



February 15, 2026
Transfiguration of the Lord



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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* 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 A):

Exodus 24:12-18; *Psalm 2 or 99*; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

✦ Standing for those who are able

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

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"For [Christ] received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well please'"* (2 Peter 1:17).

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

"Joyful"

Jim Brickman (2005)

Diana Amtower, *Piano*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Exodus 24:12, 16-17; Psalm 99:9; Matthew 17:1-2)

The LORD said to Moses: Come up to the mountain,
and the glory of the LORD shone all around.

Let us worship the Lord our God!

Jesus led his disciples up a high mountain,
and he was transfigured, shining like the sun.

Let us worship the Lord our God!

✦ HYMN #192

"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"**SHINE, JESUS, SHINE**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"O Praise Him"

David Crowder Band (2003)

"The Church"

Elevation Worship (2010)

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 — Your light shines all around us and yet we fail to see it; your voice calls to us from heaven and yet we fail to listen.

Forgive us, O God, and give us grace. Let us be witnesses to your glory; make it our mission, each day, 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

Elder Anda Ray

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Ever Faithful, Ever Sure"
Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

Larry Shackley (2012)

✠ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 17:1-9 (New Testament, p. 18)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Elder Paula Yost

✠ **HYMN #260**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Exodus 24:12-18 (Old Testament, p. 70)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"Teamwork"

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 #193**

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

UNSER HERRSCHER

✠ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠ **SENDING SONG**

"I Will Follow"
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Chris Tomlin (2010)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God and **in celebration of Paula and Bob Yost's 36th Wedding Anniversary.**



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.

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

Have you begun the journey yet? We invite you to stop by the Fellowship Hall after worship as we walk together through the decade of 1956–1965 this February. Our hope is that these stories spark gratitude for the past and inspire fresh hope and joy for the next 70 years of Riverside's service to God's kingdom, in this place, and among the people God calls us to love. Stay tuned for special celebrations throughout the year, all leading up to a joyful anniversary celebration in October!



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL - DISCIPLESHIP IN A DIVIDED AGE

In a world marked by division, uncertainty and competing narratives, Matthew's Gospel speaks with striking relevance. Matthew's first audience — a young, fragile community navigating conflict, identity and fear — sounds a lot like the church today. This Lenten devotional by *Presbyterian Outlook* editor Teri McDowell Ott invites readers to journey through Matthew's Gospel to discover how Jesus leads us toward humility, courage, compassion, and faithful discipleship amid the fractures of our age.

Grounded in Scripture and written with pastoral warmth, this resource guides individuals and congregations through daily reflections, including a weekly *visio divina* practice. Each entry includes Scripture, a focus verse, a theologically rich reflection, guided questions, and a closing prayer.

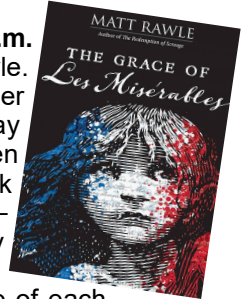
Each family is welcomed to take a copy home for devotion during Lent, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**.



Soup Sunday — Join us today after Worship in the Fellowship Hall for Soup and Fellowship! All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Service — To prepare us for Lent, an Ash Wednesday Service will be held at **7:00 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!*

A six-week **Lenten Bible Study** begins on **Monday, February 23 at 1:00 p.m. in Knox Hall** to study together ***The Grace of Les Misérables*** by Matt Rawle. The familiar *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo is a truly epic story. Whether you've tackled the 1,400-page 19th century novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several screen adaptations of it, you already know the power of its story. In this six-week study, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story — **grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope** — each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world. *Look forward to seeing you in the class!*



3rd Annual Children's Hunger Project Car Show — Join us **Saturday, February 28** from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** here at Riverside. It is \$25 to register a vehicle and all proceeds go to The Children's Hunger Project. Come out and enjoy classic cars, food trucks, raffles, DJ, games, and awards. If you would like to bring a donated food item for CHP, you can find a list of needed items at **www.thechildrenhungerproject.org/food-donations**. Riverside also has a list of needed items located in the Narthex. *We look forward to seeing you there!*

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.

Please remember **Jeanne Kelley** and family in your prayers, as her husband, **Doc**, passed away on February 10 after a brief illness; and **Peggy Bishop** and family, as her husband, **David**, also passed away on February 10 after a long illness. May the peace of God and the sure hope of the resurrection be with them all.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for **Meme Pearson** will be held **this Saturday, February 21, at 3:00 p.m.** here in the Sanctuary. Please continue to pray for her family.

SERMON NOTES



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Bill Anderson, Rebecca Burns, Betty Gould, Linda Lee Torgler, Judy Howard, Bill Cheney, Susan White, Linda Harris, Cliff Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Travis Vick, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo, Doug Furls, Dale Ringwrole, Paula Yost;** peace for Ukraine, Iran, and the Middle East.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 / Evening: Psalms 82; 29 Proverbs 27:1-6, 10-12; Philemon 2:1-13; John 18:15-18, 25-27
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 / Evening: Psalms 102; 133 Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33; Philemon 3:1-11; John 18:28-38
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 27, 51 Amos 5:6-15; Hebrews 12:1-14; Luke 18:9-14
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 27; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 126; 102 Habakkuk 3:1-18; Philemon 3:12-21; John 17:1-8
Friday	Morning: Psalms 22; 148 / Evening: Psalms 105; 130 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philemon 4:1-9; John 17:9-19
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 43; 149 / Evening: Psalms 31; 143 Ezekiel 39:21-29; Philemon 4:10-20; John 17:20-26
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 84; 150 / Evening: Psalm 42, 32 Daniel 9:3-10; Hebrews 2:10-18; John 12:44-50

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ February 15, A.D. 37, marks the birthday of **Nero** (Claudius Drusus Germanicus Caesar Nero), the Roman emperor who condemned **Peter, Paul**, and a multitude of Christians to death for their Christian faith. ✦ On this day in 1386, **King Jagiello** of Lithuania was baptized, making Lithuania the last European people to leave organized Paganism. ✦ February 15, 1497, is the birthday of **Philipp Melanchthon**, German reformer and **Martin Luther's** closest associate. ✦ The eloquent British preacher, **John Donne**, preached his last sermon on this day in 1631. It was entitled, "*Death's Duel*." Five weeks later he passed away. He is chiefly remembered as the dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London where he often preached before King Charles I. ✦ America's first foreign missionary, **Adoniram Judson**, found himself imprisoned in Burma, accused of spying. He was placed in a dark cell filled with vermin. Every evening he was hanged upside down with only his head and shoulders resting on the ground. His wife, **Ann**, was pregnant. On February 15, 1825, eight months after his arrest, she showed up at his prison carrying a small bundle, their newborn daughter, **Maria**. Unfortunately, both Ann and Maria were later to die of fever. ✦ On February 15, 1860, **Wheaton College** was chartered in Wheaton, Illinois, "for Christ and His Kingdom." ✦ **Lew Wallace** died on this day in 1905 in Crawfordsville, Indiana, at age 77. He was a military leader, a lawyer, and a novelist who wrote *Ben Hur: A Tale of Christ*. The novel had been conceived on a train ride while arguing about Christ's divinity with famous agnostic **Robert Ingersoll**. It sold more than 300,000 copies in a decade, making it one of the best-selling religious books of the 1800s.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 15 - 22, 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>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Soup Sunday (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	Presidents Day (<i>Office Closed</i>)	
	1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	HRR Circle (Knox Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Session (Knox Hall)
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)
	3:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday	3:00 p.m.	Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Meme Pearson (Sanctuary)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship 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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