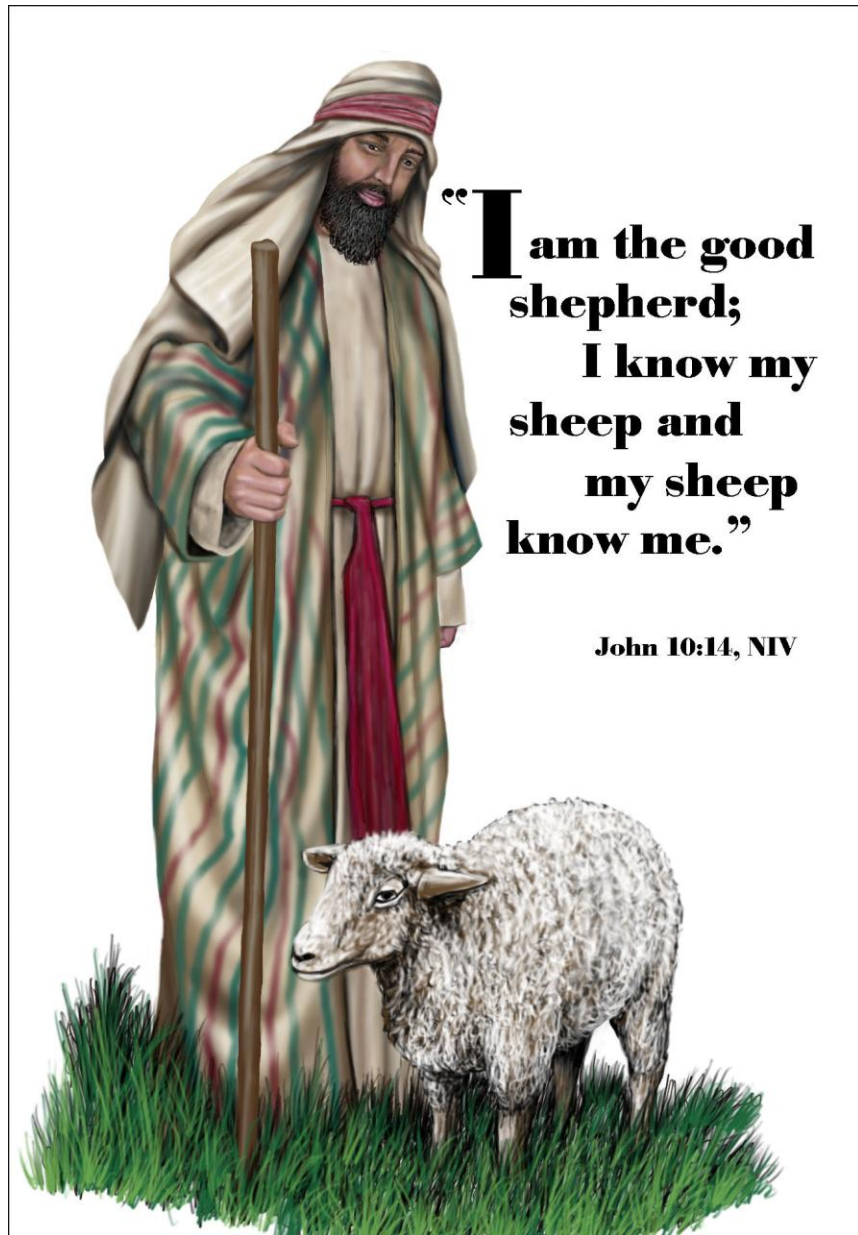


Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 76 years of "Shining Christ's Light"

April 26, 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

EASTERTIDE

April 26, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Bradbury/Arr. Zylstra

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear Jesus' great truth: I am the gate for the sheep!

We recognize his voice. We follow the voice of our shepherd.

Come in! You belong here! You are safe and cared for here!

We recognize the voice of our shepherd.

Follow and find green pastures and still waters!

We hear his voice.

Let us worship our Great Shepherd.

*OPENING HYMN #801

"The Lord's My Shepherd" *Psalm 23*

Stanza 1—Soloist sings

All sing remaining stanzas

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...have life, and have it abundantly. **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

Loving Savior, Shepherd with the voice we know, be with us when we stray.

For we often hear the voices of strangers and follow them to dry pastures and dark valleys.

We forget your voice of love and begin to feel small and lost.

And yet you know us by heart and by name. Call us once again. Restore our souls.

Walk ahead of us on the right paths, and we will follow you.

Remembering your voice, we pray.

Silence for personal confession. God's people say Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

With steady rod and staff, God comforts and leads. Christ bore our sins that we might die to sin and live in righteousness. In ways we cannot fathom, Christ's wounds have extended healing to us. Let us live as whole people, forgiven and forgiving. **Thanks be to God!**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*sung*) #458 "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Hearing God's Voice"

The Rev. Jim Robinson

Responding to God

*HYMN #187

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*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 #740

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Jackie Thompson
Preacher: The Rev. Jim Robinson
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME THE REV. JIM ROBINSON TO OUR PULPIT TODAY.

Jim is a retired 20-year career Marine officer and a retired minister, having served the Elk Hills Presbyterian Church for nearly 14 years. He also was Acting Stated Clerk of the Presbytery and Moderator of the Synod of the Trinity. Meanwhile, he also served as on-call chaplain for CAMC for 17 years. Jim is active in Habitat for Humanity. He and his wife Karen live in Charleston and have two daughters and three granddaughters.

POSTCARDS TO OTHER CHURCHES are 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.

The
sheep
follow
him
because
they
know
his
voice.

John 10:4, NRSV



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

Roberta Alsop	Ravi Isaiah	Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Merrily Bailey	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Barker Family	Hollie McCraw	Ward Family
Shayne Compton	Rick McGuire	Gary Withrow
Larry Graham	Olga Schmidt	
Emily Holton	Don Shroder	

- 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	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: Clear Creek Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Logan; Thageini Church; Gura Parish

SPRING GETAWAY RETREAT

MAY 1 - 3 @Bluestone

Adults \$100
(ages 12 & older)

Youth \$60
(ages 4 - 11)

Children FREE
(ages 3 & under)

Registration deadline is Friday, April 24.

This is an Open Weekend 😊 All are Welcome!

**There'll be plenty of good food
and fellowship... plus**

- † trail hikes and games to play at your leisure †
- † optional service-gardening-beautification projects †
- † fireside chats, campfire, s'mores †
- † plenty of time and space to just simply be †

Springtime is Beautiful at Bluestone!

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for details or call (304) 397-5050 and
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