

August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

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 tithely.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.

The Season after Pentecost, also called **Ordinary Time**, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always **Trinity Sunday**, and the last Sunday is always the Sunday of **the Reign of Christ or Christ the King**. Although the scripture lessons in the lectionary for this half of the year go in a semi-continuous cycle through books of the Bible rather than follow a theme, the gospel lessons cover Jesus' teaching ministry and the church's mission in the world. The liturgical color for this season is GREEN, signifying growth in Christ, except on Communion Sundays when it is white.

SESSION

Class of 2025

Carl Plaugher
Tom White
Debbie Burleigh, *Clerk*

Class of 2026

Teri Beeler
Anda Ray
Ann Stone

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 July/August 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):

Isaiah 5:1-7; *Psalms* 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

✦ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith"* (Hebrews 12:1-2a).

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Bob Yost

GREETINGS & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Bill Teng

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Aria Tranquilo

Mozart/arr. Lani Smith (1987)

Diana Amtower, *Organ*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 80)

Listen, O Shepherd of Israel, stir up your mighty power. Come to rescue us!

***Restore us to yourself, O God; and make your face shine upon us,
only then will we be saved.***

You created us and planted us as a carefully tended vine.

***Restore us to yourself, O God; and make your face shine upon us,
only then will we be saved.***

Strengthen the people you love, your chosen ones.

Revive us, give us life, and we will call on your name.

***Restore us to yourself, O God; and make your face shine upon us,
only then will we be saved.***

✦ HYMN #39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Great Things"

Phil Wickham (2018)

"One Thing Remains"

Jesus Culture (2012)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Faithful and loving God: We confess we have not always lived in faith and love —
You call us your beloved people, but we do not always faithfully follow your ways;
you planted us as your own vine, but we often fail to bear good fruit.***

***Forgive us, God of grace. Remove the burden of our sin so that we may run the race
that you have set before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for it is in his name 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. 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

Pastor Teng

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Homeward Bound"* Jay Althouse (1998)
Sarah Lawrence, *Soprano* / Andrew Hiers, *Baritone* / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

✠ DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (Old Testament, p. 540) Elder Meghan Johnson
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

✠ HYMN #846 *"Fight the God Fight"*

DUKE STREET

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Hebrews 11:29–12:2 (New Testament, p. 226) Pastor Teng
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

"The Cheering Section"

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 #326 *"For All the Saints"*

SINE NOMINE

✠ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠ SENDING SONG *"Unstoppable God"*

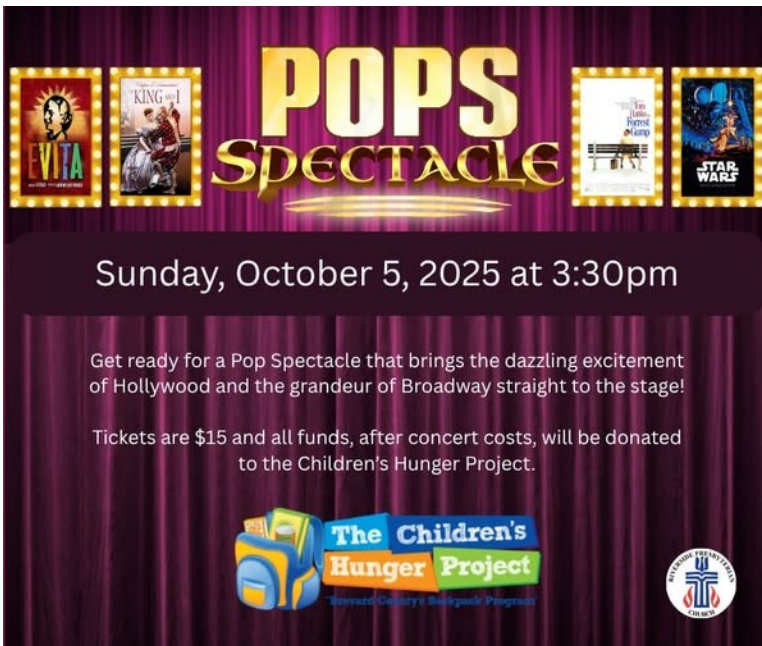
Elevation Worship (2014)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Tammy Ivan**
and in loving remembrance of her mother.

SERMON NOTES

Mark your calendar! **Sunday, October 5**, we will have a Pops Spectacle with music from *Evita*, *The King and I*, *Forest Gump*, and *Star Wars*, featuring the Space Coast Symphony Orchestra. Concert proceeds, after expenses, will go to benefit **The Children's Hunger Project**! We will also be accepting specific food donations to help CHP pack meals.

