

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



The Miracle of Feeding 5,000

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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

August 9, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Gordon Young

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 145

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in all God's ways, and kind in all God's doings. The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

*OPENING HYMN #408

"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. **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

Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Everything we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you as you reveal yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. We pray it in Jesus' name, and for his sake.

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

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see: everything has become new.

**All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

Believe the promise of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

SUNG RESPONSE #441

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:1-5

55Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. **2** Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. **3** Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. **4** See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. **5** Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. **14** When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. **15** When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." **16** Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." **17** They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." **18** And he said, "Bring them here to me." **19** Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. **20** And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. **21** And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Blessed and Broken"

Kathryn Maddy, ALP

Responding to God

*HYMN #460

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Declaration of Faith, 1977

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

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 #69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

*BENEDICTION

...be with you always. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #748

“Go with Us, Lord”

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: John Haynes
Preacher: Kathryn Maddy, ALP
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME KATHRYN MADDY TO OUR PULPIT TODAY

Kathryn Maddy is a member of First Presbyterian Church of St. Albans since 1985. She worked for the WV Governor's Office of Economic & Community Development before becoming a full time stay at home mom. She raised three children, volunteered for Read Aloud WV and Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council. She has served terms on the Presbytery of WV Youth Council and the Bluestone Committee. She is a retired Christian educator, and currently serves as an Authorized Lay Preacher for our presbytery. She leads Presbyterian Women activities and Bible studies at her home church. She spends most days with her four-year-old grandson, cuddling, reading, playing, and exploring as many STEAM activities as they can squeeze into a day.

AUGUST 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!!

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

- Praying for all those people in the Northwest U.S. who are experiencing wildfires.
- 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: Marsh Fork Presbyterian Church, Dry Creek; Valley Bend Presbyterian Church, Beverly; Gitumbi Church; Rware Parish