



October 26, 2025

Twentieth 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 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.

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

DEACONATE

Class of 2025

Susan White
Fern Wolle

Class of 2026

Janice Eastes
Carolyn Hattaway
Tammy Ivan

Class of 2027

Jorge Castillo

The October 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):

Joel 2:23-32; *Psalms* 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

✠ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully"* (2 Corinthians 9:6).

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

"If with All Your Hearts"

F. Mendelssohn (1846)/arr. R. Huges (1988)

Diana Amtower, *Organ*

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 100*)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the *LORD* is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

✠ HYMN #39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Forever"

Chris Tomlin (2001)

"Reckless Love"

Cory Asbury (2017)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our lives: You command us to love one another as you have loved us in Christ. He gave his life for us, but we are reluctant to give much more than tokens of our time and treasure. He broke down barriers between races and nations; we build them again. He overlooked laws when it was more important to love; we become more legalistic and judgmental each day.

Forgive us, O God. Teach us again how to know Christ's radical love, and how to share it. Have mercy upon us we pray.

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 Jane Wesson

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Teng

OFFERTORY

"The Truth"
Jordan Boggs, *Soloist* / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

Megan Woods (2024)

✠DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 95:1-9 (Old Testament, p. 550)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Elder Jenny Lyons

✠HYMN #716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — 2 Corinthians 9:1-9 (New Testament, p. 183)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Wesson

SERMON

"A Cheerful Giver"

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 #697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

✠CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠SENDING SONG

"Down by the Riverside"

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This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by the **Marshall Family**
and In loving memory of **Joe Marshall**.

“Blessed by God to be a Blessing”

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 1:3).

2026 STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

October 19 – November 9, 2025



A packet of stewardship information is available for all in the Narthex.

Please read the information carefully and prayerfully as you consider what God has put on your heart to serve and give to the various ministries here at Riverside in 2026.

Please bring back the enclosed **Faith Promise Card and Talent Survey** on **Stewardship Sunday, November 9.**

Thank you for your continuing faithfulness!



When you go into Fellowship Hall today after the service, you will wonder why there is a Christmas tree there when it isn't even Halloween yet. Here's the reason: It's time to get started on the 2nd **Chris Carson Cruisers for Kids** Christmas bike drive. We would like to continue honoring Pastor Chris in this way, as it is appropriate that Riverside commemorate a wonderful pastor whom we lost while he was serving this congregation. We will be providing bicycles, helmets, and locks for children served by our local Salvation Army, and children in foster care through Friends of Children of Brevard, and we need to deliver our bikes to these organizations right around Thanksgiving. Information for you is available in envelopes in the Narthex, and hanging on the tree in Fellowship Hall between **now and December 1**. Please feel free to take an envelope from either location. Please see **Rebecca Burns** if you have any questions.

Let's make some Christmas wishes come true for local children in need!

Next Sunday is **All Saints Sunday** when we will remember all those who have entered Church Triumphant in the last year. If you have a loved one or friend who died since November 2024, please either send their name and date of death to, or call, the church office by this **Wednesday, October 29**, and they will be listed in the Necrology.

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast — All men are welcome to the Men's Bible Study and optional breakfast afterwards on **Wednesday mornings at 8:30** in Knox Hall. A study on the *Letter to the Hebrews* has just begun.

Church Directory Update — Do we have your most up-to-date contact information? Check our the "*Members Directory*" on our website to ensure your information is correct. Click on "*Members Only*" section under the "*About Us*" tab to review the directory. If updates are needed, you can contact the church office with any updates needed.

Charitable Giving through IRA — There is a way to advance God's work, bless Riverside and yourself! Consider donating to the church from your IRA. If you are at least 70½ years old, your dotation can be tax-free. More information located in the Narthex or contact the church office.

