

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church  
Celebrating 76 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



He was transfigured before them ...  
and his clothes became dazzling white ...  
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

February 15, 2026  
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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  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY  
February 15, 2026**

**Gathering**

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

Arr. Ben Logan

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-9, Luke 9:28-36

We have seen the light of God;  
**on high mountains of celebration  
and in the prayers of God's people.**

We have seen the light of God;  
**through the bitter scorn of betrayal  
and the searing chasm of grief.**

We have seen the light of God;  
**with eyes that have been shaded,  
with eyes that have been opened,  
with eyes that have been blinded.**

We have seen the light of God.

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\*OPENING HYMN #305

"Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...that we may stand on our own without fear. **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

**God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with  
keeping the riches of your love to ourselves.  
Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege.  
Keep expecting more of us as your disciples.  
Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray.**

*Lift all that is on your heart and mind to God in silent prayer.  
God's people say Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves. If we are in Christ, we are new people; the past is finished and done. Everything has been made fresh and new. Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ we have been forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!.**

SUNG RESPONSE

"How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions'

Tune: MERLE'S TUNE

**How blest, those whose transgressions have freely been forgiven;  
whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.  
Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin;  
whose guilt has been forgiven; whose hearts, made true again.**

From Psalm 32, *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909. Public Domain

## *Listening to the Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...and let us know that we, too, are your beloved. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 24:12-18

**12** The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." **13** So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. **14** To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." **15** Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. **16** The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. **17** Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. **18** Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Words of response:* At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for 40 days and 40 nights.

**The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain.**  
And on the seventh day God called out to Moses.

**On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments.**

EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:16-21

**16** For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." **18** We ourselves heard this

voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Words of response:* At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son.

***By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard today through the word of scripture.***

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

**17** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. **3** Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." **8** And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. **9** As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

SERMON

"Just Listen"

Cherrie Sizemore, ALP

## ***Responding to God***

\*HYMN #336

"We Gather Together"

\*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

*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 #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

\*BENEDICTION

\*DEPARTING SONG #765

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

**May the God of hope go with us everyday, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

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*Greet one another in peace.*

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## *Church Notes*

Liturgist: David Broyles  
Preacher: Cherrie Sizemore  
Music Director: Marilyn Padon  
Organist: Pam Ferrell

## WE WELCOME CHERRIE SIZEMORE TO OUR PULPIT TODAY

Cherrie recently retired from Elk Hills Presbyterian Church where she served for 12 years as their Commissioned Pastor. Cherrie previously served as an Authorized Lay Preacher (ALP) beginning in 2001. She has one son, Aaron, who lives in Pennsylvania with his wife Olesea and two grandchildren, Luna and Wyatt. She is also a member of the Commission on Pastoral Ministry (formerly Committee on Ministry) of the Presbytery of West Virginia.

**FEBRUARY POTLUCK SUNDAY** will be celebrated this Sunday. 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!!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** will be celebrated this Wednesday, February 18. Please join us for the service that day from 12:00 noon to 12:30, with imposition of ashes.

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### **“Tell Me a Story,” Saturday, March 21, 2026**

In this email, you will find information on the [\*\*Presbytery of West Virginia's Festival of Faith\*\*](#), including a [\*\*flyer\*\*](#) to post where those in your church might see it; a [\*\*bulletin insert\*\*](#); [\*\*registration information and form\*\*](#); [\*\*Workshop Descriptions\*\*](#); and a [\*\*Lunch Order Form\*\*](#). Please share these by email and in print with those in your congregation.

Festival of Faith, a day of learning through keynote and workshops, fellowship, worship, will occur this year on Saturday, March 21, at First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, from 9:30 am – 3:45 pm.

Bil Lepp, storyteller, artist, and recording artist, will be our Keynote Presenter. The title of his keynote will be: The Widow's Mite and the Widower's Might: Seeing Scripture in

Ordinary Actions. He will also be leading a workshop titled: “Using Storytelling to Spread the Word.”

Other workshops on a variety of topics will also be offered. Descriptions can be found [\*\*here\*\*](#). [\*\*Information\*\*](#) and [\*\*registration forms\*\*](#) are available using the links in this email and also on the [\*\*Presbytery of West Virginia's website\*\*](#). The early registration deadline, with a lower cost, is Monday, March 2. The deadline for [\*\*ordering lunch\*\*](#) or indicating the need for childcare is also Monday, March 3.

If you have questions about this event, or need additional information, please contact Kari Preslar, Chair of the Festival of Faith Planning Team, [by email](#) or 304-541-7222.

# 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

Roberta Alsop	Emily Holton	Don Shroder
Merrily Bailey	Ravi Isaiah	Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Larry Graham	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Mary Graham	Hollie McCraw	Brandon Ward
	Rick McGuire	

- Praying for all the brothers and sisters in Minnesota and all other states whose lives are being challenged by ICE.
- 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.
- Praying for peace in the Ukraine/Russia conflict and the Israel/Hamas conflict and all conflict around the globe. Grant us peace!
- 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	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Nigel Jeffries
Brent Bishop	

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:** Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg; Liberty Presbyterian Church, Green Bank; Giakanja Parish