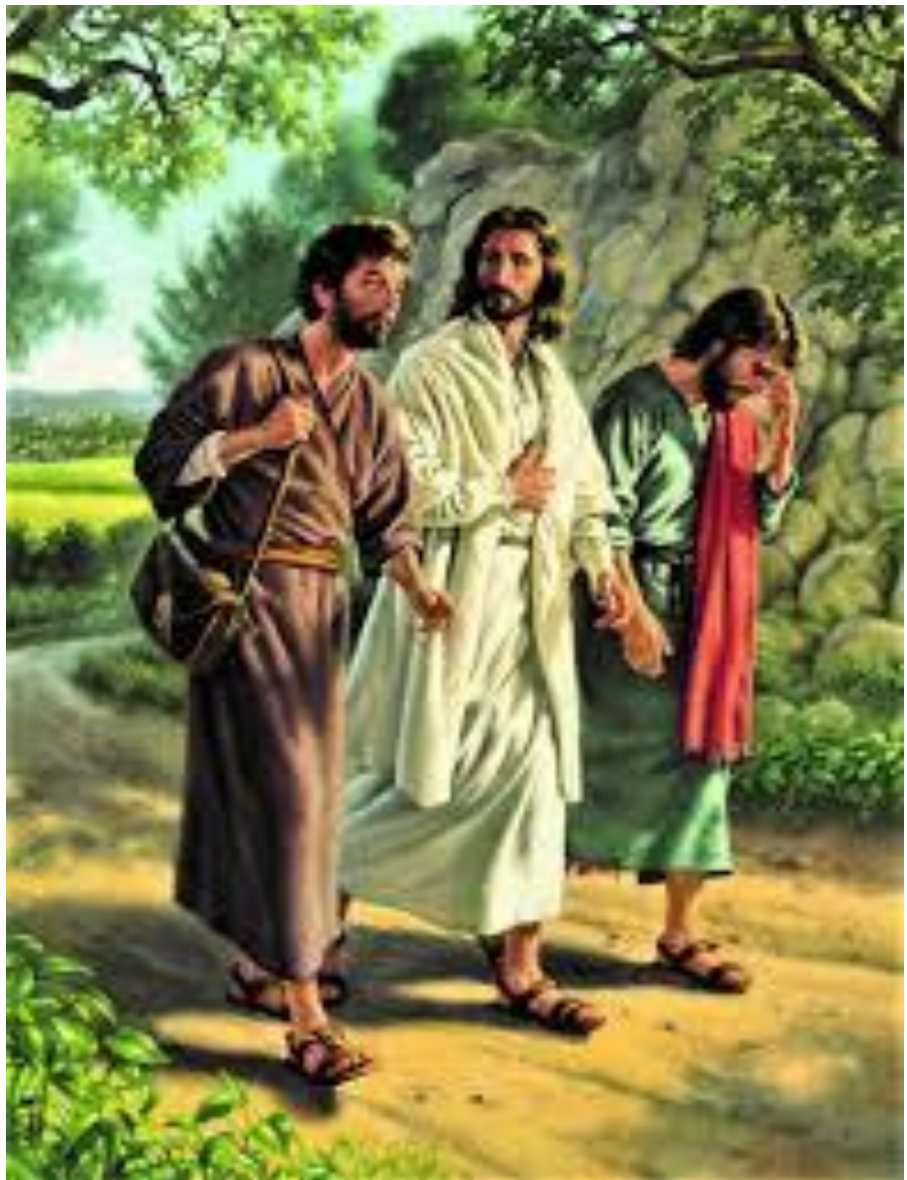


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 76 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

April 19, 2026
Email: rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com
website: www.rlpc.org

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

EASTERTIDE

April 19, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"There Is a Redeemer"

M. Green/Arr. Carol Tomquist

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

**The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.**

Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,

we are in need of your company!

Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,

Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Carol Penner, and posted on *Leading in Worship*. <http://carolpenner.typepad.com>

*OPENING HYMN #408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the holy Spirit. **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

Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you?

When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives.
Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture that obscures the signs pointing to you.

**Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart when we don't recognize you in the
guise of our neighbor or of the poor or the dispossessed.**

Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice.

**Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of
your presence with us. Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence,
so that, like those travelers on the road to Emmaus, we too, hasten to share this
great good news with others.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Whether we believe it, or not, Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace which Christ brings to us in faithfulness. We are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM

Psalm 34:1-10

¹I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. ³O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. ⁴I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed. ⁶This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble. ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. ⁸O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. ⁹O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. ¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned

to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Seeing Is Believing OR Believing Is Seeing?"

Cherrie Sizemore, ALP

Responding to God

*HYMN

"Day of Arising"

Tune: BUNESSAN

**Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**

**When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.**

**Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.**

**Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.**

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 #246

“Christ Is Alive!”

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Scott Hamilton
Preacher: Cherrie Sizemore
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME CHERRIE SIZEMORE TO OUR PULPIT TODAY

Cherrie recently retired from Elk Hills Presbyterian Church where she served for 12 years as their Commissioned Pastor. Cherrie previously served as an Authorized Lay Preacher (ALP) beginning in 2001. She has one son, Aaron, who lives in Pennsylvania with his wife Olesea and two grandchildren, Luna and Wyatt. She is also a member of the Commission on Pastoral Ministry (formerly Committee on Ministry) of the Presbytery of West Virginia.

BRIDGEVIEW FOOD MINISTRY have completed packing lunches for the school year end. Please look for the next school year’s start-up date in the bulletins and newsletters. Thank you for all the food contributions and to the people who volunteered to pack lunches this past school year.

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

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| Roberta Alsop | Ravi Isaiah | Mike & Susan Spurgeon |
| Merrily Bailey | Cheryl Laws | Bill Wagner |
| Barker Family* | Hollie McCraw | Ward Family* |
| Shayne Compton | Rick McGuire | Gary Withrow |
| Larry Graham | Olga Schmidt | |
| Emily Holton | Don Shroder | |

- 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

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| 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: First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill; Rome Presbyterian Church, Proctorville, Ohio



THE GUYS WEEKEND & SPRING GETAWAY RETREATS

See more information on the bulletin board

THE GUYS WEEKEND

APRIL 24 - 26 @ Bluestone

Retreat Cost = \$100 Friday Dinner = \$13
(for early arrivals)

17th Annual Men's Retreat

At The Guys' Weekend, we are committed
to several things:

- † encouraging growth in faith †
Weekend Chaplain/Keynote - Rev. Craig Schaub - Scan Here > 
- † employing our gifts in service †
(in particular to serve the ministry of Bluestone)
- † to glorify and enjoy God forever †
(in work, worship, and fellowship)

Visit our web page to retrieve registration forms
as well as general information and details:

bluestonecamp.org/guys-weekend

You may also contact mark@bluestonecamp.org
to have forms and information emailed to you.

Registration Deadline is April 20

Fees includes two nights lodging, three meals Saturday
and one meal on Sunday. Youth are encouraged to attend
as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

SPRING GETAWAY RETREAT

MAY 1 - 3 @Bluestone

Retreat Cost = \$100 Youth = \$60 (ages 4 - 11)
Children FREE (ages 3 & under)

This is an Open Weekend
😊 All are Welcome!

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

- † trail hike or craft you can do at your leisure †
- † optional service-beautification projects †
- † fireside chats, campfire, s'mores †
- † plenty of time and space to just simply be †

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Registration Deadline is April 24

Fees include two nights lodging, three meals Saturday
and one meal on Sunday.