

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 75 years of “Shining Christ’s Light”



Lazarus & The Rich Man

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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 10, 2025

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Arr. Victor Johnson

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sheltered by God,
we some now to worship.
Invited by Christ,
we come now to pray.
Welcomed by the Spirit
we gather as the people of God.
Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #634

"To God Be the Glory"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...in your loving 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

**We have sinned, O God.
We eat too much food while others are dying of starvation.
We waste water while others lack safe drinking water.
We victimize those who look different from us.
We are complacent in the face of oppressive regimes.
Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you love.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORIVENESS

Through Jesus' sacrifice, we can be comforted by Father Abraham;
our hunger—satisfied,
our agony—cooled,
and our sins—forgiven.
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Sing and repeat the first 2 lines, then sing and repeat the last 3 lines.

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving Father, speak to us today through your Word and proclamation. Speak to our troubled souls so that we may know your peace and compassion. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Story of the Rich Man and Lazarus"

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN #343

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Sing stanzas 1 and 2

Silently read stanzas 3 and 4

Sing stanzas 5 and 6

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.**

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

**We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others,
in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.**

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

~~1986 World Methodist Council

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 #772**

"Live into Hope"

***BENEDICTION**

Be rich in good things: attending to the poor and caring for those in need.
Be generous with your lives: giving treasure and time to make this world a better place.
Take hold of what is truly life: the goodness of God flowing in and through us.

May the sovereign God bless you; may the Christ of mercy keep you; and the Holy Spirit sustain you, in this life and the life to come. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #742

“We Will Walk with God”

We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: David Broyles

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Music Director: Marilyn Padon

Organist: Pam Ferrell

POTLUCK SUNDAY 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

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Ed Bailey	Cheryl Laws	Susan Spurgeon*
Larry Graham	Hollie McCraw	Bill Wagner
Mary Graham	Rick McGuire	Mike Whitten
Emily Holton	Don Shroder	
Ravi Isaiah	Mike Spurgeon*	

- 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 effected by war: The children, the common person, the armies, the leaders. Grant us courage and grace during the coming weeks.
- Praying for peace in the Ukraine/Russia conflict and the hostages and their families.
- 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
Jeff Barker
Brent Bishop
Nigel Jeffries

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 - Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Joel Callison, Pocahontas Center; Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at Home –Donie Argento, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Marsh Fork Presbyterian Church, Dry Creek; Valley Bend Presbyterian Church, Beverly; Gitumbi Church (GAY-TOE'bay); Rware Parish (Roh-ARE'ray)