



April 13, 2025

*Palm / Passion Sunday*



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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am to 2 pm

On behalf of Riverside Presbyterian, it is our pleasure to welcome you to worship this morning. The opportunity to worship together as the Family is one of God's greatest gifts. It is our hope that this time and place will be a grounding place for us all, one that enables us to live as freely and fully as God intends.

**Next Steps** — Wondering what your Next Steps with Riverside might be? The Session would love to explore this with you! We meet the 1st Sunday of every month, at 9:00 am in the Judea Room in the Knox (office) building. All questions and people are welcome!

Prayer Request Cards (blue) are available in the pew racks. Please place your request in the offering plate and the usher will deliver it to the pastor to be included during Prayers of the People.

Do you want to get a head start in preparing for Sunday worship? The Sunday worship bulletin is now being linked in the Thursday e-mail, together with the livestreaming web link, which are also posted on the church's website: [riversidepresbyterianchurch.org](http://riversidepresbyterianchurch.org). The worship service is livestreamed and is available on the church's website: <https://www.youtube.com/@riversidepresbyterianchurch8946>. Please spread the word to those who are interested in worshipping with us online.

The term "voluntary" is used to denote a piece of music or improvisation for instrument, played before, during, or at the end of a church service.

The Sunday that begins **Holy Week** has functioned two ways in the history of the church: First, it has been an occasion for the remembrance and celebration of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, that is, **Palm Sunday**; it is also an occasion for looking ahead to the long and lonely events of Christ's suffering and death, that is **Passion Sunday**. May the irony of this day bless you as we celebrate the lordship of Jesus Christ and, at the same time, reflect on the redemptive grace in his suffering and death on Good Friday.

## SESSION

### Class of 2025

Mark Gordon  
Carl Plaughter  
Tom White

### Class of 2026

Terri Beeler  
Anda Ray  
Ann Stone  
Debbie Burleigh, *Clerk*

### Class of 2027

Bob Howard  
Meghan Johnson  
Paula Yost

## DIACONATE

### Class of 2025

Susan White  
Fern Wolle

### Class of 2026

Janice Eastes  
Carolyn Hattaway  
Tammy Ivan

### Class of 2027

Jorge Castillo

The April issue of our newsletter *Down by the Riverside* has been sent out by email. If you wish to have a hard copy, it is available in the church office and the narthex. If you're interested in receiving our electronic monthly newsletter (except for January and July), please leave your e-mail address. If you wish to receive a hard copy by mail, please call the church office at 321-783-6085.

### Lectionary Readings for Today (Year C):

Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19:28-40; *Psalms* 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; *Psalms* 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

People's response in ***bold & italic*** type

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it"* (Psalm 118:19-20).

VOLUNTARY

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*  
Diana Amtower, Organ

arr. Lana Smith (1994)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETINGS & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Bill Teng

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you . . .***

. . . The grace and peace of our Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Luke 19:28-40*)

Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem.

***Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!***

The people laid down their garments and praised God.

***Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!***

If the people kept quiet, even the stones will cry out.

***Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!***

Let us worship God!

✦ **STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT**

***"I Will Follow You"***  
***"Lead Me to the Cross"***

Chris Tomlin (2010)  
Hillsong United (2007)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, Leader

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Strong Savior: We join voices in praise to you, gladly proclaiming you as our King. Yet we have not always followed your rule—we often seek more to fulfill our own desires than to accomplish your will, and we strive more to extend our influence than to seek your kingdom.***

***Ride into our hearts with healing grace, Lord God, and forgive what we have done and who we have been. Have mercy on us for saying one thing, while living another. Help us by your Spirit to walk in your way of the cross, that we would love you with all our heart, and our neighbors as ourselves. Hosanna! Lord, save us.***

SILENT REFLECTION (*Reflecting on the Prayer of Confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

. . . Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A Brief Statement of Faith" (1983)

**[We believe] In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

✠Passing of the Peace of Christ

. . . The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

### GIVING TO GOD

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FUSION YOUTH

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*"Lift High the Palms"* arr. Joseph M. Martin (2016)  
Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

✠DOXOLOGY #592

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Philippians 2:5-11 (N.T., p. 197)  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Jak Burton

✠HYMN #197

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

ELLACOMBE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 22:14-34 (N.T., p. 86)  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Teng

SERMON

**“Do You Get It?!”**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

. . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our 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 #198

**“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”**

ST. DROSTANE

✠CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠SENDING SONG

**“Happy Day”**

Jesus Culture (2008)

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SUNDAY FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by **Betty Peterson & family**,  
and in loving memory of Betty's husband, Harry's birthday.

STEWARDSHIP

To support the ministry of Riverside Presbyterian Church, contributions may be sent to the church office or you may pledge electronically at [www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org) or scan the QR code on the right to give through [tithely.com](http://tithely.com).



**DISCIPLE**

UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE

**DISCIPLE: Under the Tree of Life** is the final study in the four-phase *Disciple* program. The study concentrates on the Writings (Old Testament books not in the Torah or the Prophets), the Gospel of John, and Revelation. Join us each **Monday at 1:00 p.m.** in Knox Hall beginning **April 21**, led by Pastor Bill. **All are welcome!**

# Holy Week

## Maundy Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Communion Service in Sanctuary

## Easter Sunday, April 20

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service in Sydney Fischer Park

8:15 a.m. All-Church Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord in Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall



## Catered Easter Breakfast

After Sunrise service at Sidney Fischer Park, come over to Riverside and enjoy breakfast catered by Street Cuisine Food Truck, which will be located outside the Fellowship Hall.

