

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

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Jesus Teaches about Wealth

***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.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 10, 2021

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP
WELCOME
THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" Arr. Jeffrey Blersch

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called all God's people to lives of hope and service.
We want to serve God, but sometimes life gets to be too difficult for us.
Place your trust in God's power and love.
God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.
Come, let us worship God who is with us always.
Praise God for God's eternal presence. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation.
As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the
words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may
fully and joyfully serve you. Amen.

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION:

Merciful God, we have so much and want so much more. Break the bonds and chains of
our oppression and enslavement to greed. Open our hearts to know that the riches of the
kingdom are in service to you. Help us to understand the call you have given us to service,
and having heard and understood that call, may we be about the work of the kingdom.
For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name.

(A moment of personal reflection)
And all of God's people said, **Amen**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE Hymn #447 "We Are Forgiven"

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, O God, as the scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today – the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 22:1-11

NRSV

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴ In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. ⁶ But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; ⁸ "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" ⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. ¹⁰ On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 10:17-31

NRSV

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Priorities"

Sharon Gearing

Responding to God

*HYMN #716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/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

*Closing Hymn

“We All Are One in Mission”

Tune: AURELIA

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

We all are called for service to witness in God’s name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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*WORDS OF DISMISSAL

...Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

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Church Notes

LITURGIST

We welcome John Haynes as Liturgist today.

USHER

Thanks to Ron Rogillio for being Usher this week.

POTLUCK

We will be having a potluck today, October 10th in the breezeway following worship, weather permitting. Please bring your individual sack meal. Water and lemonade will be provided.

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. We are in need of a coordinator and volunteers who are able to help put together the food bags. Food items can be dropped off at the church during office hours (9-noon Monday through Friday).

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

Ron Rogillio 304-541-1243

Barb Clark 304-206-2131

Ken Schmidt 304-881-2408



Bluestone Camp Fundraiser

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?

Best of all, individual books are available for Charleston and Huntington (including the areas between) and another 86 cities in 30 states. These books make great gifts for out-of-town friends, family, and, of course, Bluestone fans and supporters who no longer live close by. SaveAround Coupon Books have 260 valuable coupons for local businesses, including restaurants, services, retail, entertainment, recreation, and an additional 60+ coupons for national chains, all worth thousands of dollars in savings.

Included in the cost is a downloadable app for smartphones, so you can redeem coupons with your phone rather than carry the book with you. In keeping with COVID concerns, restaurants are honoring coupons for take-out and curbside pickup as well as dine-in where that's available. Preview the Charleston, Huntington, or any other city books at www.SAPayNow.com/212394

Simply visit the link, select a state and a city, and preview the savings. Buying the books is easy: just fill in the requested information, including the seller or Scott Hamilton, wshamilton@yahoo.com. Want more than one? If for the same location, select number from the dropdown box. If for a different city, select "Add another book". They will all be sent to the same address. Choose "Ship book(s) - FREE SHIPPING" and you'll receive them sooner.

Ordering for out-of-town friends or relatives? Just fill in each of their addresses in additional orders. It's all contactless -- a simple process during the COVID pandemic. Would you like to be a hands-on seller? Please contact Scott Hamilton at wshamilton@yahoo.com or 304 553-8296 C. He will get a Charleston book with an order form to you to record your sales. For every five books you sell, you'll get a free book for your family.

Sales run through the end of November. We encourage you to share this information with families, friends, and neighbors using social media, email, or in person (socially distanced). If they're not comfortable ordering online, just record their purchases on the order form and collect payment from them before placing the order. If they order online, Scott will update you about your sales.

We hope you'll help Bluestone with this fundraising effort by being an official seller to our congregation plus friends and coworkers. If selling isn't your choice, we think buying a book for yourself and/or others as gifts is an awesome way to support this crucial and beloved camp during this challenging year!

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

Stephani Andrews	Jordan Hamill	Abby Poling
Merrily Bailey	Adilynn Hardin	Joy Ratcliff
Day and Gene Bishop	Tre' Hardin	Chris Rogillio
Arica Blessing	Brad Harkins	Ruggie Rutledge
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Juanita Hefner	Kevin Shaffer
Keyleigh Carruthers	Amy Jo Hickey	Michelle Smith
Erin "Nikki" Childers	Carol Hill	Susan Spurgeon
Barbara Clark	Joe Layne	Ike Taylor
Amiel Cooper	Betty Oakes	Lauren Thomas
Tory Fenniger	Marcia Obukowicz	Ellie Grace Washington
Bogan "Danny" Gumowski	Jackie Pauley	Johnny Witt

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; Reva Asbury, Kanawha City; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit

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

Prayer List for Churches: Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Gassaway; Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairmont; Kiamutiga Church (Kay-ah-MOOT'ee-gah); Thegenge Parish (They-GEN'gay)

*Added to Prayer List this week