

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 75 years of "Shining Christ's Light"



He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

February 11, 2024
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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 hymnals are available from the usher.

Please return hymnals after the service.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
February 11, 2024

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" Arr. J. Westenkuehler & R. Velde

WELCOME AND THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus took his friends to a high mountain to witness a sacred moment.

We too come to worship, sing and pray in this hallowed space.

Jesus was transfigured, his clothes becoming dazzling white.

We too come to be transformed in the presence of God.

A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

We too come to listen and know that we are beloved.

Let us worship God and be transformed.

*HYMN #193 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" Verses 1, 2, 3

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...and infuse us with the light of your love. **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 all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—

to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us.

We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—

yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our sovereign God answers our failings with forgiveness and renewal.

God speaks to us with grace and love, saying, "You are my beloved child."

This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-10

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

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

SERMON

"Thin Places"

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious, profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.**

**Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then from heav'n a double sign—dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."**

**Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.**

**Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, giv'n as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.**

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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 #193

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

Verses 4, 5

*BENEDICTION

Long ago, Jesus stood upon a mountain, shining with the glory of his mystery and power.

A voice from a cloud rang out: "This is my Son, my Chosen. Listen to him."

Listen for the voice of Jesus as you walk through this week, and be transformed—

from fear to love, from confusion to trust, from despair to hope.

May the face of God shine upon you with beauty, blessing and peace. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #598

"Amen, We Praise Your Name"

Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Amen, amen, amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.!

Greet one another in peace as you depart.

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Mary Wagner
Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

SOUPER BOWL POTLUCK SUNDAY will be celebrated 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.

2024 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of this writing (February 11, 2024), with 20 families responding, the 2024 total commitment is \$96,840. Of these, 13 families have increased their commitments from 2023!

Thank you to all members and friends who have returned commitments for 2024.

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 2024. If you need a commitment card, please call Ken Schmidt (304-768-8565 or 304-881-2408) or email him (kenscm45@gmail.com).

May God bless you as we approach the Lenten Season!

Ken Schmidt, chair, Stewardship Task Force



ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, Feb 14 Noon @ Rock Lake Disposition of Ashes and Communion

Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of Lent, a time when we remember that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and resisting temptation.

Just as Jesus faced temptations in the desert, we too face many temptations in our everyday lives. As we celebrate the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, we encourage you to consider how you will spend this holy season that prepares us for Easter.

EVERYONE WELCOME! INVITE A FRIEND!

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

Gene Bishop	Walter Hardin	Daris Shamblin
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Brad Harkins	Bradley Smith
Nancy Braenovich	Teresa Hart	Michelle Smith
Keyleigh Caruthers	Amy Jo Hickey	Steve Smith
Erin “Nikki” Childers	Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah	Tom Smith
Connie Dent	K C Lovin	Ike Taylor
Jeff Dent	Carl McCormick	Lauren Thomas
John Dlugog	Mike McDougle	Jackie Thompson*
Tory Fenniger	Bob Miller	Bill Wagner
Liz Given	Paula Miller	Vernell Williams
Larry Graham	Marcia Obukowicz	Johnny Witt
Margie Gumowski’s unnamed friend	Joy Ratcliff Parsons	
Adilynn Hardin	Jackson Rice	Family and friends of Amiel Cooper on the occasion of his death*
Judy Hardin	Ritchie Rutledge	
Tre’ Hardin	Wanda Rybolt	
	Kevin Shaffer	

-We pray for the US soldiers and their families that were killed and injured in the Jordan drone strike.

-We pray for peace including the Gaza strip conflict and the hostages and their families.

- We pray 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

Jeff Barker

Brent Bishop

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; Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at home –Donie Argento, Day & Gene Bishop, Bonnie Cheely, Barbara Clark, Willie Haynes, Betty Oakes, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Big Spring Presbyterian Church, Slatyfork; First United Presbyterian Church, Ravenswood; Kesler Memorial Presbyterian Church, Hico; Mutathini Church (Moh-tah-THEE’nay); Gaaki Parish (GAH’key)

*Added to Prayer List this week