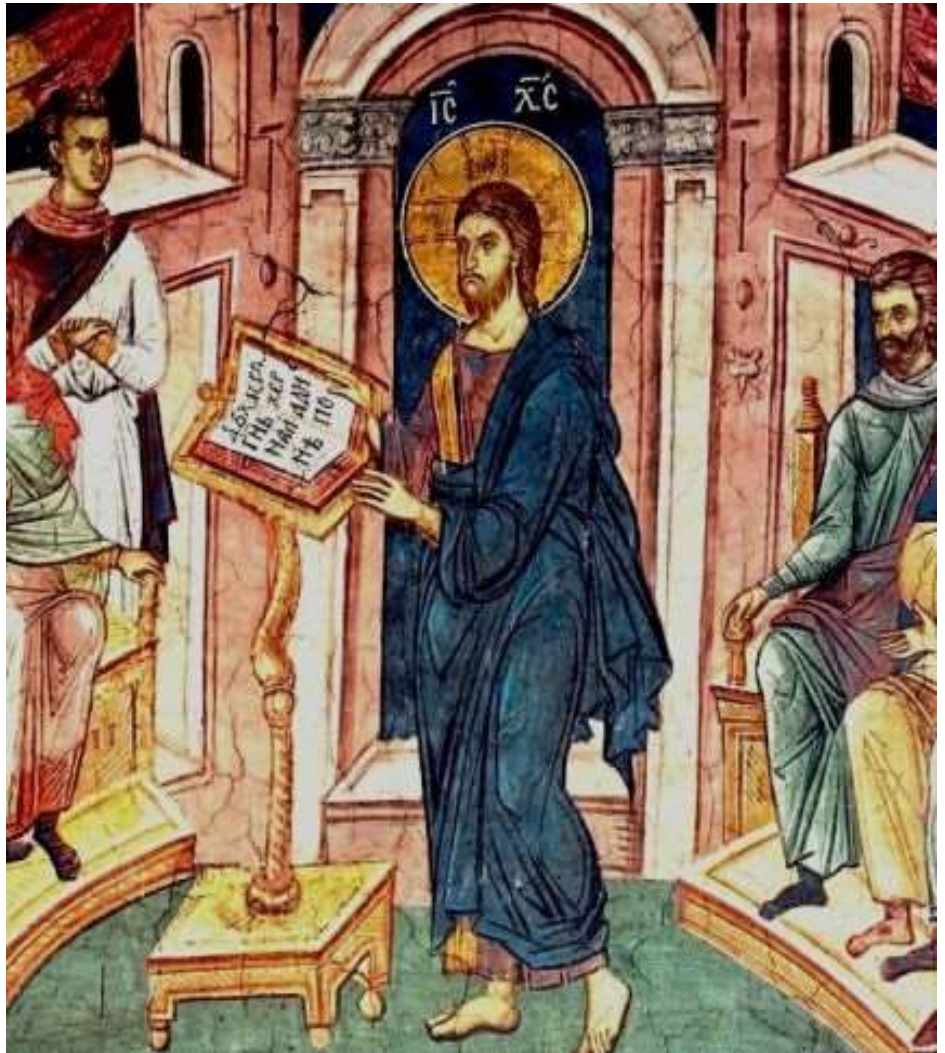


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church  
Celebrating 72 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



*PRAYING THE LECTIONARY....*

***Due to recent CDC Guidelines, we strongly urge you to wear a mask whether or not you have been vaccinated.***

Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church.  
We are happy to have you worship with us.

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 hymns are available. See usher for information.

January 23, 2022  
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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 23, 2022**

**Gathering**

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Meditation on 'O for a Thousand Tongues'" Arr. Robert Lau

WELCOME - THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**God calls us to be builders as well.**

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our community:

**to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promise of Scripture:

**to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Verses 1, 2, 3, 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, myths and stories, histories, teachings, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings continue to call us out today, that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus, our crucified and risen Christ, who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of our restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.**

**We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Forgive us, heal us, and restore our relationship with you;  
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE "O for a Thousand Tongues" Tune: AZMON

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

Charles Wesley, 1739

# *Listening to the Word*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...Through your great preacher, Jesus Christ, we pray **Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

**8** <sup>1</sup> all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Luke 4: 14-21

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Ancient Words"

Elder Sallie Daugherty

## ***Responding to God***

\*HYMN #462

“I Love to Tell the Story”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. This victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

*Adapted from Confession of 1967, 9.08*

JOYS & CONCERNS

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 #546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

\*BENEDICTION

As we go from this place on this day holy to God, we rejoice in the strength of God, we fix our eyes on the grace of Christ, and we drink deeply of the Spirit, who makes us one.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

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## ***Church Notes***

### **TODAY WE WELCOME ELDER SALLIE DAUGHERTY**

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, choir member and children's Sunday School teacher. The Presbytery of West Virginia approved Sallie as an authorized lay preacher at its November 20, 2020 meeting. She is the daughter of Jarve Currence and the late George A. Daugherty. Sallie and her husband Byron Goodew make their home in South Charleston.

