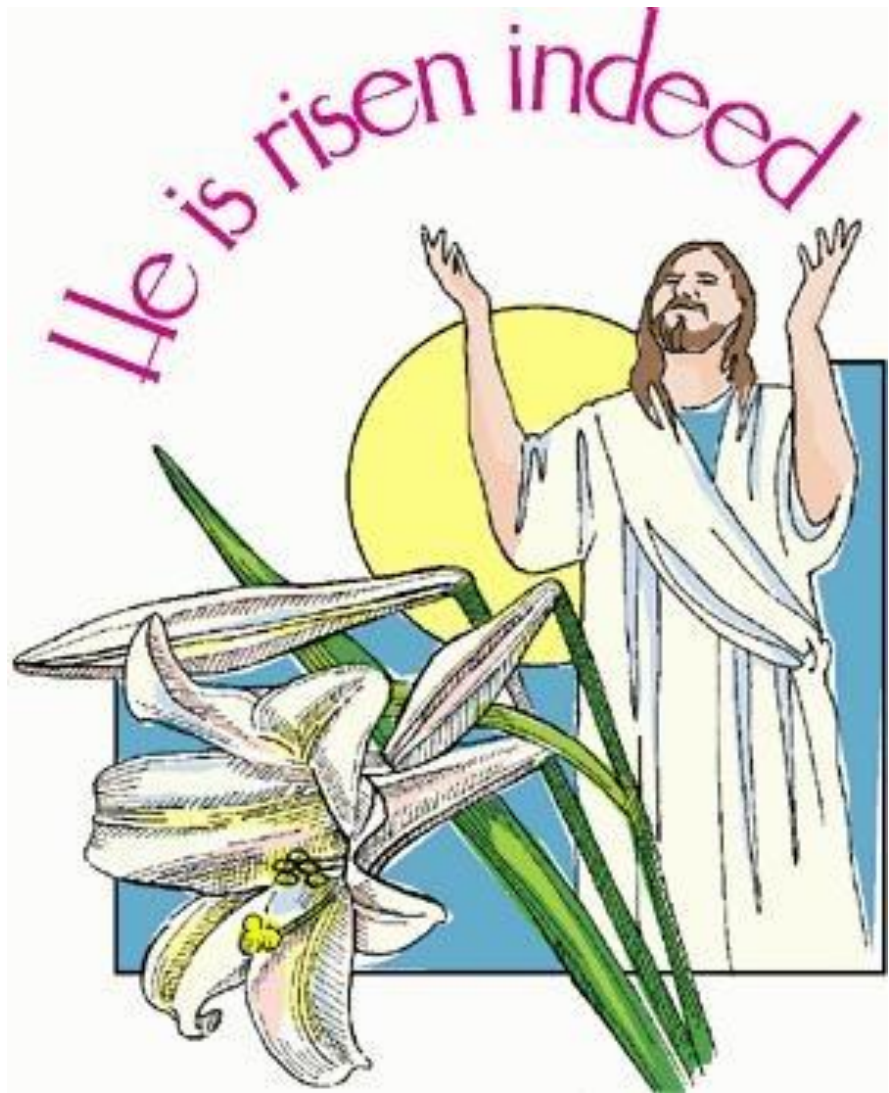


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church  
Celebrating 75 years of "Shining Christ's Light"



March 31, 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**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
*March 31, 2024*

***Gathering***

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Toccata"

Gene Clarke

WELCOME AND THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The stone covering the tomb is rolled away!

**Alleluia!**

"He is not here but has risen."

**Alleluia!**

Easter's joy has arrived. Death is overcome. Sin is conquered.

Forgiveness of sins and eternal life are open now, as open as an empty tomb.

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...Inspire us to walk as children of your resurrection, each and every day. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

"Rejoice, This Easter Day"

Joanne LeDoux

Rejoice and sing this Easter day! Rejoice! For Christ has risen from the grave! I say, rejoice....

Rejoice the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!...

