

WELCOME

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.

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NEXT STEPS

Wondering what your Next Steps with Riverside might be? The Session would love to explore this with you! We meet the 1st Sunday of every month, at 9:00 am in the Judea Room in the Knox (office) building. All questions and people are welcome!

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 to give through tithely.com.

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First Sunday in Lent



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✦ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“... *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved*” (Romans 10:9-10).

PRELUDE

“*My Heart Ever Faithful*”
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

J.S. Bach (1725)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETINGS & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Bill Teng

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

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

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness of life, we have hope:

We live by the Word of the Lord.

In the face of temptation, we proclaim:

We worship the Lord our God alone.

Let us worship God!

✦ STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

“*Enter the Gates*”

Bryan & Katie Torwalt (2016)

“*Forever Reign*”

Hillsong Worship (2010)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Teng

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer: We confess we are people of ashes and dusts — You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we often forget your steadfast love; you seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin.

Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“*What a Friend*”
Andrew Hiers / Diana Amtower, *Director*

Mary McDonald (2012)

✦ DOXOLOGY #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 10:8b-13 (N.T., p. 160)

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

Elder Meghan Johnson

✦ HYMN #634

“*To God Be the Glory*”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — LUKE 4:1-13 (N.T., p. 61)

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

Pastor Teng

SERMON

“*Been There/Done That!*”

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 #166

“*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*”

ST. FLAVIAN

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

“*Stand in Your Love*”

Josh Baldwin (2018)

Lent is a liturgical season which consists of forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday (day before Easter). The six Sundays in Lent, as all Sundays, are feast days in honor of the Resurrection, and are therefore in Lent and not of Lent. The purpose of observing Lent is for all Christians to intentionally, through self-discipline, deepen their own personal faith, purify their hearts from sin, and unite more closely to God through Christ.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

This Sunday's flowers are provided by **Claire Burton** to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Betty Brown.



Worship March 9, 2025
Welcome to worship! We are excited you are here! As you attend worship today, use this sheet to help you stay engaged and learn.

Today's passage comes from Luke 4:1-13

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 9 Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Underline what you like in today's passage.

Circle what is confusing in the passage.

Put a box around the main part.

If you were speaking about today's passage, what would you say?

What word did you hear over and over today?
What does it mean?

What is one "take away" from worship today
that will influence you/your ministry?

What was your favorite song today? What about it
resonated with you?

What nice thing did you do for another today?
What did you do? Why did you do it?

Upcoming Events

Sun	3/9	9:00 am	Sunday School	Sun	3/23	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:00 am	Worship - S			10:00 am	Worship - S
		11:00 am	CHP Packing Day - FH			11:00 am	Fellowship Time - FH
		11:00 am	Worship & Sacrament - KH	Mon	3/24	1:00 pm	Disciple Study - KH
Mon	3/10	1:00 pm	Disciple Study - KH			6:30 pm	Community Engagement
		7:00 pm	NA Meeting - FH			7:00 pm	NA Meeting - FH
Tues	3/11	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting - KH/Z	Tues	3/25	7:00 pm	Mission Meeting - Z
Wed	3/12	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study - KH/Z	Wed	3/26	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study - KH/Z
		10:00 am	Prayer Circle - KH			10:00 am	Prayer Circle - KH
		2:00 pm	Women's Study - KH			2:00 pm	Women's Study - KH
		6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner - FH			6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner - FH
		6:45 pm	Lenten Study			6:45 pm	Lenten Study
Thurs	3/13	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal - S	Thurs	3/27	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal - S
		7:00 pm	Christian Education - Z	Sun	3/30	9:00 am	Sunday School
Sun	3/16	9:00 am	Sunday School			10:00am	Worship - S
		10:00 am	Worship - S			11:00 am	Fellowship Time - FH
		11:00 am	Fellowship Time - FH			11:00 am	Communications - KH
Mon	3/17	1:00 pm	Disciple Study - KH	Mon	3/31	1:00 pm	Disciple Study - KH
		7:00 pm	NA Meeting - FH			7:00 pm	NA Meeting - FH
		7:00 pm	Session Meeting - KH/Z	Tues	4/1	6:00 pm	First Tuesday Dinner - FH
Tues	3/18	1:00 pm	HRR Circle - KH	Wed	4/2	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study - KH/Z
Wed	3/19	8:30 am	Men's Study - KH/Z			9:30 am	Stitchin' Sisters - CH
		9:30 am	Stitchin' Sisters - CH			10:00 am	Care and Support - KH
		10:00 am	Prayer Circle - KH			10:00 am	Prayer Circle - KH
		2:00 pm	Women's Study - KH			2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study - KH
		6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner - FH			6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner - FH
		6:45 pm	Lenten Study			6:45 pm	Lenten Study
Thurs	3/20	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Thurs	4/3	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal - S

(S = Sanctuary FH= Fellowship Hall KH = Knox Hall CH= Calvin Hall Z = Zoom)

Lenten Study

Our Lenten Series for 2025 starts Thursday, March 12th . Pastor Bill will lead a five-week study "*He Chose the Nails*" by Max Lucado. Sign up in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. A light meal will be offered at 6pm. Meals will be \$30 for all 5 meals or \$7 at the door. If you would like to help cook, set up or clean up please contact the church office or Paula Yost.

Children's Hunger Project

Riverside is aiming to provide lunches for our area school children through the rest of the school year. We will be collecting items for Children's Hunger Project will collect through Sunday, March 2nd. Sunday, March 9th we will get together to pack boxes.

If you do not want to shop, please contact Paula Yost. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Dr. Vernon Boushell Concert

Join us on March 30th at 3:30pm for Dr. Vernon Boushell's *Franz Schubert's Mass No. 2 in G Major, D167* performed by Riverside Chamber Orchestra and Riverside Community Chorale. Free ticket is required and are now available by going to our website www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org, "Event/Event Tickets", or by calling the will-call ticket line at 321-222-7875.



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