

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 2, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday after 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 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.

In the early church it became customary to remember the martyrs of the church in worship. When the list of martyrs became too great, a special day was set aside to remember their commitment to Christ, a commitment that led to their suffering and death for the sake of the gospel. Although different areas of the church celebrated the memory of these saints on different days at first, by A.D. 835 it became the custom to celebrate these martyrs on November 1. Today, **All Saints' Day** is celebrated on November 1 or the Sunday closest to November 1.

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 November 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):

Isaiah 1:10-18; *Psalms* 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him"* (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12).

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

VOLUNTARY

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

Lani Smith (1988)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalm 95:1-2*)

O come, let us sing to the LORD,
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

***Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.***

✦ HYMN #365

"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!"

MARION

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Jane Wesson

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

***"Ener the Gates"
"Yes I Will"***

Bryan & Katie Torwalt (2016)
Vertical Worship (2019)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God: We confess we have not always turned away from sin — We often follow the crowd around you but stand apart, keeping our distance; we ask for your mercy and favor, but begrudge your blessing to others.

Forgive us, God of grace. Come to us and save us, for without you, we are lost. But in you, our lives are found; 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

Girard Middleton

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Wesson

OFFERTORY

"All I Claim"

Adam Miller (2025)

Riverside Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 (Old Testament, p. 550)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Jak Burton

✦ **HYMN #649**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 19:1-10 (New Testament, p. 183)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"The Stewardship of Hospitality"

SEALING THE WORD - HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Life up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

THE LORD'S 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.

INSTITUTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

INVITATION TO PARTAKE

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Lead Me to the Cross"

Hillsong United (2006)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, Leader

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN #326**

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ **SENDING SONG**

"Happy Day"

Jesus Culture (2008)

“Blessed by God to be a Blessing”

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 1:3).

2026 STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS
October 19 – November 9, 2025



A packet of stewardship information is available for all in the Narthex.

Please read the information carefully and prayerfully as you consider what God has put on your heart to serve and give to the various ministries here at Riverside in 2026.

Please bring back the enclosed **Faith Promise Card and Talent Survey** on
Stewardship Sunday, November 9.

Thank you for your continuing faithfulness!



When you go into Fellowship Hall today after the service, you will wonder why there is a Christmas tree there when it isn't even Halloween yet. Here's the reason: It's time to get started on the 2nd **Chris Carson Cruisers for Kids** Christmas bike drive. We would like to continue honoring Pastor Chris in this way, as it is appropriate that Riverside commemorate a wonderful pastor whom we lost while he was serving this congregation. We will be providing bicycles, helmets, and locks for children served by our local Salvation Army, and children in foster care through Friends of Children of Brevard, and we need to deliver our bikes to these organizations right around Thanksgiving. Information for you is available in envelopes in the Narthex, and hanging on the tree in Fellowship Hall between **now and December 1**. Please feel free to take an envelope from either location. Please see **Rebecca Burns** if you have any questions.

Let's make some Christmas wishes come true for local children in need!

Remembering the Saints - 2025

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord.

The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints.

It is a time to express our gratitude for all who have gone to their eternal home since last November:

Barbara (Barbie) Lehman	December 22, 2024
Sharla Zamora	January 11, 2025
Robert Culbertson (Paula Yost's brother)	January 16, 2025
Anthony Wesson	April 9, 2025
Beverly Ashby	April 20, 2025
Priscilla Cowen	August 11, 2025
Mary (Meme) Pearson	September 3, 2025
Lucy McCoy	October 2, 2025

First Tuesday Dinner — Join us Tuesday, November 4 at 6:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Brano's Italian Grill will cater a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings! Cost is \$12 per person. After dinner we will hear from Susan White as she leads with the topic: *Blessing Upon Blessings*. You can sign-up in Fellowship Hall or call Betty Peterson. **Today is the last day to sign up.**

Children's Hunger Project Collection — We are starting up for our next CHP collection! We are collecting food items through November 2 and our Packing Day will be **Sunday, November 9** after Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all who so generously gave to CHP.