Pick up your breakfast and come inside the Fellowship Hall and enjoy coffee, drinks, and fellowship before our Easter Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

*Freewill offering welcome!*

## One Great Hour of Sharing

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) collects a special offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing**, which helps those in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the oppressed and poor. You can give by using the special offering envelope (given out on March 30 in the bulletin), include with your regular offering, or donate online at [www.reiversdieptesbyterianchurch.org](http://www.reiversdieptesbyterianchurch.org), and note in comment box: **OGHS**.

***Thank you for your generosity!***

## Officer Training

Pastor Teng is offering a training class for all ordained deacons and elders on **Thursday, April 24, from 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

If you've been ordained a deacon or elder in the last five years and have not gone through any Officer Training (which is required by the *Book of Order*), please make plan to attend this class. For those who cannot make it on this day, a makeup class is planned for **Saturday, May 17, from 9:00-11:30 a.m.** Please let the office know as soon as possible which class you can attend.



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Tony Wesson, Joann Middleton** (Girard's mother), **Glen Stout, Wanda Cook, Meghan Johnson**, Vickie Olcott's friend **Margot, Priscilla Hernandez, John House, Rebecca Burns**, Jorge Castillo's friend **Victor, Allyson McElheny** (Priscilla's friend), Vicki Olcott's cousin **Debbie, Jane Lovett, Diane Whitehurst, Travis Stout, Tim Bright; Rev. Jane Wesson and family** as her husband, Tony, died on Wednesday after a long struggle with Parkinson's, the **Kim Thomas family** (Kim passed away on March 21), **Nancy, Felicia, and Allie** (husband and father passed); housing situation for **Pastor Bill & Karen Teng**; peace for Ukraine, the Middle East, and Syria.

### DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	Morning: Psalms 119:73-80, 145; Evening: Psalms 121, 6 Jeremiah 11:18-20, 12:1-16 (17); Philippians 3:1-14; John 12:9-19
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning: Psalms 34, 146; Evening: Psalms 25, 91 Jeremiah 15:10-21; Philemon 3:15-21; John 12:20-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning: Psalms 5, 147:1-11; Evening: Psalms 27, 51 Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-17 (18); Philippians 4:1-13; John 12:27-36
<b>Thursday</b>	Morning: Psalms 27, 147:12-20; Evening: Psalms 126, 102 Jeremiah 20:7-11 (12-13), 14-18; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; John 17:1-11 (12-26)
<b>Friday</b>	Morning: Psalms 22, 148; Evening: Psalms 105, 130 Genesis 22:1-14; 1 Peter 1:10-20; John 13:36-38
<b>Saturday</b>	Morning: Psalms 43, 149; Evening: Psalms 31, 143 Job 19:21-27a; Hebrews 4:1-16; Romans 8:1-11
<b>Sunday</b>	Morning: Psalms 84, 150; Evening: Psalms 42, 32 Exodus 12:1-14; John 1:1-18; Luke 24:13-35

### What Happened on This Day in Christian History

✦ On April 13, 1525, Reformer **Ulrich Zwingli**, rejecting the doctrine of transubstantiation, abolished the elaborate rite of the Mass in the Great Minster Church of Zurich in favor of the first evangelical communion service. ✦ On April 13, 1598, **King Henry IV** of France signed the Edict of Nantes, granting toleration to Protestant Huguenots. ✦ **Jeanne Marie Bouvier de la Motte** was born on this day in 1648 at Montargis, France, about fifty miles north of Paris. She later became known as **Madam Guyon** (pronounced Gay-yo), a celebrated French Mystic. ✦ On April 13, 1685, four Scottish women stood before the court at Wigtown accused of rebellion due to their Presbyterian views. They were forced to their knees for sentencing. **Margaret MacLachlan**, 70, was executed by drowning; **Margaret Maxwell**, 20, was publicly flogged; **Margaret Wilson**, 18, was drowned, and her sister **Agnes**, 13, was fined one hundred pounds. ✦ **Handel's Messiah** was first presented on this day in 1742, in Dublin, Ireland. ✦ **Adoniram Judson Gordon**, powerful Boston pastor and writer, was born on this day in 1836. Among his books is the moving little autobiographical volume, *When Christ Came to Church*. ✦ The most bitter fight in **Charles Spurgeon's** life was the "Downgrade Controversy" with the Baptist Union. He felt that some of the Baptist ministers were denying the basic tenets of Scripture. On April 13, 1888, five minutes before a critical session of the Baptist Union, the controversy was defused by a hastily developed plan on the part of Spurgeon's brother, James. It left no one satisfied.

## THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) Worship & Sacrament Team (Knox Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 p.m.	HRR Circle (Knox Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Session (Knox Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	9:30 a.m.	Stitchin' Sisters (Calvin Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Sanctuary)
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service (Sidney Fischer Park)
	8:15 a.m.	All-Church Catered Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Resurrection of the Lord</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)



### Church Directory

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