Children's Hunger Project Collection — We are starting up for our next CHP collection! We are collecting food items through November 2 and our Packing Day will be **Sunday, November 9** after Worship. Here is a list of items that are needed:



- Chef Boyardee Single Serve Variety (Pull top 7.25oz)
- Horizon 8 oz Chocolate milk
- Goldfish crackers or whole grain pretzels (ex: Pepperidge Farm Goldfish 1.5 oz)
- Breakfast Bars (Belvita or Zee Zee's)
- Graham crackers (Teddy Grahams or Zee Zee's Bars)
- Sunflower seeds (Zee Zee's nut free protein 1-1.2 oz package)
- Craisins (1oz box/1.16oz pouch)
- Applesauce (no sugar added 6 pk) in individual plastic containers
- Fruit cups in plastic individual containers – any variety
- 100% Apple or fruit/vegetable juice in individual boxes or pouches

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.

PSALM 66 PRAISE BAND

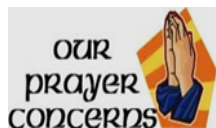
Guitar / Vocal — Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Bass guitar — Rafael Perez

Drums — Ryan Perez

Keyboard — Andrey Plata

Backup Vocals — Madalynn Pearson & Jordan Boggs



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Penny Bernard, Tim Bright, Rich Bernard, Linda Harris, Clift Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Roxanne Stout, Collen Stout, Jorge Castillo, David & Peggy Bishop, Gail Marshall;** peace for Ukraine and the Middle East; and all federal employees who are affected by the government shutdown.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for **Lucy McCoy**, who died on October 2, will be held on **Saturday morning, November 8, at 11:00** here at Riverside. Please continue to pray for the McCoy family in their bereavement.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 62; 145 / Evening: Psalms 73; 9 Zechariah 1:7-17; Revelation 1:4-20; Matthew 12:43-50
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 12; 146 / Evening: Psalms 36; 7 Ezra 5:1-17; Revelation 4:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 96; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 132; 134 Ezra 6:1-22; Revelation 5:1-10; Matthew 13:10-17
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 116; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 26; 130 Nehemiah 1:1-11; Revelation 5:11-6:11; Matthew 13:18-23
Friday	Morning: Psalms 84; 148 / Evening: Psalms 25; 40 Nehemiah 2:1-20; Revelation 6:12-7:4; Matthew 13:24-30
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 63; 149 / Evening: Psalms 125; 90 Nehemiah 4:1-23; Revelation 7:(4-8)9-17; Matthew 13:31-35
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 103; 150 / Evening: Psalms 66; 23117; 139 Nehemiah 5:1-9; Acts 20:7-12; Luke 12:22-31

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ On October 26, 431, the **Council of Ephesus** drew to a close. This was the third General Church Council, summoned in the hope of settling the Nestorian controversy.
✦ October 26, 1466, marks the birth of **Desiderius Erasmus** in Rotterdam, Holland. After studying and teaching in the leading universities of Europe, he increasingly believed the church stood in need of reform. His *Greek New Testament* (1516) became one of the classics of Christian history and showed scholars (particularly a monk named **Martin Luther**) what the church should really be and teach. ✦ On October 26, 1529, **Thomas More** was named Lord Chancellor under **King Henry VIII**. More was a deeply religious man who opposed Protestants and refused to recognize King Henry as head of the Church of England. Henry imprisoned him in the Tower of London and later had him beheaded. ✦ October 26, 1751, marks the death of Puritan pastor, author, and hymnwriter, **Phillip Doddridge**, a prolific writer whose best-known work was *The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul*. He died at age 58, at the height of his ministry, from tuberculosis. Among his hymns is "O Happy Day." ✦ October 26, 1813, is the birthday of **Henry T. Smart**, British organist who wrote the music for "Lead On, O King Eternal" and "Angels from the Realms of Glory." ✦ The **International Red Cross** was organized in Geneva on this day in 1863. ✦ **Mother Teresa** founded her first Mission of Charity in Calcutta, India, on this day in 1950.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 26 - November 2, 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>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Disciple Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Missions Team (Zoom)
Wednesday	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)
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Thursday-Sunday	<i>Via de Cristo</i> (Way of Christ) Retreat for Women	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>All Saints Sunday</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)



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