the most out of your estate for the highest quality of life in your senior years.

Presented in partnership with Bringing Back the Village.

Bringing Back the Village: Making Sense of Long-Term Care Insurance

Thursday, April 24 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Adults | Room 311C

Do you know how your long-term care insurance policy works? Whether you already have coverage or are considering your options, understanding how benefits are accessed, what's covered, and how policies are structured is essential for making informed decisions. Join Tabitha Justice of Just Us Retirement and Kari Peyatte of Amada Senior Care for an educational session that explains the ins and outs of long-term care insurance. We'll also explore newer, more affordable plans that offer flexible solutions for today's needs. This class is designed to help you feel prepared and confident about your long-term care planning.

Presented in partnership with Bringing Back the Village.

The Guys' Weekend

April 25 - 27, 2025
Bluestone Camp & Retreat



Registration and Medical Release forms are available online.
bluestonecamp.org/guys-weekend

The Registration Fee is \$85 per person for 2 nights and 4 meals.
Dinner for early arrivals on Friday is \$12.

Please register no later than April 22.

Questions?? Call Mark (304) 860-8281 or email mark@bluestonecamp.org

Join us for our 16th Annual Men's Retreat, a weekend of reflection, service, worship, work projects to improve Bluestone, and plenty of laughs!

Things to Note:

- We would welcome the help of anyone who can come up a day early to get started on work projects.
- Youth are encouraged to attend as long as they are accompanied by an adult.



SPRING GETAWAY RETREAT

MAY 2 - 4 @Bluestone

Adults \$85
(ages 12 & older)

Youth \$50
(ages 4 - 11)

Children FREE
(ages 3 & under)

Registration deadline is April 30.

There'll be plenty of good food and fellowship... plus

- † trail hike or craft you can do at your leisure †
- † study track w/weekend chaplain TBA †
- † games, campfires, devotions †
- † plenty of time and space to just simply be †

Join us for a fun and relaxing low key weekend!

Get Registration and Medical Release Forms online at

bluestonecamp.org/spring-getaway

Alternatively, please copy the form on the back of this flyer!