

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



*"For where two or three
come together in my name,
there am I with them."*

Matthew 18:20, NIV

September 6, 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

September 6, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Arr. Mary McDonald

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 149

Praise the Lord!

**Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.
Let the faithful sing for joy.**

*OPENING HYMN

Psalm 149

Tune: LYONS

**Give praise to our God and sing a new song, amid all the saints God's praises prolong;
a song to your maker and ruler now raise, all children of Zion, rejoice and give praise.**

**With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim, with gladness and mirth, we praise your great
name; for now in your people your pleasure you seek, with robes of salvation adorning the
meek.**

**In glory exult, you saints of the Word; with songs in the night high praises accord;
go forth in God's service, be strong in God's might to conquer all evil and stand for the
right.**

**For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail, but over the earth the humble prevail;
all rulers and nations shall yield to their sway. To God give the glory; sing praises for aye.**

Psalter, 1912. Public Domain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...In the name of Jesus we pray. **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

**Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the
sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to.**

We've made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. **Alleluia! Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our eyes and our ears, our minds and our hearts, that we may hear your Word, walk in your ways, and truly live. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 149

¹ Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. ² Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. ³ Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. ⁵ Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. ⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, ⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, ⁸ to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, ⁹ to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

SERMON

"I Am there Among You"

Sallie Daugherty, ALP

Responding to God

*HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Tune: FORREST GREEN

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.
Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.
Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.**

8th century Latin; trans. Omer Westendorf, 1960. © 1988 World Library Publications.

OFFERING OF FOOD for Heart and Hand

...And may those who receive it be nourished in body, mind and spirit. **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.**

*HYMN #509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion

*When serving your neighbor the bread, please say "the Bread of Heaven."
Hold the bread so all can commune at the same time.*

*When passing the cup, please say "the cup of the New Covenant."
Hold the cup so all can commune at the same time.*

Prayer after communion *(in unison)*

O God, you give us New Life in Christ Jesus. With all that we have and all that we are, we seek to be faithful to this gift. Accept our endeavors, amend our errors and guide our ambitions, that we may know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, for Christ's sake.

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #468

"In My Life"

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #765

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

May the God of hope go with us every day, 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.

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Taylor Bailey
Preacher: Sallie Daugherty, ALP
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME BACK SALLIE DAUGHERTY TO OUR PULPIT TODAY

Sallie Daugherty is a native West Virginian who grew up in Charleston and has been a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston where she is an Elder, former Clerk of Session, has been a choir member and children's Sunday school teacher and she is currently serving as a Deacon. The Presbytery of West Virginia approved Sallie as an authorized lay preacher at its November 20,

2020 meeting. Since then, Sallie has answered God's call to travel around West Virginia to fill the pulpit wherever she is asked. Upon the retirement of Pastor Cherrie Sizemore, Sallie became the Commissioned Moderator of Elk Hills Presbyterian Church. She is the daughter of Jarve Currence and the late George A. Daugherty and is married to Byron Goodew. Sallie and Byron make their home in South Charleston, West Virginia.

HOLY COMMUNION and **FOOD OFFERING SUNDAY** will be celebrated today.

REMEMBERING 9/11



This year marks 25 years since the 9/11 terror attack, and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum will hold its annual commemoration ceremony to remember the victims.

Families of victims will gather for the ceremony on the 9/11 Memorial Plaza to read aloud the

names of the 2,983 men, women, and children killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks and the February 26, 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

Six moments of silence will mark the times when each of the World Trade Center towers was struck, when each tower fell, and the times corresponding to the attack at the Pentagon, and the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.



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	Kirk King	Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Barker Family	Doug Lathom	Ed Thompson
Shayne Compton	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Pam Gano	Hollie McCraw	Gary Withrow
Larry Graham	Rick McGuire	
Emily Holton	Karen Robinson	

- We pray for the victims and rescuers of the flash flood in Grand Canyon Arizona.
- We pray for the victims and the rescuers of the Nepal-China flash floods.
- 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: Fayetteville Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg; Gitero Church; Rware Parish