



May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter



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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.



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 or scan the QR code on the left to give through tithe.ly.com.

Do you want to get a head start in preparing for Sunday worship? The Sunday worship bulletin is now being linked in the Friday e-mail, together with the livestreaming web link, which are also posted on the church's website: 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.

Easter tide, or the **Easter Season**, begins on Easter Sunday and continues until **Pentecost** in the Christian liturgical calendar for a total span of seven weeks. We celebrate Easter more than just Easter Sunday because it is the defining event of Christianity, and so the Church has always observed it for longer than the Day itself. The liturgical color is white or gold, the Pascal candle is kept lit and the worship services end with a special "Alleluia." Scripture lessons during this season are from the New Testament only (except for Easter Sunday), saying what happened after the Resurrection. The Thursday in the sixth week of Easter marks **Ascension Day**, as Jesus was taken up into heaven.

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 May 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):

Acts 9:1-9; *Psalm 30*; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

✠ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"* (Revelation 5:12b, NKJV).

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETINGS & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Bill Teng

Christ is risen! ***The Lord is risen indeed***

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

VOLUNTARY

"Never Shall the Cross Forsake Me"

F. Mendelssohn / arr. Lani Smith (1989)

Diana Amtower, Organ

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing.

***Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness,
and the violence of our world.***

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing.

***Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost,
and those who need to experience God's love.***

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing.

***Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed,
and filled with joyous good news.***

Let us worship God!

✠ HYMN #248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"I Will Follow"

Chris Tomlin (2010)

"Called Me Higher"

All Sons & Daughters (2012)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, Leader

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life: You turn mourning into dancing, the dark night of weeping into the bright morning of gladness. Your light has shined upon us, claiming us as witnesses to your saving power; yet we often keep silent, and hide your light.

Forgive our meager witness to the glad news of your light breaking into our world, in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; and empower us by your Holy Spirit to proclaim his Gospel to all. For it is in the name of Jesus we ask.

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. Alleluia. Amen.

✠ Passing of the Peace of Christ

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FUSION YOUTH

OFFERTORY *"Behold the Lamb"* Getty & Townend (1996)/arr. Andy Albritton (2009)
 Andrew Hiers, *Baritone* / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

OLD HUNDREDTH

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Acts 9:1-9 (N.T., p. 127) Elder Susan White
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — John 21:1-19 (N.T., p. 115) Pastor Teng
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *“The Lord’s Breakfast”*

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

INSTITUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & THE 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.

INVITATION TO PARTAKE

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *"Come to the Water"* Kristan Stanfill (2013)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ACKLEY

✠ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠ SENDING SONG	<i>“Stand In Your Love”</i>	Josh Baldwin (2018)
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SUNDAY FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by **Susan White** and Family and in birthday celebration of their wonderful husband and father, **Tom White**.

SERMON NOTES



PSALM 66 PRAISE BAND

Guitar / Vocals — Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*
Bass guitar — Rafael Perez
Drums — Ryan Perez
Keyboard — Andrey Plata
Backup Vocals — Madalynn Pearson
Backup Vocals — Jordan Boggs
Backup Vocals — Trinity Plata

FIRST TUESDAY DINNER

Our next First Tuesday Dinner will be held **May 6 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Our dinner, catered by Branos Italian Grill, will feature Chicken Parmigiano, Penna Florentine, veggies, garden salad, bread, and dessert. Cost is \$12 per person. Following dinner our program will be shared by our own **Pam Weiger**, volunteer, and **Chaplain Tom Buddington** of the Cape Canaveral Spiritual Care Team. Join us as they share their work and service to our community. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors. Sign-up for dinner reservations can be done after worship in the Fellowship Hall, call **Betty Peterson** at 406-750-9202 or call the church office. *All reservations must be made by next Sunday, May 4, at noon.*



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 led by Pastor Bill. *All are welcome!*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rockledge Presbyterian Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School for children ages 4-12 on June 23 - 27, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. If you know a child that would like to attend, sign up by scanning the barcode provided or go to their website at www.myvbs.org/RPC2025.



Leadership TRAINING

Pastor Teng is offering a training class for all ordained deacons and elders on **Saturday, May 17, from 9:00-11:30 a.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. Please let the office know as soon as possible that you are attending.



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Rob Lancaster, Sandra Swann** (Jerry's sister), **Glen Stout, Wanda Cook, Meghan Johnson**, Vickie Olcott's friend **Margot, John House, Rebecca Burns**, Jorge Castillo's friend **Victor, Allyson McElheny** (Priscilla's friend), Vicki Olcott's cousin **Debbie, Jane Lovett, Diane Whitehurst, Joan** (mother of Nancy Ragland), **Tim Bright, Patricia Fulford, Liz** (Meagan's daughter), **Mike** (Meagan's father); **Rev. Jane Wesson and family** as her husband, Tony, died in April 9 after a long struggle with Parkinson's, housing situation for **Pastor Bill & Karen Teng**; peace for Ukraine and the Middle East.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 / Evening: Psalms 124; 115 Daniel 4:19-27; 1 John 3:19-4:6; Luke 4:14-30
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 / Evening: Psalms 66; 116 Daniel 4:28-37; 1 John 4:7-21; Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 9; 118 Daniel 5:1-12; 1 John 5:1-12; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 68; 113 Daniel 5:13-30; 1 John 5:13-20 (21); Luke 5:1-11
Friday	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 / Evening: Psalms 49; 138 Daniel 6:1-15; 2 John 1-13; Luke 5:12-26
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 / Evening: Psalms 23; 114 Daniel 6:16-28; 3 John 1-15; Luke 5:27-39
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 93; 150 / Evening: Psalms 136; 117 Genesis 18:22-33; 1 Peter 5:1-11; Matthew 7:15-29

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✠ On May 4, 1493, the Spanish Pope **Alexander VI** issued the *Inter caetera II*, which divided the known world between Spain and Portugal along a longitudinal line running 250 miles west of the Cape Verde Islands. ✠ Returning from the Diet of Worms, **Martin Luther** was "kidnapped" for his own protection on May 4, 1521, by the German ruler **Frederick the Wise** and kept at Wartburg where he translated the Bible into German. ✠ **Gulielma Springett** was born in London in 1644 and joined the Quaker movement at age 15. On May 4, 1672, she married **William Penn** and lived on an English estate where the couple assembled with their servants each day for worship and Bible reading. William later fled to America to escape persecution, but his wife died in England. Her last words were: "Let us all prepare, not knowing what hour or watch the Lord cometh.... I have cast my care upon the Lord." ✠ On May 4, 1737, evangelist **George Whitefield** penned a note to **Gabriel Harris**, describing the response to his open air preaching in areas around Gloucester: "People flock to hear the word of God from the neighboring villages as well as our own. They gladly receive me into their houses and I have not a hindrance to my ministerial business." ✠ May 4, 1784, marks the birth of **Carl G. Glaser**, German music teacher and writer of the tune for Charles Wesley's "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (our middle hymn today).

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 4 - 11, 2025

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Monday - Thursday

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> Prepare your heart for Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) Communications Team (Knox Hall) Worship and Sacrament (Knox Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	First Tuesday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	9:30 a.m.	Stitching Sisters (Calvin Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Care and Support (Knox Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall)
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Christian Education Team (Zoom)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)



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