

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
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Arr. H. Robert James

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
For my hope is from the Lord.

**God only is my rock and my salvation;
I shall not be shaken.**

Trust in the Lord at all times,
O people; pour out your heart before God.

**Our trust is in the Lord.
We worship God's name.**

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Tune: MADRID

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We grow lax in our discipline, and we disobey Christ. Our faith is flabby when put to the test; our courage vanishes in the face of temptation. Our joints stiffen when we are called to act. We profess loyalty, while our bodies deny commitment. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sin.

(A time for personal confession) Let All God's people say: **Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18, 23-24

NRSV

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ I try to count them — they are more than the sand; I come to the end — I am still with you. ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Psalm 139: 1-10

Tune: TERRA BEATA

**Lord, you have known me well, searched out all I have wrought,
My sitting down and rising up, discerned my every thought.
You trace each step, each rest, along the way I go,
There is no word upon my lips which you, Lord, do not know.**

**You press on every side and on me lay your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me to understand.
Where then, Lord, can I go? Where can I flee from you?
If up to heaven, you are there; if in the grave, there too.**

**If on the morning's wings I reach the upmost shore,
Yet even there your hand will lead and hold me evermore.
Lord, you have known me well, searched out all I have wrought,
My sitting down and rising up, discerned my every thought.**

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GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

NRSV

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see

greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Who is called?”

Jim Musgrave

Responding to God

*AFFIRMATION

Apostles' Creed

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.

*HYMN

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Tune: HERE I AM

**I, the Lord of sea and sky. I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)**

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JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/ LORD'S PRAYER

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

Tune: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

**Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

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***WORDS OF DISMISSAL**

Now to the One who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without shame in the presence of God's glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

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Church Notes

Session has called the Annual Congregational Zoom meeting for January 31, 2021 at 12 noon. The meeting will be on Zoom. For those who do not have access to Zoom, phone numbers are provided in the Zoom invitation that Jim Musgrave emailed on January 5. The invitation will be included in the Congregational Meeting packet which you will receive by email or snailmail on or about January 26, 2021.

The meeting's purpose is to:

1. Receive the annual reports of church organizations;
2. Review and answer questions on the 2020 Year End Financial Report; and discuss the 2021 church budget;
3. Hear and act upon the report from the Congregation's Nominating Committee;
4. Hear and act on a session motion to reduce the Board of Trustees from 3 classes of 2 members each to 3 classes of 1 member each.

2021 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Currently, with 23 families responding, the 2021 total commitment is \$97,360. Of these families, 16 have increased their commitments from 2020!

Thank you to all members and friends who have returned commitment cards for 2021.

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 2021. If you need a commitment card, please call Ken Schmidt (304-768-8565 or 304-881-2408).

And subscribe to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church on YouTube. Join us for worship there each Sunday at 11 am ET. If you need a weekly bulletin, call the church office at 304-768-4141 between 9:30 and 11:30 am ET, Monday through Friday.

Happy New Year!

Ken Schmidt, chair, Stewardship Task Force

RESPONSIVE READER

This week we would like to thank Sandy McNeely for her participation as the Responsive Reader. Would you like to be a responsive reader during a recorded worship service? We can use one or two people from the same household. Only your voice is recorded and singing is optional. Please call (304 768-4141) or email the church office (rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Prayer List

*To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com*

We are remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. tomorrow – his life, his legacy, and his impact on our world.

Our prayers go out to Joe Biden and Kamala Harris as they assume their roles as President of the United States and Vice President this week.

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Joan Anderson	Addilyn Hardin	Family of Eric Ghiz on the occasion of his death*
Merrily Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Family of Linda Given
Karen Cash*	Brad Harkins	Frambach on the occasion of her death
Cheryl Godwin	Cheryl Morgan	Family of Meta Layne on the occasion of her death
Juanita Hefner	Marcia Obukowicz	Family of Ronald Ritchie on the occasion of his death
Day and Gene Bishop	Jackie Pauley	Family of Donald Runyon on the occasion of his death
Tory Fenniger	Joy Ratcliff	
Kathryn Given	Ellie Grace Washington	
Liz Given	Family of Danny Cain on the occasion of his death	
Bogan "Danny" Gumowski		
Margie Gumowski		

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

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 - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

Prayers for those at home - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Bonnie Cheely, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

Prayers for Pollen8 in their ministry for drug addiction.

Prayer List for Churches: First Presbyterian Church, Mannington; Red Sulphur Springs Presbyterian Church, Ballard; Rock Forge Presbyterian Church, Morgantown; Kabiru Church (KahBEE'roo); Gaaki Parish (GAH'key)

*Added to Prayer List this week