***Listening to the Word***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

**24** But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they went in they did not find the body. **4** While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. **5** The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but

the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

SERMON

"The Rest of the Story"

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

## ***Responding to God***

\*HYMN #233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*From A Brief Statement of Faith*

CENTENARY OFFERING

...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 #246

“Christ Is Alive!”  
Verses 1, 2 –All sing  
Verse 3—Choir sings  
Verse 4—Women sing  
Verse 5—All sing

\*BENEDICTION

Now may the truth of the empty tomb—the astonishing reality of Jesus’ resurrection—keep you fearless and sure that you will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life.  
May the power of God’s endless love surround you and guide you, this day and always. **Amen.**

\*DEPARTING SONG #243

“Be Not Afraid”

**Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**  
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*Greet one another in peace as you depart.*

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## ***Church Notes***

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering will be collected today. If you need offering envelopes, they are available in the pew racks or at the offering tables at the rear of the sanctuary. Have a blessed Easter!

### **EASTER TULIPS**

Any tulips that were ordered and not picked up by the donor today, will be planted in the church garden.

### **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.

**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.

# 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

Dr. Clark Adkins	Tre' Hardin	Reid family
Gene Bishop	Walter Hardin	Jackson Rice
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Brad Harkins	Ritchie Rutledge
Nancy Braenovich	Teresa Hart	Wanda Rybolt
Keyleigh Caruthers	Dr. Richard Hayes	Kevin Shaffer
Erin "Nikki" Childers	Amy Jo Hickey	Daris Shamblin
Connie Dent	Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah	Ryan Slaughter
Jeff Dent	K C Lovin	Bradley Smith
John Dlugog	Diane Lynn McClure	Michelle Smith
Tory Fenniger	Carl McCormick	Steve Smith
Liz Given	Mike McDougle	Ike Taylor
Larry Graham	Bob Miller	Lauren Thomas
Margie Gumowski's unnamed friend	Paula Miller	Vernell Williams
Adilynn Hardin	Marcia Obukowicz	Johnny Witt
Judy Hardin	Joy Ratcliff Parsons	
	Joyce Perry	

-We lift up our hearts and prayers to those victims and their families of the Baltimore Bridge collapse this week.  
-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	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; 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:** First Presbyterian Church, Ripley; Waverly-Bethel Presbyterian Church, Waverly; Wamagana Church + Nursery School (wha-MAH'gahNAH); Giakanja Parish (Gie-uh-KAH'juh)

\*Added to Prayer List this week

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## **THIS MORNING THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE PLACED.....**

### **IN HONOR OF:**

Our Congregation by Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis  
Son, Kevin and Family by Fred and Linda Reehling

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Pat and Bill Bailey by Merrily, Ed, and Taylor Bailey and Ashley, Tom and Hailey Marion

Beth and Fritz Deeter by Merrily, Ed, and Taylor Bailey and Ashley, Tom and Hailey Marion

Susan and Brian O'Connell by Merrily, Ed, and Taylor Bailey and Ashley, Tom and Hailey Marion

Jeanne and Bill Beasley in Loving Memory from Michelle, Don, and Family

Norma and Calvin Broyles in Loving Memory from Michelle, Don, and Family

Marie and Harry Layne by Margie and Alex Gumowski

Lydia and Danny Gumowski by Margie and Alex Gumowski

Pearl M. Inghram by Helen Inghram

John T. and Margaret R. Inghram by Helen Inghram

Derek Rogillio by Ron and Chris Rogillio

Edward and Dorothy Aurady by Olga and Ken Schmidt

Paul and Hertha Schmidt by Olga and Ken Schmidt

Jack and Margaret Seibert by Ed and Jackie Thompson

Arch and Phyllis Thompson by Ed and Jackie Thompson

Our son, William (Wag) Wagner by Mary and Bill Wagner

His parents, Hank and Orah Wagner by Mary and Bill Wagner

Her parents, Ray and Ethel Robinson by Mary and Bill Wagner