



February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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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 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 Epiphany, also called **Ordinary Time**, means that which is standard, normative, usual, or typical. Since Ordinary Time is not a season, this period allows Sunday to be preeminent. Twice each year Ordinary Time is heightened by the extra-ordinary time of the Christmas and Easter cycles. They are extra-ordinary in that they intensify the foundational doctrines of incarnation and resurrection. This period ends on **Transfiguration of the Lord**, the Sunday before **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of **Lent**. The color for Ordinary Time is GREEN, signifying spiritual growth (except on Communion Sundays when the color is white).

SESSION

Class of 2026

Teri Beeler
Anda Ray
Ann Stone

Class of 2027

Bob Howard
Meghan Johnson
Paula Yost

Class of 2028

Girard Middleton
Carl Plaughter (26)
Tom White (26)

DIACONATE

Class of 2026

Janice Eastes
Carolyn Hattaway
Tammy Ivan

Class of 2027

Jorge Castillo

Class of 2028

Martha Williams
Fern Wolle
Bob Yost

The February issue of our newsletter *Down by the Riverside* will be sent out by email this week. If you wish to have a hard copy, it will be 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 A):

Micah 6:1-8; *Psalm 15*; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

✦ Standing for those who are able

People's response in ***bold & italic*** typeAPPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* (Micah 6:8).

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

"Theme of Devotion"
Diana Amtower, *Piano*

Frederic Chopin

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP ((from Micah 6:6; Matthew 5:3, 8; Psalm 15:1)

With what shall we come before the LORD, to bow before God Most High?

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Who can abide in the temple of the LORD, or stand in his presence?

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN #804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"**MARION**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Jane Wesson

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Blessed Be Your Name"
"The Heart of Worship"

Matt Redman (2002)
Matt

Redman (2015)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory: We confess we have not always sought your face — We demand signs and desire wisdom, yet the cross of Jesus Christ is all we need; we boast about our own strengths, yet the weakness of Christ has saved us.

Forgive us, O God, and give us grace. Teach us what is truly wise and good and blessed — to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord; for it is in his holy 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

Pastor Wesson

OFFERTORY

"Then Sings My Soul"
Andrew Hiers, *Baritone* / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

Mary McDonald (2022)

✠ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 5:1-12 (New Testament, p. 4)

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

✠ **HYMN**

"Meekness and Majesty!"

Graham Kendrick (1986)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (New Testament, p. 166)

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"The Foolishness and Weakness of God"

SEALING THE WORD - HOLY COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ **HYMN #826**

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

✠ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠ **SENDING SONG**

"O, Praise Him"
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

David Crowder Band (2003)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor and of **Pastor Bill Teng** and his one year anniversary as Interim Pastor for Riverside.



We are currently collecting food items for **The Children's Hunger Project** through **February 22**. Riverside is helping The Children's Hunger Project by serving 80+ children each week at schools in Merritt Island and Cocoa Beach, and your donations go towards providing lunches for children who may not have food available to them.

For a list of food items that are needed, please pick up a list from the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall.

We will be getting together in the Fellowship Hall after Worship on **Sunday, March 1** to pack boxes from the donated food items.

CELEBRATING RIVERSIDE'S 70TH YEAR OF MINISTRY IN 2026

Calling all planners, storytellers, and do-ers! We're forming a 70th Anniversary Planning Team to coordinate with our existing ministries, weave celebrations into church life, and spark a few new, future-focused opportunities. If you love organizing events, sharing ideas, or just lending a helpful hand, we'd love to have you. Contact **Anda Ray** at andaray77@gmail.com.



WELCOME TO COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA

Riverside Presbyterian Church warmly welcomes to our worship service today 32 students and teachers from **Trondheimsfjord Fok High School in Norway**.

They visit the U.S. and Cocoa Beach every year with a new group of students.

May God richly bless you as you travel and be refreshed!

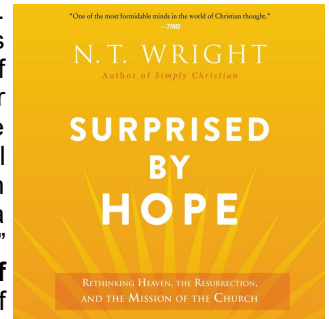
First Tuesday Dinner — Join us this **Tuesday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m.** for our First Tuesday Dinner. The dinner will be catered by Brano's Italian Grill, with the menu of Chicken Marsala, penne pasta marinara, green bean casserole, garden salad, bread and dessert. After dinner our program will be presented by Caroline Burns as she shares her ministry with Bck2Back Ministries. The cost is \$12 per person. Please sign up today in Fellowship Hall or contact **Betty Peterson**.

Sanctuary Flowers for 2026 — If you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary in 2026, a new sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Please add your phone number or email. After the flowers are enjoyed on Sunday morning, you have the option of taking them home or the deacons can deliver them to those who can no longer join us in person on Sundays. The cost remains \$35.00.