## **LITURGIST**

We welcome John Haynes as Liturgist today.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION**

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.

## **LITURGISTS NEEDED**

Now that we have returned to in-person worship, we need to re-populate our liturgist rotation list. If you are able to serve in worship this way, we have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

## **BRIDGEVIEW FOOD PROGRAM**

The Bridgeview Food program has started back up, and they are still looking for food items. At the end of each month, the food bags will be packed by church volunteers after worship service. Food items can be dropped off at the church during office hours (9 until noon Monday through Friday). Check the newsletter for further details.

**HANDWORK FOR MISSION** has resumed meeting Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00.

## **RLPC'S RETURN TO IN PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES**

*Due to recent CDC Guidelines, we strongly urge you to wear a mask whether or not you have been vaccinated.* We plan to continue streaming our worship through YouTube and Facebook for those unable to attend in person.

**DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** If you need a ride to church, please call Ken Schmidt at 304-768-8565 (home), or 304-881-2408 (cell). Both numbers can record a message.

**CAN YOU PROVIDE RIDES TO CHURCH?** If you can provide rides to church, please call Ken Schmidt at 304-768-8565 (home), or 304-881-2408 (cell). Both numbers can record a message.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

A restroom is located in the parlor across from the sanctuary. It is handicap accessible. Additional restrooms are located downstairs and near the nursery.

A water fountain is available downstairs or cups of water are available in the parlor

## **A NOTE FROM YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We still seek two nominees for the 2024 session class, and a nominee for the 2023 session class.

Is the Holy Spirit's still, small voice calling you to get involved? Have you served on session in the past, but haven't recently? Or have you never served on session, but are being called now?

If the Lord is calling you to action, BE **BOLD!** Call one of the nominating committee members listed below for information.

If you have a person in mind who would be I-D-E-A-L, won't you share that name with us?

And please pray for those we have contacted, and for us as we seek to discern God's will for this part of Christ's body.

Your nominating committee,

Hilda Alsop 304-768-8496

Barb Clark 304-206-2131

Ron Rogillio 304-541-1243

Ken Schmidt 304-881-2408

## 2022 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of this writing (January 19, 2022), with 15 families responding, the 2022 total commitment is \$81,900. Of these families, 11 have increased their commitments from 2021!

Thank you to all members and friends who have returned commitment cards for 2022.

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 2022. If you need a commitment card, please call Ken Schmidt (304-768-8565 or 304-881-2408).

Please 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 9:30 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 this New Year!*

Ken Schmidt, chair, Stewardship Task Force



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It's been another hard year for camps all across the country, and Bluestone Camp & Retreat is no exception. The Friends of Bluestone is working hard to create income to maintain the camp this year, and you can help! They have joined efforts with SaveAround Coupon Books for a win-win fundraiser -- you pay \$25 for a coupon book (good now through the end of 2022) and half goes to Bluestone. After you use 4-5 coupons, you've paid yourself back that \$25 investment, and from there on it's pure savings -- and you have the pleasure of knowing you also provided needed capital for Bluestone! What's not to love about that? Please check newsletter for further information.

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**The session has called the annual congregational meeting for Sunday, January 30, 2022 during worship in the sanctuary.** 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 2021 Year End Financial Report; and discuss the 2022 church budget.
- Hear and act upon the report from the Congregation's Nominating Committee.

# Prayer List

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

## **Prayers of Joy**

### **Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families**

Stephani Andrews	Adilynn Hardin	Ritchie Rutledge
Merrily Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Ron Rybolt
Day and Gene Bishop	Brad Harkins	Kevin Shaffer
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Amy Jo Hickey	Bradley Smith
Nancy Bragg	Joe Layne	Michelle Smith
Keyleigh Caruthers	Bob Miller	Susan Spurgeon
Erin "Nikki" Childers	Paula Miller	Ike Taylor
Barbara Clark	Marcia Obukowicz	Lauren Thomas
Amiel Cooper	Jackie Pauley	Johnny Witt
Tory Fenniger	Joy Ratcliff	
Bogan "Danny" Gumowski	Chris Rogillio	

### **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** - Reva Asbury; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Anita Wehrmann, Carmalee Litteral; Dunbar Towers

**Prayers for those at home** - Bonnie Cheely

**Prayer List for Churches:** Parsons Presbyterian Church; Summerlee Presbyterian Church; Gaaki Parish (GAH'key)

\*Added to Prayer List this week

