

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

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2 Corinthians 8:12*

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

November 9, 2025

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Let All Things Now Living"

Arr. David Lasky

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 30

Sing praises to God,

give thanks to God's name.

For God clothes us with strength and joy

and turns our mourning to dancing.

Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #37

"Let All Things Now Living"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...We lift our voices to give you praise. **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

**Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness
of the world.**

We do not believe that love conquers fear.

We are not convinced that power comes through weakness.

Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORIVENESS

If God kept count of all our sins, who could stand? But with God there is forgiveness. Be at peace knowing that you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE #437

"You Are the Lord Giver of Mercy"

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us, O God. Show us who you are and who you are willing us to be, for the sake of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

II Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. ¹¹ Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. ¹⁵ As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“An Offer(ing) You Can’t Refuse”

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Responding to God

*HYMN #647

“Give Thanks”

*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 #761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*BENEDICTION

May God our guardian protect you, Christ the healer restore you, and the Holy Spirit sustain you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

*DEPARTING SONG #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Scott Hamilton
Pastor: The 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!!

RLPC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN, *Journey to Generosity – the way of Jesus*, begins today. It ends on November 23. Please pray about how you can help.



MANNA MEAL is now "Rock Lake Community Garden", meeting on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The group is no longer part of the Manna Meal but is now independent of them. They dispense produce to multiple organizations which provide meals, food banks, etc. Their Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/people/Rock-Lake-Community-Garden/61578613784496/>

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A FARM TO TABLE DINNER on November 13 if there are still tickets available.

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

Larry Graham
Mary Graham
Emily Holton
Ravi Isaiah

Cheryl Laws
Hollie McCraw
Rick McGuire
Don Shroder

Mike Spurgeon
Susan Spurgeon
Bill Wagner
Mike Whitten

- We pray for all those people and families in our country who are having to suffer from the results of the government shutdown. Please provide for them.
- 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 weeks.
- Praying for peace in the Ukraine/Russia conflict and the Israel/Hamas conflict and all conflict around the globe. Grant us peace!
- 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

Evan Chaney
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; Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

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

Prayer List for Churches: Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Church of the Covenant, Grafton; Wand Church; Wandumbi Parish (Wah-DOH'bee)