

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 74 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



Mary and her sister Martha with Jesus: “Lord, he whom you love is ill.”

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Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

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

July 28, 2024

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“When Jesus Wept”

Early American Tune

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;
when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

William Billings, 1770

WELCOME AND THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are weary.

Here, we wait for the Lord.

Come, all who have turned away from God.

Here, we find forgiveness and healing.

Come, all who look for hope.

Here, we embrace God's steadfast love.

Come, and fill your hearts with praise and thanksgiving.

Here, we raise our songs of praise.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #612

“We Praise You, O God”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

... through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand?

We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life.

We seek peace through war and find security in weapons.

We pursue wealth by making others poor.

We marvel at the wonders of nature but exploit its resources.

You alone can save us from death and redeem us from our sin.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If Jesus Christ dwells in you, and if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE SUNG RESPONSE #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines in Me"

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, may we hear your word today. May we feel your breath of life in our bones. And may we open ourselves to the new life that only you can bring. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-16

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. **2** Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. **3** So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." **4** But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." **5** Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, **6** after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. **7** Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." **8** The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" **9** Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. **10** But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." **11** After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." **12** The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." **13** Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. **14** Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. **15** For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." **16** Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

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

SERMON

"Sorry, The Doctor's Been Delayed"

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN

"Why Has God Forsaken Me?"

Tune: HENDON

**"Why has God forsaken me?" cried our Savior from the cross
as he shared the loneliness of our deepest grief and loss, of our deepest grief and loss.**

**At the tomb of Lazarus Jesus wept with open grief:
grant us, Lord, the tears which heal all our pain and unbelief, all our pain and unbelief.**

**As his life expired, our Lord placed himself within God's care:
at our dying, Lord, may we trust the love which conquers fear,
trust the love which conquers fear.**

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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

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 #822**

"When We Are Living"

***BENEDICTION**

Jesus, who raised his friend Lazarus from the grave, also calls us to new life and new possibilities. Look for the signs of new life in yourself and the world around you.

May the love of God, the companionship of Christ, and the presence of the Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

***DEPARTING SONG #742**

"We Will Walk with God"

**We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

Greet one another in peace as you depart.

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Shayn Davis
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

POSTCARDS TO OTHER CHURCHES On the table in the narthex are postcards to be sent to other West Virginia Presbyterian churches this week. Please take time to add your signature to let them know that we are thinking of them and have them in our prayers.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday, August 4. For those who will not be able to attend in-person worship, please take time during the coming week to prepare for the Sacrament.

FOOD OFFERING SUNDAY is also next Sunday. Don't forget that each Communion Sunday is "Food Offering" Sunday. You may leave your offering in the red wagon in the Narthex. All the collected food will go to Heart & Hand.

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.

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.



October 27, 2024

The interim and stated pastors that served Rock Lake Presbyterian over the years were:
Robert A. Potter, Dr. Percy Hagan, Dr. Walter White, Dr. A. D. Ellison, James Musgrave, Sharon Gearing and The Rev Dr. Patricia Jarvis. Plus we have had many pastor and lay individuals fill our pulpit. We thank them all for their commitment to our ministry.

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

Susan Booher	Walter Hardin	Reid family
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Brad Harkins	Jackson Rice
Nancy Braenovich	Teresa Hart	Ritchie Rutledge
Keyleigh Caruthers	Dr. Richard Hayes	Wanda Rybolt
Erin “Nikki” Childers	Amy Jo Hickey	Kevin Shaffer
Connie Dent	Jim Kendall & Family	Daris Shamblin
Jeff Dent	Doug Lathom	Ryan Slaughter
John Dlugog	K C Lovin	Bradley Smith
Tory Fenniger	Diane Lynn McClure	Michelle Smith
Larry Graham	Carl McCormick	Steve Smith
Jennifer Haynes Greene	Mike McDougle	Ike Taylor
Margie Gumowski’s unnamed friend	Bob Miller	Tory Terry
Adilynn Hardin	Paula Miller	Lauren Thomas
Judy Hardin	Marcia Obukowicz	Vernell Williams
Tre’ Hardin	Joy Ratcliff Parsons	Johnny Witt
	Joyce Perry	

- We pray for our country to be united – “one nation under God”.
- 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, Bonnie Cheely, Barbara Clark, Willie Haynes, Betty Oakes, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro; Tygarts Valley Presbyterian Church, Huttonsville; Gitathini Church (GAY-tah-THEE’nay); Rware Parish (Roh-ARE’ray)

*Added to Prayer List this week

**Ruling Elder
Preparation/Training
for
Presiding at the
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**



**August 11, 2024
3-5 p.m. on Zoom**

Why: One of the responsibilities of all councils of the church – session, presbytery, synod and General Assembly – is to “provide that the Sacraments may be rightly administered and received.” (G 3-3.0101) The presbytery has a responsibility for “authorizing and training specific ruling elders to administer or preside at the Lord’s Supper when it deems it necessary to meet the needs for the administration of the Sacrament.”(G-3.0301b)

One way the Presbytery of West Virginia seeks to fulfill this responsibility is with training events such as this one.

Who: Ruling elders in good standing who are approved *in advance* by their Session to participate in this training. Elders do not have to be serving on the session at this time but are *required to complete advance assignments* and turn them in, and attend the entire event. Participants will need a copy of the 2023-2025 Book of Order.

**The registration deadline for this event is Friday, August 1.
While this deadline is fast approaching,
it will give ample time for advance assignments to be completed**

To register, email your name and church by August 1 to Susan Sharp Campbell, susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com. Copy in Session Clerk Ken Schmidt (kenschm45@gmail.com) to alert him that you are registering. He will arrange a session meeting to approve all registrants. You will not need to attend this meeting.

Prior to August 11, you will need to share the date of session approval for you to take this course with Susan.

Questions? You may email Susan or call her at 304-667-9428.