A poster for the "POPS SPECTACLE" event. The title "POPS SPECTACLE" is in large, bold, yellow letters with a shadow effect. Above the title are four movie posters: "EVITA", "THE KING AND I", "FOREST GUMP", and "STAR WARS". Below the title, the text "Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 3:30pm" is displayed. Further down, it says "Get ready for a Pop Spectacle that brings the dazzling excitement of Hollywood and the grandeur of Broadway straight to the stage!". Below that, it states "Tickets are \$15 and all funds, after concert costs, will be donated to the Children's Hunger Project." At the bottom, there is a logo for "The Children's Hunger Project" featuring a blue backpack and the text "The Children's Hunger Project" and "Forward Children's Backpack Program". To the right of the logo is a circular seal for the "RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH".

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RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tickets are \$15 and will go on sale on **Friday, September 5** at 8am. Make sure to get your tickets early, you won't want to miss this!! For more information, visit www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org/events-1

PSALM 66 PRAISE BAND

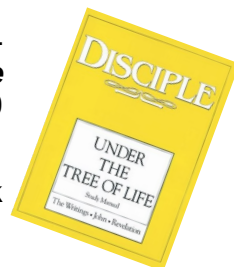
Guitar / Vocals — Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*
Bass guitar — Rafael Perez
Drums — Ryan Perez
Keyboard — Andrey Plata
Backup Vocals — Madalynn Pearson
Backup Vocals — Jordan Boggs
Backup Vocals — Trinity Plata

K – 5th Grade Sunday School — The K – 5th grades is now on summer break. Class will resume on September 7. We are looking for new leader(s) for this class. If you are interested in this position, please contact the office or **Teri Beeler**. *Many, many thanks to Nelson & Kathy McCray for their leadership and dedicated service for the past year!*

Children’s Hunger Project — Thank you to all who have given generously to CHP! We appreciate your continued generosity!

DISCIPLE — *Under the Tree of Life* is the final study in the four-phase Disciple program. The topic tomorrow is **“Where No One Else Can Go”** from John’s gospel. Join us each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in Knox Hall led by Pastor Bill. *All are welcome!*

Wednesday Morning Men’s Bible Study is now on summer break and will reconvene on **September 3**.



Mike Meighen 8/1

Bob Howard 8/2

Lindalee Torgler 8/4

Coleen Castillo 8/7

JoAnn Stanker 8/11

Becky Carson 8/17

Tammy Ivan 8/18

Joe Fanning 8/28



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Lucy McCoy, Linda Harris, Cliff Schmitt, Wanda Cook Scott, Rebecca Burns, Tim Bright, Jane Lovett, Glenn Stout, Roxanne Stout, David & Peggy Bishop, Betty Peterson, Denise Cota** (Chuck Torgler's friend); peace for Ukraine and the Middle East; flood victims and their families.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 / Evening: Psalms 82; 29 2 Samuel 13:23-39; Acts 20:17-38; Mark 9:42-50
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 / Evening: Psalms 102; 133 2 Samuel 14:1-20; Acts 21:1-14; Mark 10:1-16
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 1:33 2 Samuel 14:21-33; Acts 21:15-26; Mark 10:17-31
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 97; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 16; 62 2 Samuel 15:1-18 Acts 21:27-36; Mark 10:32-45
Friday	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 / Evening: Psalms 142; 65 2 Samuel 15:19-37; Acts 21:37-22:16; Mark 10:46-52
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 / Evening: Psalms 138; 98 2 Samuel 16:1-23; Acts 22:17-29; Mark 11:1-11
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 19; 150 / Evening: Psalms 81; 113 2 Samuel 17:1-23; Galatians 3:6-14; John 5:30-47

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ The Second Nicea Council, convoked by the **Empress Irene** to end the Iconoclastic Controversy, met on this day in the church of the Holy Apostles at Constantinople, but was immediately broken up by iconoclastic soldiers. ✦ **Pope Julius II**, who laid the cornerstone of St. Peter's Basilica, was seized by violent illness on this day in 1511. For three days he hovered near death, but as his successor was about to be chosen, he surprised (and disappointed) his cardinals by recovering. ✦ On August 17, 1635, **Richard Mather** arrived in Boston. An English Puritan and staunch defender of congregational church government, he is remembered as the father of **Increase Mather** and the grandfather of **Cotton Mather**. ✦ When the British monarchy was reinstated in 1660, a series of new laws stifled religious liberty. **The Act of Uniformity**, for example, required ministers to use *The Book of Common Prayer* as a format for worship. Many non-Anglicans refused, and in August 17, 1662, over 2,000 of England's finest ministers preached their "farewell sermons" and were ejected from their pulpits. ✦ August 17, 1761, is the birthday of **William Carey**, "Father of Modern Missions." ✦ August 17, 1780, is the birthday of **George Croly**, author of "*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*." ✦ On August 17, 1809, **Thomas Campbell** founded the Disciples of Christ Church. ✦ Radio Bible teacher **Theodore Epp** was converted on this day in 1927 after listening to a sermon from Ephesians 1.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 17 - 24, 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>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) Worship Team
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	HRR Circle (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Stitchin' Sisters (Knox Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall)
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)



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