Dr. Boushell 2025–2026 Concert Series — Volunteers Needed — Volunteer opportunities are available, and needed, for our upcoming 2025–26 Concert Series. We have several opportunities to serve such as: door greeters, parking attendees, check-in host for will-call tickets or printed tickets, hand out concert programs, and ushers. You can sign up at the Volunteer Board in the Narthex or email **Judy George** at jageorge42@gmail.com or place a note in the offering plate. Thank you for helping Riverside continue to share the gift of music!



A six-week Pastor's Class continues on **Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Knox Hall** to study together N.T. Wright's popular book, *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*. The class will last one hour. Wright's premise is that Christians normally think of the future in terms of "heaven," but the promised reality is far greater: a new heaven and a new earth, a whole new creation. He believes once we grasp this biblical vision of God's future, it will transform our understanding of life in the present. Each session begins with a video segment given by Wright himself, followed by a group discussion. The six sessions include: "Hope for the World," "The Hope of the Resurrection," "The Hope of Heaven," "**The Hope of Jesus' Second Coming**," "The Hope of Salvation," and "The Hope of the Church." *Look forward to seeing you in the class!*



Dr. Boushell "In Love with Love" Concert — Join us for a concert of love songs spanning the decades from the Beatles to Ed Sheeran, entitled "*In Love with Love*," performed by Vocal Flash, on **Sunday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m.** here at Riverside. Tickets are now available at www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org, or you can call the will-call number at 321-222-7865.

Ash Wednesday Service — To prepare us for Lent, an Ash Wednesday Service will be held at **6:00 p.m., February 18**, in the Sanctuary. On Ash Wednesday, we're invited to begin our journey toward Easter and to live disciplined paschal life, with the imposition of ashes a vivid reminder of our personal and corporate mortality and our need for God. *All are welcome!*

SERMON NOTES



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Betty Gould, David & Peggy Bishop, Linda Lee Torgler, Barbara Grewe, Andrey Plata, Elizabeth Deak, Bill Cheney, Susan White, Linda Harris, Cliff Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Travis Vick, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo, Doug Furls**; peace for Ukraine, Venezuela, Iran, and the Middle East.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 62; 145 / Evening: Psalms 73, 9 Genesis 19:1-29; Hebrews 11:1-12; John 6:27-40
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 12; 146 / Evening: Psalms 36, 7 Genesis 21:1-21; Hebrews 11:13-22; John 6:41-51
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 96; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 132, 134 Genesis 22:1-18; Hebrews 11:23-31; John 6:52-59
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 116 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 26, 130 Genesis 23:1-20; Hebrews 11:32-12:2; John 6:60-71
Friday	Morning: Psalms 84; 148 / Evening: Psalms 25, 40 Genesis 24:1-27; Hebrews 12:3-11; John 7:1-13
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 63; 149 / Evening: Psalms 125, 90 Genesis 24:28-38, 49-51; Hebrews 12:12-29; John 7:14-36
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 103; 150 / Evening: Psalm 117, 139 Genesis 24:50-67; 2 Timothy 2:14-21; Mark 10:13-22

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ **Rene Descartes** (b. 1596) died on this day in 1650. A French scientist and philosopher, he, beginning with radical skepticism, attempted to prove through deductive reasoning the existence of the world and God. ✦ February 1, 1750, marks the marriage of **John Newton** and **Mary Catlett**. They lived together until her death forty years later, and their love story is one of the tenderest in Christian history. John Newton, a British pastor, was the author of "*Amazing Grace*." ✦ Today is the birthday of **Thomas Campbell** (1763), founder of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). ✦ **Baylor University** was founded on this day in 1845, in Independence, Texas, under Baptist sponsorship. First known as the Texas Baptist Educational Society, it was moved to Waco in 1866 where it consolidated with Waco University and adopted the present name of Baylor. ✦ **Julia Ward Howe** published her famous "*Battle Hymn of the Republic*" on February 1, 1862, in *The Atlantic Monthly*. ✦ American missionaries **Charles** and **Lettie Cowman** set sail for Japan, as missionaries on this day in 1901. During the course of their ministry, they founded the Oriental Missionary Society which supported mission works in Japan, Korea, Formosa, and China. Mrs. Cowman later became famous for her devotional book, *Streams in the Desert*. ✦ February 1, 1909, is the birthday of **George Beverly Shea**, long-time crusade partner of **Billy Graham** and America's beloved gospel singer. ✦ The **Lutheran Free Church** (an American denomination with Norwegian roots) merged with the **American Lutheran Church** on this day in 1963. The resulting group had a total membership of nearly 2.5 million. A conservative minority of Lutheran Free churches did not choose to merge and formed the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 1 - 8, 2026

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>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i>
	11:00 a.m.	Communications Meeting (Knox Hall)
	11:15 a.m.	Time for Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	Mission Study Team (Pffieffer/Youth Room)
	6:00 p.m.	First Tuesday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall)
	3:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Time for Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
		Worship & Sacrament Team (Knox Hall)

PSALM 66 PRAISE BAND

Guitar / Vocal — Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Bass guitar — Rafael Perez

Drums — Ryan Perez

Keyboard — Andrey Plata

Backup Vocals — Madalynn Pearson & Jordan Boggs

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