

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 74 years of "Shining Christ's Light"

November 19, 2023
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Wearing a Mask is Optional.

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

November 19, 2023

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Hymns of Grateful Praise"

Arr. M. McDonald and L. Larson

WELCOME AND THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you thankful people, come.

Let us gather before God and lift up our songs of praise and thanksgiving.

God our maker does provide for our wants to be supplied.

Let us give thanks for God's generous spirit.

Let us give thanks for the blessings of food and family, of church and faith.

Let us give thanks for the beauty of the earth.

Let us praise God from whom all blessings flow.

*HYMN #612

"We Praise You, O God"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...Dwell with us now. **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

Creator of life and giver of all that we have,

thank you for your amazing grace and your abundant love.

When we reject your many gifts, forgive us.

Open our lives once more to your generosity.

When we neglect to give as generously as we have received,

forgive our selfishness. Draw us back to the generous love that first drew us to you and the marvels of your world.

When we forget to give thanks, forgive us. Turn our thoughts back to you with joy and thanksgiving. In your grace and love, we pray.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Children of God, look up and give thanks for healing and forgiveness. Your faith has made you well. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“A Harvest of Thanksgiving”

R. Thornhill and S. Nordmeyer

Lord of the harvest, bringer of light, you are the maker of all that is right.
You fill our lives with abundance and love, sharing every bright gift from your glory above.
Lord of the harvest, so faithful and true, let us give honor and worship to you.
You are the giver of all that is fair, so we give our thanks in the way that we share.
We gather together to raise our thanksgiving, with songs of the Spirit and anthems of praise.
With each declaration, with every oblation, our hearts will be grateful for now and always!
Lord of the harvest, creator and friend, we stand amazed at your love without end!
Now, in this moment and here in this place, we celebrate harvest as children of grace,
giving thanks and praise.

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator, our wonderful Maker, we humbly ask that you open our hearts and minds to your words, to your scripture. Grant that we will understand your holy words to lead us in your way. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:30-37

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.” ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Different Take”

Elder Ken Schmidt

Responding to God

*HYMN #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

OFFERING OF COMMITMENT CARDS

HYMN (*remain seated*)

“Take My Life”

Tune: HENDON

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874. Public Domain

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

...In your glory and grace, we pray. **Amen.**

A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – October 3, 1863

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 #647

"Give Thanks"

*BENEDICTION

Go on your way, forgiven, healed, and free.

Go in the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Greet one another in peace as you depart.

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Margie Gumowski
Preacher: Elder Ken Schmidt
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

DEVOTED TO GENEROSITY commitment cards will be collected during today's worship. If you did not receive yours in the mail, or have forgotten it, blank cards are in the pews and at the collection plates for your use. Thank you for your generosity!

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Thursday and Friday (November 23 and 24) in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.

HANDWORK FOR MISSION GROUP will not be meeting on Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving). They will resume on Thursday, November 30.



OAKWOOD TERRACE CHRISTMAS GIFTS 2023 RLPC has committed to purchasing and wrapping gifts for an estimated 28 - three- & four-year-old children living at Oakwood Terrace. We now have 6 families signed up to purchase gifts. We thank them for their help!

Now we need help in the following ways:

1. We need people to wrap the gifts on Sunday, December 3 following worship. If you can help in this way, please call Sandy at the church office to sign up (304-768-4141).
2. We need donations to support this project. If you can help in this way, please leave your donation in the offering plate, marking "Oakwood Project" on your check.



BELLRINGERS ARE NEEDED This year, we are showing our support for Heart and Hand by ringing the kettle bell at Riverwalk Kroger. The sign-up sheet is located on the wall outside the Parlor. Team up with a family member or friend and sign up for a time block.

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

Prayers of Joy

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Jennifer Fisher Braden	Judy Hardin	Wanda Rybolt
Nancy Braenovich	Tre' Hardin	Kevin Shaffer
Keyleigh Caruthers	Walter Hardin	Daris Shamblin
Erin "Nikki" Childers	Brad Harkins	Bradley Smith
Connie Dent	Amy Jo Hickey	Michelle Smith
Jeff Dent	K C Lovin	Steve Smith
John Dlugog	Carl McCormick	Ike Taylor
Tory Fenniger	Mike McDougle	Lauren Thomas
Liz Given	Bob Miller	Vernell Williams
Margie Gumowski's unnamed friend	Paula Miller	Johnny Witt
Eric Hamilton	Joy Ratcliff Parsons	
Adilynn Hardin	Jackson Rice	
	Ritchie Rutledge	

-We pray for peace between Israel and Hamas.

-The continuing invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Prayers for both the Ukrainian and Russian people.

-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 and Gene Bishop, Bonnie Cheely, Barbara Clark, Willie Haynes, Betty Oakes, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Marlinton Presbyterian Church; Westminster Presbyterian Church; Kagio-ini Church (Kahg-ee-oh-EE'nay); Wandumbi Parish (Wah-DOH-bee)

*Added to Prayer List this week



*The 2023 Stewardship Season begins Sunday, October 29,
and concludes on November 19, Commitment*

Sunday! Join us on:

*October 29 "The Truth about Warren Buffet's
Secretary", Mark 12:41-44.*

*November 5 "The Measure You Give is the Measure
You Get", Mark 4:21-25.*

November 12 "A Different Take", Luke 10:30-37.

*November 19 "Leave Your Calculator Home", Matthew
22:15-22.*