

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



April 5, 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

EASTER

April 5, 2026

Gathering

You are invited to add flowers to the cross before the service begins.

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Arr. Larry Shackley

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved Church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let our worship resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*OPENING HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

"Up from the Grave"

Michael Ware

Up from the grave Jesus arose. Jesus arose that Easter morning. Up from the grave Jesus arose.
Now He's alive forever.

On that Sunday morning the women came to see that Jesus' tomb was empty, where could the
Master be? Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ Jesus is alive. Up from the grave...

Death could never hold Him; He's risen from the grave. Now that He is living, His power has been
displayed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! He's mighty strong to save. Up from the grave...

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...and, like Mary, run to proclaim the Good News. **Amen**

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Opening Our Eyes"

The Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson

Responding to God

*HYMN #229

"In the Darkness of the Morning"

Choir sings stanza 1

All sing remaining hymn

OFFERING OF FOOD for Heart and Hand

...We offer these gifts in Jesus' name. **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.

ANTHEM

"Communion Prayer"

Alen Pote

We place upon your table, Lord, the food of life, the bread and wine, as symbols of our daily work, according to your grand design. Within these simple things there lie the height and depth of human life; our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife. Accept them, Lord, they come from you. We take them humbly from your hand. These gifts of yours for higher use we offer up as you command.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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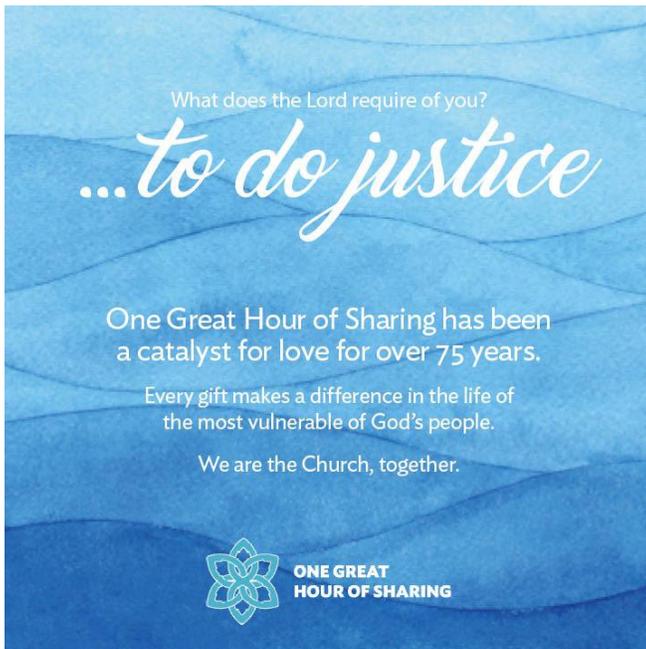
Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Taylor Bailey
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees —serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (Feb. 18–April 5), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. We will be collecting One Great hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday.



**THIS MORNING THE EASTER FLOWERS
ARE PLACED.....**

IN HONOR OF:

IN MEMORY OF:

Bill and Pat Bailey by the Bailey Family

Fritz and Beth Deeter by the Bailey Family

Jordan Hamill by the Bailey Family

Susan and Brian O'Connell by the Bailey Family

Jeanne and Bill Beasley in Loving Memory from Michelle, Don, and Family

Norma and Calvin Broyles in Loving Memory from Michelle, Don, and Family

Danny and Lydia Gumowski by Margie and Alex Gumowski

Harry and Marie Layne by Margie and Alex Gumowski

My beloved parents, Frances Goldsmith Hutton and Bill Goldsmith by Jan
Goldsmith Lyttle

Friends we have lost by Fred and Linda Reehling

Derek Rogillio by Ron and Chris Rogillio

Edward and Dorothy Aurady by Olga and Ken Schmidt

Paul and Hertha Schmidt by Olga and Ken Schmidt

Jack and Margaret Seibert by Ed and Jackie Thompson

Arch and Phyllis Thompson by Ed and Jackie Thompson

Our son, William (Wag) Wagner by Mary and Bill Wagner

His parents, Hiram and Orah Wagner by Mary and Bill Wagner

Her parents, Ray and Ethel Robinson by Mary and Bill Wagner

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

Roberta Alsop	Ravi Isaiah	Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Merrily Bailey	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Shayne Compton	Hollie McCraw	Brandon Ward
Larry Graham	Rick McGuire	Gary Withrow
Scott Hamilton	Olga Schmidt	
Emily Holton	Don Shroder	

- Prayers for our troops and for all who are involved in the Middle East Conflict; hoping that it ends soon.
- 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.
- 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	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, Ripley; Waverly-Bethel Presby. Church, Waverly; Wamagana Church + Nursery School; Giakanja Parish



THE GUYS WEEKEND & SPRING GETAWAY RETREATS

See more information on the bulletin board

THE GUYS WEEKEND

APRIL 24 - 26 @ Bluestone

Retreat Cost = \$100 Friday Dinner = \$13
(for early arrivals)

17th Annual Men's Retreat

At The Guys' Weekend, we are committed
to several things:

- + encouraging growth in faith + 
Weekend Chaplain/Keynote - Rev. Craig Schaub - Scan Here >
- + employing our gifts in service +
(in particular to serve the ministry of Bluestone)
- + to glorify and enjoy God forever +
(in work, worship, and fellowship)

Visit our web page to retrieve registration forms
as well as general information and details:

bluestonecamp.org/guys-weekend

You may also contact mark@bluestonecamp.org
to have forms and information emailed to you.

Registration Deadline is April 20

Fees includes two nights lodging, three meals Saturday
and one meal on Sunday. Youth are encouraged to attend
as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

SPRING GETAWAY RETREAT

MAY 1 - 3 @Bluestone

Retreat Cost = \$100 Youth = \$60 (ages 4 - 11)
Children FREE (ages 3 & under)

This is an Open Weekend
😊 All are Welcome!

There'll be plenty of good food and fellowship... plus

- + trail hike or craft you can do at your leisure +
- + optional service-beautification projects +
- + fireside chats, campfire, s'mores +
- + plenty of time and space to just simply be +

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Registration Deadline is April 24

Fees include two nights lodging, three meals Saturday
and one meal on Sunday.