OneBlood Drive — The OneBlood bus will be at Riverside **Sunday, November 16, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Walk-ins are welcome. However, reservations, which can be made on the OneBlood website, www.oneblood.org, are preferred. Please consider donating blood before or after church. *Each donation changes lives!*

Dr. Boushell 2025–2026 Concert Series — Volunteers Needed —Volunteer Opportunities are available, and needed, for our upcoming 2025 - 2026 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. Thank you for helping Riverside continue to share the gift of music!

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, November 16**, immediately after worship, for the sole purpose of electing new elders and deacons. All are invited to attend.

CELEBRATING RIVERSIDE'S 70TH YEAR OF MINISTRY IN 2026

Calling all planners, storytellers, and do-ers! We're forming a 70th Anniversary Planning Team to coordinate with our existing ministries, weave celebrations into church life, and spark a few new, future-focused opportunities. If you love organizing events, sharing ideas, or just lending

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



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Susan White, Rich & Penny Bernard, Linda Harris, Clift Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Travis Stout, Roxanne Stout, Collen Stout, Jorge Castillo, David & Peggy Bishop, Gail Marshall**; peace for Ukraine and the Middle East; and all federal employees who are affected by the government shutdown.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for **Lucy McCoy**, who died on October 2, will be held on **Saturday morning, November 8, at 11:00** here at Riverside. Please continue to pray for the McCoy family in their bereavement.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 5, 145 / Evening: Psalms 82, 29 Nehemiah 6:1-19; Revelation 10:1-11; Matthew 13:36-43
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 42, 146 / Evening: Psalms 102, 133 Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47; Revelation 11:1-19; Matthew 13:44-52
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18, 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 1, 33 Nehemiah 13:4-22; Revelation 12:1-12; Matthew 13:53-58
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 97, 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 16, 62 Ezra 7:1-26; Revelation 14:1-13; Matthew 14:1-12
Friday	Morning: Psalms 51, 148 / Evening: Psalms 142, 65 Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36; Revelation 15:1-8; Matthew 14:13-21
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 104, 149 / Evening: Psalms 138, 98 Ezra 9:1-15; Revelation 17:1-14; Matthew 14:22-36
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 19, 150 / Evening: 81, 113 Ezra 10:1-17; Acts 24:10-21; Luke 14:12-24

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ On November 2, 1164, **Archbishop Thomas Becket**, 45, left England to begin a six-year, self-imposed exile in France, having been condemned by his erstwhile friend, **King Henry II**. ✦ While a student, **John Calvin** became leader of the Protestant (Evangelical) group in Paris. When **Nicholas Cop** was elected president of Paris University, he asked Calvin to help him write his inaugural speech. The two men overstated the case, attacking Catholic doctrines in sharp tones, and a melee ensued. On November 2, 1533, Calvin escaped through a window by bedsheets and fled Paris disguised as a farmer. ✦ **Absalom Backus (A. B.) Earle**, a New York preacher, struggled with periodic bouts of darkness and doubt, but by perseverance and prayer he began to experience victory. On November 2, 1862, he was in his room alone, pleading for the fullness of Christ's love, "when all at once a sweet, heavenly peace filled all the vacuum in my soul, leaving no longing, no unrest, no dissatisfied feeling in my bosom.... For the first time in my life, I had the rest which is more than peace." He went on to hold 39,330 services, travel 370,000 miles, lead 160,000 souls to Christ, and earn a total of \$65,520 for his 64 years of ministry. ✦ In a letter dated November 2, 1917, British foreign secretary, **A. J. Balfour**, wrote: "HM government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people. This Balfour Declaration led to the establishing of Israel in 1948.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2 - 9, 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>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i> (<i>Prepare your hearts for Holy Communion</i>)
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	First Tuesday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall) Care & Support Group (Knox Hall)
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Lucy McCoy (Sanctuary)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> Stewardship Sunday
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) Packing for Children's Hunger Project



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