

August 31, 2025

*Twelfth 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](http://www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org) or scan the QR code on the left to give through [tithely.com](http://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](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 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 September 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 C):

Jeremiah 2:4-13; *Psalms* 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

✠ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"Through [Jesus], then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God"* (Hebrews 13:15-16).

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

*"Seventh Day"*  
Diana Amtower, Organ

Jim Brickman (2005)

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 81)

Sing aloud to God our strength,  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

***Raise a song, sound the tambourine,  
on lyre and harp make melody to God.***

Let us offer to God our sacrifice of praise,  
for he alone is worthy.

***For you, O God, declared never to forsake us.***

So we sing with joy and will not be afraid.

✠ HYMN #49

***"The God of Abraham Praise"***

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✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT  
#408

***"This Is the Day/We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"***  
***"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"***

Garrett/Dearman  
Doris Akers (1962)

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O Lord our God: With you as our helper, we have nothing to fear from anyone. Yet, we confess, we have often allowed worry to open the door to sin and discontent, idolatry, the love of money, the dishonor of marriage, the neglect of strangers, and the failure to share.***

***Forgive us, O God, for we thirst for you. Grant us consistency of obedient faith in Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, that we may praise you continually with the fruit of lips that confess his name.***

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

Elder Anda Ray

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Teng

OFFERTORY

*"Holy Forever"*  
Riverside Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

Chris Tomlin (2022)

✠ **DOXOLOGY #606**

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Jeremiah 2:4-13 (Old Testament, p. 699)  
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Jak Burton

✠ **HYMN #14**

***"For the Beauty of the Earth"***

**DIX**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (New Testament, p. 227)  
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

*"A Taste of Heaven"*

### 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 #320**

***"The Church of Christ in Every Age"***

**WAREHAM**

✠ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠ **SENDING SONG #80**

***"You Shall Go Out in Joy"***

THE TREES OF THE FIELD



The Twelfth Sunday  
after Pentecost



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Carolyn Hattaway** and in honor of her two sisters.

### SERMON NOTES

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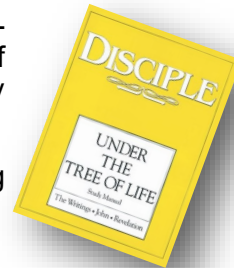
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**First Tuesday Dinner** — Join us **September 2 at 6:00 p.m.** for our First Tuesday Dinner catered by Brano's Italian Grill. Menu to include Chicken Piccata, Penna Florentine, garden salad, cooked veggies, bread, beverages, and dessert. Cost is \$12 per person. Our speaker will be **Tom Jordan**, President of *St. Vincent de Paul Society*.

**DISCIPLE** — *Under the Tree of Life* is the final study in the four-phase Disciple program. There's no class for tomorrow because of Labor Day. 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** resumes this coming Wednesday, **September 3**.



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.

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](http://www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org/events-1)

**POPS SPECTACLE**

Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 3:30pm

Get ready for a Pop Spectacle that brings the dazzling excitement of Hollywood and the grandeur of Broadway straight to the stage!

Tickets are \$15 and all funds, after concert costs, will be donated to the Children's Hunger Project.

**The Children's Hunger Project**  
Forward Country's Backpack Program

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Lucy McCoy, Linda Harris, Clift Schmitt, Jane Lovett, Glenn Stout, Roxanne Stout, David & Peggy Bishop, Betty Peterson**; peace for Ukraine and the Middle East; flood victims and their families.

### DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 / Evening: Psalms 85; 47 1 Kings 1(1-4) 5-31; Acts 26:1-23; Mark 13:14-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 / Evening: Psalms 28; 99 1 Kings 1:32–2:4(5-46a) 46b; Acts 26:24–27:8; Mark 13:28-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning: Psalms 65; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 125; 91 1 Kings 3:1-15; Acts 27:9-26; Mark 14:1-11
<b>Thursday</b>	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 81; 116 1 Kings 3:16-28; Acts 27:27-44; Mark 14:12-26
<b>Friday</b>	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 / Evening: Psalms 6; 20 1 Kings 5:1–6:1, 7; Acts 28:1-16; Mark 14:27-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 / Evening: Psalms 100; 63 1 Kings 7:51–8:21; Acts 28:17-31; Mark 14:43-52
<b>Sunday</b>	Morning: Psalms 108; 150 / Evening: Psalms 66; 23 1 Kings 8:22-30 (31-40); 1 Timothy 4:7b-16; John 8:47-59

### WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ On August 31, 1688, **John Bunyan**, author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, died. On his deathbed, battling high fever, Bunyan rambled in tortured, fractured words; but even these were collected and published as *Mr. Bunyan's Dying Sayings*. ✦ August 31, 1820, marks the birth of **Anna Bartlett Warner**, author of the children's hymn, "*Jesus Loves Me*." ✦ Missionary **Sarah Judson**, second wife of missionary **Adoniram Judson**, was a devout Christian, a hymnist, and the mother of eleven children. She and Adoniram (whose first wife, Ann, had died in 1826) were married in 1834. She went to work translating Christian works into the Burmese language. Suffering from exhaustion, she and Adoniram left for America in June, 1845. Sarah died en route on August 31, 1845. ✦ August 31, 1861, is the birthday of **Jesse Brown Pounds**, author of the hymns, "*Anywhere with Jesus*," "*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*," and "*The Way of the Cross Leads Home*." ✦ Evangelist **J. H. Sullivan** was holding a revival service at Pine Log Methodist Church in Pine Log, Georgia, but the response to the meetings was disappointing. During the last service, Sunday night, August 31, 1886, Sullivan prayed, "Lord, If it takes it to move the hearts of these people, shake the ground on which this old building stands!" Almost immediately, the building shook perceptibly. Many of those present rushed to the altar to pray for repentance. This became known as the "Earthquake Revival." It was later learned that the tremors they had felt were marginal shock waves from the great earthquake which demolished much of Charleston and the coastal area of South Carolina. ✦ On August 31, 1937, missionary **Isabel Kuhn** set sail for China.

## THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 31 - September 6, 2025

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

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<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Labor Day BBQ Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday</b>	Labor Day ( <i>Office closed</i> ) No Disciple Bible Class	
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	First Tuesday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall)
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> ( <i>Please prepare your heart for Holy Communion</i> )
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) Communications Team (Knox Hall)



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