

Second



SUNDAY
IN LENT

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent



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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.

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.

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 March issue of our newsletter *Down by the Riverside* will be sent out by email. 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 A):

Genesis 12:1-4a; *Psalm 121*; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith . . . For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace . . ." (Romans 4:13, 16b).*

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

"Be Still, My Soul"

J. Sibelius (1899)/arr. Chris Rice (2001)

Jean Black, *Piano*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Genesis 12:1-3; Romans 4:3, 13)

The LORD said to Abraham and Sarah:

"Go forth, and I will make of you a great nation."

They had faith in the promises of God.

So the Lord says to us, this day:

"I will bless you, and you will be a blessing."

Let us trust in the promises of God.

And let us sing praises to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
who reigns enthroned above.

✦ **HYMN #49**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

✦ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Pastor Wesson

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Your Love Never Fails"

Jesus Culture (2011)

"Waymaker"

Leeland (2015)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy: We confess we have sinned against you — We often bless what we should curse and curse what we should bless; we trust our own righteousness and forget your gift of grace.

Forgive us, O Lord, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore to us the joy of salvation, 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

Pastor Wesson

OFFERTORY

"Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy"

American Folk/arr. Regi Stone (2010)

Jean Black, *Piano*

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (New Testament, p. 154)

Pastor Wesson

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

✦ **HYMN #817**

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

DUNLAP'S CREEK

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Genesis 12:1-4a (Old Testament, p. 10)

Pastor Teng

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

SERMON

"Spiritual Journeys"

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

"Reckless Love"

Corey Asbury (2017)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN #634**

"To God Be the Glory"

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✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ **SENDING SONG**

"Happy Day"

Jesus Culture (2008)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Carolyn Hattaway** and in honor of her three children: **Laurin, Eddie, and John.**

In the absence of our Music Director, Diana Amtower, we warmly welcome **Jean Black** to the piano today. Jean is a Brevard County native, born in Rockledge. She began studying piano under the tutelage of Connie Trainor, with whom she studied from the age of five through high school. In the past 25 years, Jean has earned a reputation for excellence as a collaborative pianist working with Brevard County public school choirs and soloists, band and orchestra students, and theatrical productions at the Cocoa Village Playhouse, Titusville Playhouse, and the Henegar Center. She is the principal pianist and keyboardist of the Space Coast Symphony Orchestra and works frequently with the Brevard Symphony Orchestra, Central Florida Winds, Riverside Chamber Orchestra, and Riverside Community Chorus. She is the accompanist for the Brevard Chorale, Concert Choir and Madrigals at Eastern Florida State College and serves in the worship arts ministry at Indian River City Church as a pianist and worship leader. *Welcome, Jean, may God richly bless your ministry among us today!*

CELEBRATING RIVERSIDE'S 70TH YEAR OF MINISTRY IN 2026

As we continue our journey through Riverside's 70 years of serving the Cocoa Beach community, the Anniversary Committee is excited to bring you the second decade of church history. This month, we highlight 1966-1976 with a table display in Fellowship Hall and an article in the March newsletter. We have special events planned throughout the year. Stop by Fellowship Hall after worship today and check out the brand new display!



We are currently collecting food items for **The Children's Hunger Project** through **March 8**. 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 15** to pack boxes from the donated food items.

First Tuesday Dinner — Join us on **March 3, 2026** for our First Tuesday Dinner, catered by Brano’s Italian Grill. The menu will include Roasted Pork Au Jus, boiled potatoes, garden salad, bread and dessert. Cost is \$12. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or by contacting Betty Peterson before Sunday, March 1. Feel free to invite family and friends.

Please remember **Peggy Bishop** and family in your prayers as her husband, David, passed away on February 10 after a long illness. **A Service of Witness to the Resurrection** for David will be held **this Thursday morning, March 5, at 11:00** in the Sanctuary. May the God of peace and comfort, and the sure hope of the resurrection be with them in their bereavement!

