

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



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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

June 21, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"This Is My Father's World"

Arr. Victor Labenske

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

Posted on Life in Liturgy. <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com>

*OPENING HYMN #667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...in Jesus' name, 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

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways.

**We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns,
and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.**

**We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult,
and too often quick to question Your presence and Your power.**

Forgive us, and grant us patience to wait for Your good timing.

**Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives—to listen for Your gentle
whisper when we least expect it.**

**And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading,
even when we cannot yet see the outcome.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, hear this good news. God's covenant with us is true. God is faithful even when we fail. Through the Holy Spirit God gives us the gift of faith and makes us righteous. Believe in the good news that you are set free to live as children of God. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²"Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and

a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷ "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

SERMON

"Nothing Is Hidden from God"

Cherrie Sizemore, ALP

Responding to God

*HYMN #661

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

*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 #250

"In The Bulb There Is A Flower"

*BENEDICTION

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: John Haynes
Preacher: Cherrie Sizemore, ALP
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME CHERRIE SIZEMORE BACK 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.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all fathers and others who serve the father role!

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

Patricia Ansley & Family	Emily Holton	Don Shroder
Merrily Bailey	Ravi Isaiah	Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Barker Family	Doug Lathom	Bill Wagner
Bob Binning	Cheryl Laws	Gary Withrow
Shayne Compton	Hollie McCraw	
Larry Graham	Rick McGuire	

- 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: First Presbyterian Church, Kenova; First Presbyterian Church, Weston; Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church; Kigwandi Church; Riamukurwe Parish