



June 8, 2025

Day of Pentecost



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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 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.

Pentecost Sunday is an end and a beginning. It is the culmination of the season of Easter. It is the day when the church senses the all-pervasive power of Easter as the Spirit is unleashed on Creation. It is also the dawn of a new day in the life of the church. For as the church is empowered by the Spirit, the message of the risen Lord is trumpeted around the world. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red: signifying the descending Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire upon the apostles.

SESSION

Class of 2025

Mark Gordon
Carl Plaugher
Tom White

Class of 2026

Terri Beeler
Anda Ray
Ann Stone
Debbie Burleigh, *Clerk*

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 June issue of our newsletter *Down by the Riverside* was sent out by email last week. 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):

Acts 2:1-21; *Psalm* 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-27

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid"* (John 13:26-27).

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.***

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Acts 2:1-4*)

On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after Jesus' resurrection,
the believers were meeting together in one place.

And on this day of Pentecost

we also come together to worship as believers in Christ Jesus.

Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the
skies above them, and it filled the house where they were meeting.

***We stand in God's presence knowing his Holy Spirit blows with mighty power to fill
this place.***

Then, what looked like flames, or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.

And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking
in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

***We stand in God's presence knowing his Holy Spirit rests on each one of us,
igniting our hearts to live out our calling with courage, power, and love!***

✦ **STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT**

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Bethel Music (2013)

"Holy Spirit"

Jesus Culture (2012)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

✦ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Almighty God: You poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold
tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we often hold
back the force of your Spirit among us — We do not always listen to your word of
grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.***

***Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the
sake of Jesus Christ our Lord; for we ask in his holy 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. Alleluia. 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

"Reckless Love"

Cory Asbury (2017)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

✠ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 8:14-17 (N.T., p. 158)

Elder Paula Yost

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

✠ **SONG #291**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

SPIRIT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — John 14:8-17, 25-27 (N.T., p. 108)

Pastor Teng

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

SERMON

"Holy Spirit: The Sequel"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A LITANY OF PENTECOST & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christ has gathered the church in unity through the Spirit.
With sure hope, let us pray, saying: ***"Hear our prayer, O Lord."***

Maker of all things, in the beginning, you created heaven and earth.
In the fullness of time, you restored all things in Christ.
Renew our world, in this day, with your grace and mercy. ***Hear our prayer, O Lord.***

Life of the world, you breathed life into the flesh you created.
Now, by your Spirit, breathe new life into the children of earth.
Turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and war into peace. ***Hear our prayer, O Lord.***

Lover of concord, you desire the unity of all Christians.
Set aflame the whole church with the fire of your Spirit.
Unite us to stand in the world as a sign of your love. ***Hear our prayer, O Lord.***

God of compassion, through your Spirit you supply every human need.
Heal the sick, and comfort the distressed.
Befriend the friendless, and help the helpless. ***Hear our prayer, O Lord.***

Source of peace, your Spirit restores our anxious spirits.
In our labor, give us rest;
 in our temptation, strength;
 in our sadness, consolation. ***Hear our prayer, O Lord.***

God eternal, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit,
 look upon your church and open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit.
Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom;
 through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

In boldness, let us now pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

. . . 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.

✦ SENDING SONG

"Stand In Your Love"

Bethel Music (2018)

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

SUNDAY FLOWERS

This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Janice & Richard Eastes** and in loving memory of Ken and other loved ones.

Pentecost Special Offering — The Pentecost Offering, which is received today, unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults.

DISCIPLE — *Under the Tree of Life* is the final study in the four-phase Disciple program. The study concentrates on the Writings (Old Testament books not in the Torah or the Prophets), the Gospel of John, and Revelation. Join us each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in Knox Hall led by Pastor Bill. *All are welcome!*

K – 5th Grade Sunday School — The K – 5th grades is now on summer break. Class will resume after a summer break on September 7. We are looking for new leader(s) for this class. If you are interested in this position, please contact the office or **Teri Beeler**. *Many, many thanks to Nelson & Kathy McCray for their leadership and dedicated service for the past year!*

Vacation Bible School — Rockledge Presbyterian Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School for children ages 4-12 on June 23 – 27, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. If you know a child that would like to attend, sign up by scanning the QR code provided here or go to their website at www.myvbs.org/RPC2025.

America the Beautiful Concert — June 29 at 3:30 p.m. Riverside will host the Dr. Vernon Boushell *America the Beautiful* concert to honor America, featuring The Space Coast Symphony Winds Orchestra. A free ticket is available by going to www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org ("Events/Event Tickets") or call for a will call ticket at 321-222-7875.

PSALM 66 PRAISE BAND

Guitar / Vocals — Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Bass guitar — Rafael Perez

Drums — Ryan Perez

Keyboard — Andrey Plata

Backup Vocals — Madalynn Pearson

Backup Vocals — Jordan Boggs

Backup Vocals — Trinity Plata

THE PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS

Riverside Presbyterian Church is in transition, and people are beginning to wonder how long is this transition period going to be until the next called pastor arrives?