OneBlood Drive — The OneBlood bus will be at Riverside next **Sunday, March 8** from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 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 Brahm’s German Requiem Concert — Join us for our **German Requiem Concert** performed by the Riverside Chamber Orchestra and the Riverside Community Chorale on **Sunday, March 8 at 3:30 p.m.** Free ticket is required and can be obtained on our website at www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org (“Event/Event Tickets”) or call the will-call number at 321-222-7875.

An **Inquirers Class** has been scheduled for **Saturday morning, March 14, 9:30 to 11:30.**

If you’ve been worshipping at Riverside and would like to know more about the church, the Christian faith, the Presbyterian Church in general, or church membership, please speak with pastor Bill Teng as soon as possible.

Be part of something special: **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** — For the first time since 2019, three other local churches will join us for a Community Easter Sunrise Service on April 5 at Sidney Fischer Park, Cocoa Beach. In addition to Riverside, the partnership includes Cocoa Beach Community Church, First United Methodist Church, and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. We will even have a food truck with coffee and donuts. We have several different volunteer roles that the churches are sharing. If you can help, please see **Judy George** (jageorge24@gmail.com) or **Anda Ray** (andaray77@gmail.com).



Remember to spring forward one hour before you go to bed this Saturday!

SERMON NOTES



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

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145 / Evening: Psalms 121; 6 Genesis 41:46-57; 1 Corinthians 4:8-21; Mark 3:7-19a
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 34; 146 / Evening: Psalms 25; 91 Genesis 42:1-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Mark 3:19b-35
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 27, 51 Genesis 42:18-28; 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11; Mark 4:1-20
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 27; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 126; 102 Genesis 42:29-38; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Mark 4:21-34
Friday	Morning: Psalms 22; 148 / Evening: Psalms 105; 130 Genesis 43:1-15; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9; Mark 4:35-41
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 43; 149 / Evening: Psalms 31; 143 Genesis 43:16-34; 1 Corinthians 7:10-24; Mark 5:1-20
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 84; 150 / Evening: Psalm 42, 32 Genesis 44:1-17; Romans 8:1-10; John 5:25-29

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ **George Wishart**, an early Scottish Reformer, began preaching in Dundee from the book of Romans. Throngs attended his sermons, among them a young man named **John Knox**, who began serving as Wishart's bodyguard. **Archbishop David Beaton** sought to repress Protestants; and as Wishart's arrest grew more certain, Knox asked to remain at his side. "No," said Wishart, "one is sufficient for a sacrifice at this time." On the morning of March 1, 1546, Wishart was led to the stake where he told the crowds, "I exhort you, love the Word of God and suffer patiently. I know surely that my soul shall sup with my Saviour this night." He was then strangled and his body burned to ashes. ✦ On March 1, 1562, a group of French Protestants (**Huguenots**), meeting in a barn at Vassy for religious exercises, was attacked, and many of them were massacred by the followers of the **Duke of Guise**. This touched off the first of eight religious wars between the Huguenots and the Roman Catholics in France. These wars ended 36 years later, in 1598, when **Henry IV** of Bourbon issued the *Edict of Nantes*, which granted political toleration of the Huguenots. ✦ **Hudson Taylor**, British Protestant Christian missionary, and founder of the China Inland Mission (CIM) (now OMF International), arrived in China on this day in 1854. ✦ Anglican church organist and composer, **William H. Monk** died on March 1, 1889 at the age of 66. His two most enduring hymn tunes are: *EVENTIDE* ("Abide with Me") and *VICTORY* ("The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done").

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 1 - 8, 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>Second Sunday in Lent</i> (Prepare your hearts for Holy Communion)
	11:15 a.m.	Soup Sunday (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study (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	11:00 a.m.	Service of Witness to the Resurrection for David Bishop (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
	3:30 p.m.	Brahm's <i>German Requiem</i> Concert (Sanctuary)

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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