



April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter



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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.

Eastertide, or the **Easter Season**, begins on Easter Sunday and continues until Pentecost in the Christian liturgical calendar for a total span of seven weeks. We celebrate Easter more than just Easter Sunday because it is the defining event of Christianity, and so the Church has always observed it for longer than the Day itself. The liturgical color is white or gold, the Pascal candle is kept lit and the worship services end with a special "Alleluia." Scripture lessons during this season are from the New Testament only (except for Easter Sunday), saying what happened after the Resurrection. The Thursday in the sixth week of Easter marks Ascension Day, as Jesus was taken up into heaven.

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 April 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):

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *“What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people”* (Psalm 116:12-14).

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Bob Yost

GREETINGS & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Bill Teng

Christ is risen. ***The Lord is risen indeed . . .***

. . . The grace and peace of the risen Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

VOLUNTARY

Processional
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

Gene Clarke (2013)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Luke 24:30, 34-35; Acts 2:38-39*)

God's promise is for us, and for all:

Repent, be baptized, and receive the Holy Spirit.

The risen Christ's calling is to us, and to all:

Take and eat this bread; go and share the good news.

✦ HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

LANCASHIRE

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

“10,000 Reasons”
“Mighty to Save”

Matt Redman (2011)
Chris Tomlin (2011)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God: We confess we often look for the living among the dead — You speak to us through your living Word, but we refuse to listen; you feed us with the bread of life, but we hunger for other things.

Forgive us, O God, and give us new life! Lead us to repent and remember the promise of our baptism: the life that death cannot destroy, through 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. 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 Teng

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"My Jesus" J. Pardo/M. West/A. Wilson (2020)
Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (*New Testament, p. 119*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Valerie Vellum

✦ HYMN #254

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Peter 1:17-23 (*New Testament, p. 232*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"Who's Packing Your Parachute?"

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 #526

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

"Stand in Your Love"
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Bethel Music (2018)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Donna Hatch**,
and in loving memory of her beloved husband, **William**.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Central Florida Presbytery Committee on Ministry has officially approved our Mission Study at its meeting on April 9, and has authorized Riverside Session to call a Congregational Meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

In compliance with our Bylaws, Session is now calling a Congregational Meeting for **next Sunday, April 26, immediately following worship** for the sole purpose of electing a **Pastor Nominating Committee**.

Nominees from the Congregational Nominating Committee:

Debbie Burleigh

Janice Eastes

Meghan Johnson

Valerie Kellum

Chili Lindsay

Girard Middleton

Robbie Ward

Ann Stone (ALT)

Paula Yost (ALT)

All Riverside members are requested to be present to help facilitate this very important step in the search process for our next called pastor.



SERMON NOTES

Dvorak's Sunny Bohemia Concert by Space Coast Symphony Orchestra's — Riverside Presbyterian Church will host the SCSO's *Dvorak's Sunny Bohemia* Concert on **this Saturday, April 25, at 7pm**. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased on the Space Coast Symphony's website, spacecoastsymphony.org or call **855-525-7276**. **Please note that the church office does not have tickets available for this concert, they must be purchased on the SCSO website.*

CHP 3rd Annual Car Show — The 3rd Annual Car Show has been rescheduled for **Saturday, May 2, at 10am – 2pm**. 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!



CELEBRATING RIVERSIDE'S 70TH YEAR OF MINISTRY IN 2026

As we celebrate Riverside's rich history; we are excited to introduce the **“Refresh and Renew Campaign – 70 Years and Still Paying It Forward.”** This year-long initiative will include 70 projects — both large and small — designed to enhance our campus and expand our service to the community. There will be opportunities for everyone to participate based on your gifts, interests, and availability. Be on the lookout for information as we focus forward with hope and anticipation for the next 70 years!



Riverside's Session has joyfully approved an exciting new proposal by Robbie Ward to launch a weekly youth group **“Anchor Youth”** on **Tuesday nights in Calvin Hall**. The vision is simple and welcoming: a safe, relaxed, and inviting place for youth in our community to gather. As the group grows, one or more rooms in Calvin Hall will become a space where young people can belong, laugh, and be themselves. Evenings will include social time (and sometimes dinner!), games, movies, and a cozy coffee-house atmosphere, followed by a short, Bible-based conversation grounded in faith and real life. *Please pray that*

April Birthdays

Claire Burton	4/1	Tom White	4/25
Roxanne Stout	4/1	Linda Gibson	4/26
Jenny Walker	4/1	Becky Reed	4/26
Mike Reed	4/10	Paula Yost	4/27





Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Joe Fanning, Susan White, Fern Wolle, Paula Yost, Rebecca Burns, Jane Lovett, Judy Howard, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Clift Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo Evelyn Whitehurst**; peace for Ukraine, Iran, Cuba, and the Middle East.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 / Evening: Psalms 124; 115 Exodus 18:13-27; 1 Peter 5:1-14; Matthew (1:1-17) 3:1-6
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 / Evening: Psalms 66; 116 Exodus 19:1-16; Colossians 1:1-14; Matthew 3:7-12
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 9; 118 Exodus 19:16-25; Colossians 1:15-23; Matthew 3:13-17
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 68; 113 Exodus 20:1-21; Colossians 1:24-2:7; Matthew 4:1-11
Friday	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 / Evening: Psalms 49; 138 Exodus 24:1-18; Colossians 2:8-23; Matthew 4:12-17
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 / Evening: Psalms 23; 114 Exodus 25:1-22; Colossians 3:1-17; Matthew 4:18-25
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 93; 150 / Evening: Psalms 136; 117 Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38; 1 John 2:18-29; Mark 6:30-44

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ **Alphege of Canterbury**, Archbishop of Canterbury, was martyred on April 19, 1012 after refusing to allow others to pay a ransom for his life. His steadfastness reflects the call of Christ to sacrificial love and integrity, even in the face of violence. ✦ On this day in 1529, followers of the Reformation became known as “**Protestants**.” It happened at the Diet of Speyer, in Germany, which was a congress convened by **Emperor Charles V** who was threatening to wipe out the Lutheran movement. Five Reformation-minded political leaders and fourteen cities issued a written protest, saying, “In matters concerning God’s honor and the salvation of souls, each one must for himself stand before God and give account.” This protest gave birth to the term “Protestants.” ✦ Today marks the death in 1560 of **Philipp Melancthon, Martin Luther**’s coworker and one of the original leaders of the Reformation. ✦ On April 19, 1816, the **American Bible Society** was founded with a vision to place the Scriptures in the hands and hearts of people everywhere. This work continues to echo our Reformed commitment to the authority of Scripture and its accessibility to all. ✦ **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**, nineteen, was called to London on April 19, 1854, to become the pastor of the New Park Chapel. ✦ **William Henry Havergal**, hymnist, died in Leamington, on April 19, 1870. He was an Anglican clergyman who worked tirelessly to develop higher and improved musical standards for Christian worship, but he is best known as the father of the great hymnist and devotional writer, **Frances Ridley Havergal**.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 19 - 26, 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>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting (Knox Hall)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall)
	3:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Space Coast Symphony Concert (Sanctuary)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Called Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	11:25 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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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