Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 77 years of "Shining Christ's Light"

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BE YE GLAD

In these days of confused situations,
in these nights of restless remorse,
when the heart and the soul of the nation
lay wounded and cold as a corpse.
From the grave of the innocent Adam
comes a song bringing joy to the sad.
Oh your cry has been heard and the ransom
has been paid up in full, Be Ye Glad.

From the dungeon a rumor is stirring.
You have heard it again and again.
But this time the cell keys are turning,
and outside there are faces of friends.
And though your body lay weary from wasting,
and your eyes show the sorrow they've had,
oh the love that your heart is now tasting
has opened the gate, Be Ye Glad.

So be like lights on the rims of the water
giving hope in a storm sea of night.
Be a refuge amidst the slaughter
for these fugitives in their flight.
For you are timeless and part of a puzzle.
You are winsome and young as a lad.
And there is no disease or no struggle
that can pull you from God, Be Ye Glad.

Chorus: Oh, Be Ye Glad, Be Ye Glad,
Every debt that you ever had
has been paid up in full by the grace of the Lord,
Be Ye Glad, Be Ye Glad, Be Ye Glad.

Words and music by Michael Kelly Bloanchard

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
November 8, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" Arr. Robert A. Hobby

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Ken Schmidt

*GATHERING SONG "This Is the Day"

Leader: *All:*
This is the day, **this is the day**
that the Lord has made, **that the Lord has made.**
Let us rejoice, **let us rejoice**
and be glad in it, **and be glad in it.**
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, **this is the day that the Lord has made.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107:1-3

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands, from east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
Come, let us worship together the Lord our God.

*OPENING HYMN #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

…and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, in every age you have raised up believers to live and die in faith.
With them you call us to proclaim your gospel, but we are silent.
With them you call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
With them you call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.
In your mercy, forgive us. Give us the courage to be faithful in troubled times.

Join us with believers from ages past, serving you with faith, hope and love, that we may inherit your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE "To God All Glory" Tune: AZMON

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and haven.
Charles Wesley, 1739

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

…We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT Revelation to John 5:6-10

6 Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb
standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven
spirits of God sent out into all the earth. **7** He went and took the scroll from the right hand of
the one who was seated on the throne. **8** When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures
and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of
incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9** They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the
scroll and to break its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; **10** you have made them a kingdom
and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14**For since we believe that Jesus died
and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. **15**For this
we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming
of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. **16**For the Lord himself, with a cry of
command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17**Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught
up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord
forever. **18**Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL John 1:29-34

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' **31** I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." **32** And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. **33** I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' **34** And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

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

SERMON "Be Ye Glad" The Rev. Kathryn Willoughby. Weed

Responding to God

*HYMN #819 "Be Still, My Soul"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus is Lord!

JOYS & CONCERNS

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.

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 #488 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"
Soloist sings stanza one; all sing remaining hymn
Note: after 5th line, return to top for stanzas 2 & 3

*CHARGE Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

*BENEDICTION from Philippians 4:7

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Alleluia! Amen!**

*DEPARTING SONG #748 "Go with Us, Lord"

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

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Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist:	Taylor Bailey
Preacher:	The Rev. Kathyn Willoughby Weed
Hymn Leader:	Taylor Bailey
Organist:	Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME THE REV. KATHRYN WILLOUGHBY WEED TO OUR PULPIT TODAY.
Kathy is a retired chaplain, having served at Saint Francis and Thomas Memorial hospitals for many years. She is currently Associate for Ministry to Older Adults for the Presbytery of West Virginia, as well as Moderator of Rock Lake's Session. Kathy lives in Charleston and enjoys traveling domestically and world-wide.

NOVEMBER POTLUCK will be celebrated today. We invite everyone to the potluck after the worship service. Even if you cannot bring any food to the potluck, we invite you to bring your most important ingredient – YOU!!

Continuing this Sunday, Rock Lake is in the second week of our four-week 2027 **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**, "More than Enough!" This week 2-Found: More Than Enough. The 2-page (front and back) is attached to the bulletin .

HOPE VILLAGE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In the past Rock Lake Presbyterian has assisted First Presbyterian Church of Charleston in promoting their annual Fair-Trade Market called Hope Village. They seek out vendors who are lifting their artisans out of poverty, marginalization and sex trafficking. They obtain beautiful, hand-crafted items on consignment, sell them and return the proceeds to the vendors. The vendors pay a living wage to the artisans and support programs to educate and train others to engage in work that empowers them.

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
All the preachers who have served in our pulpit since January. And the generosity of this part of Christ's Body.

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Patricia Ansley & Family
Merrily Bailey
Barker Family
Shayne Compton
Pam Gano
Jeff George
Larry Graham
Emily Holton
Ravi Isaiah
Kirk King
Doug Lathom
Cheryl Laws
Hollie McCraw
Rick McGuire
Karen Robinson
Don Shroder
Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Ed Thompson
Bill Wagner
Gary Withrow

Family and friends of Joseph Hunt (Rob Hunt's father) on the occasion of his death

Family and friends of John Solberg on the occasion of his death

- Praying for peace in the US/Iran conflict, Ukraine/Russia conflict, and the Israel/Hamas conflict and all conflicts around the globe. Grant us peace!
- We pray for peace in the world. We pray for our world leaders to do what is right and just. We pray for all the people in the world who are affected by war: The children, the common person, the armies, the leaders. Grant us courage and grace during the coming year.
- 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
Nigel Jeffries

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 - Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at Home –Joel Callison, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Church of the Covenant, Grafton; Wand Church; Wandumbi Parish