According to our presbytery polity, there are still a few more steps that Session would need to take before a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) could do the work of identifying potential candidates:

1. The Session would first need to decide who will be responsible to prepare a Mission Study (or a Self-Study), which is a process of congregational self-examination and envisioning that a congregation goes through to seek discernment about how God would have that church to be and to act in the future — Session could decide to appoint an *ad hoc* team to write it (a Mission Study Team), or to have the congregational Nominating Committee (NC) present a slate of nominees to the congregation at a called meeting to be elected to serve on the PNC and have them write it;
2. This process would result in a Mission Study that would be presented to the Session for approval and to the presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) for review — if a PNC has not been elected at this point, it'd need to be;
3. The PNC would then prepare a Ministry Description Profile (MDP), based on the Mission Study, used to inform potential candidates on the Church Leadership Connection website (CLC) — this would again need to be reviewed and approved by both Session and COM;
4. Once clearance is received, the PNC would then go to work to identify potential candidates for our next called pastor by prayerful discernment.

Needless to say, this is a very deliberate, thoughtful, and prayerful process which will take some time to accomplish. A typical search process would last anywhere between 18 to 24 months. To quote from *On Calling a Pastor: A Manual for Churches Seeking Pastors*, published by the PC (USA), “You are about to begin a journey that those who have gone before you have described as exciting, tedious, joyful, spiritual, frustrating, inspiring, lengthy, and powerful (just to name a few.) While your journey may feel more like a roller coaster ride than a lovely stroll through the park, the destination is certain: calling a new pastor who will serve your congregation.” The Session’s hope is to have a PNC in place sometime early in 2026 to begin receiving and reviewing candidates. Please speak to Pastor Bill Teng if you have any questions or concerns. *Your continuing prayers are much needed and appreciated!*

Calling a Pastor



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Linda Lee Torgler**, **Jerry Swan**, **Wendy Gordon**, **Meghan Johnson**, **Stanley** (Tristan Boggs' uncle), **Rebecca Burns**, **Jane Lovett**, **Diane Whitehurst**, **Rob Lancaster**, **Glenn Stout**, **Victor** (Jorge Castillo's friend), **Tim Bright**, **Sandra Swann** (Jerry's sister), **Margot** (Vickie Olcott's friend), **John House** (Jorge's friend), **Allyson McElheny** (Priscilla's friend), **Debbie** (Vicki's cousin), **Joan** (Nancy Ragland's mother), **Patricia Fulford** (Wanda's friend), **Mike Feis** (Wanda's neighbor), **Liz** (Meagan's daughter), **Mike** (Meagan's father), **Sue Colley**, **Malcolm**, **David Steinburg** (Lindalee Torgler's friend); housing situation for **Pastor Bill & Karen Teng**; peace for Ukraine and the Middle East.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 62; 145 / Evening: Psalms 73; 9 Deuteronomy 30:1-10; 2 Corinthians 10:1-18; Luke 18:31-43
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 12; 146 / Evening: Psalms 36; 7 Deuteronomy 30:11-20; 2 Corinthians 11:1-21a; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 96; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 132; 134 Deuteronomy 31:30–32:14; 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33; Luke 19:11-27
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 116; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 26; 130 Songs of Solomon 1:16a, 2:1-3a; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Luke 19:28-40
Friday	Morning: Psalms 84; 148 / Evening: Psalms 25; 40 Songs of Solomon 2:8-13; 4:1-11; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21; Luke 19:41-48
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 63; 149 / Evening: Psalms 125; 90 Songs of Solomon 5:10-16, 7:1–8:7; 2 Corinthians 13:1-14; Luke 20:1-8
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 103; 150 / Evening: Psalms 117; 139 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (10-15); Ephesians 4:1-16; John 1:1-18

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✠ On June 8, 328, **Athanasius** was named Bishop of Alexandria, the highest ecclesiastical office in the East. During his 46 years as bishop, he combated heresy and fearlessly proclaimed the gospel. He was banished four times from his church and spent a total of 20 years in exile. ✠ **John Huss**, the Bohemian Reformer, was sentenced to death on June 8, 1415. The night before, he had suffered from toothache, vomiting, and headache, yet he defended himself using the example of St. Paul as his model. He was burned on July 6. ✠ On June 8, 1794, a disciple of **Rousseau** named **Robespierre** and the French National Convention formally inaugurated a new religion. It was a form of deism, the belief that there is a God who, having created the universe, more or less disappeared. ✠ The German composer **Robert A. Schumann** was born on this day in 1819. He wrote the tune **CANONBURY**, which became the setting for the hymn "*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak.*" ✠ President **Andrew Jackson** died on this day in 1845. After resisting the witness of his wife, **Rachel**, for many years, Jackson became a Christian after her death. To a friend he said: "I have full confidence in the goodness and mercy of God. The Bible is true. Upon that sacred volume I rest my hope for eternal salvation, through the merits and blood of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 8 - 15, 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>Day of Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Disciples Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting (Knox Hall)
Wednesday	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)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		Education & Spiritual Formation Team (Zoom)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Trinity Sunday</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)



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