

January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany



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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 December/January 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):

Isaiah 49:1-7; *Psalms* 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry ... He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God"* (Psalm 40:1, 3a).

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

"Tis So Sweet"

Jim Brickman (2016)

Diana Amtower, *Organ*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Isaiah 49:3, 6; John 1:29, 39, 41; 1 Corinthians 1:9)

Here is the Servant of God, a Light to all the nations.

Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.

Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.

Here is our faithful God, by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son.

Come and see the Messiah, the Lord.

✦ **HYMN #39**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

✦ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Michael W. Smith (2001)

"Here I Am to Worship"

Hillsong United (2001)

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 — We often labor for worldly things and lack in spiritual gifts; and we sacrifice much for false idols and forsake your holy Lamb.

Forgive us, O God, and give us grace. Take away the sin of the world and teach us, as disciples, 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

Pastor Teng

OFFERTORY

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

Kathleen Thomerson (1966)

✠DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 40:1-11 (Old Testament, p. 513)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Chili Lindsay

✠HYMN #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — John 1:29-42 (New Testament, p. 92)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"What Are You Looking For?"

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 #688

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

MORECAMBE

✠CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠SENDING SONG

"Open Up the Heavens"
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Vertical Worship (2017)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Carolyn Hattaway** and in loving memory of her husband, Dave Hattaway's heavenly birthday.

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 a helpful hand, we'd love to have you. Contact **Anda Ray** at andaray77@gmail.com.



"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).

Thanks to your faithfulness, as of December 7, we have received a total of **56 Faith Promises** towards 2026, for a total of **\$276,300**.

If you have yet to return your **Faith Promise Card**, indicating how much you wish to give back to the Lord in 2026,

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

The Mission Study Writing Team has devised a Congregational Survey as part of the input from the congregation. If you have yet to fill one out, a copy of the survey is available in the Narthex, or you may fill it out by scanning the QR code on the right here.



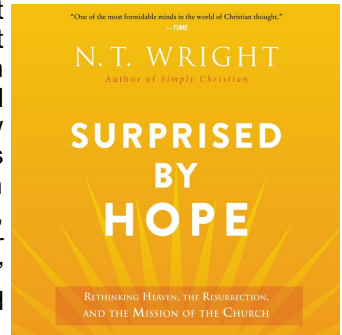
Sanctuary Flowers for 2026 — If you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary in 2026, a new sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Please add your phone number or email. After the flowers are enjoyed on Sunday morning, you have the option of taking them home or the deacons can deliver them to those who can no longer join us in person on Sundays. The cost remains \$35.00.

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. Thank you for helping Riverside continue to share the gift of music!



A six-week Pastor's Class began last week (meets **Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Knox Hall**) to study together N.T. Wright's popular book, *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*. The class will last one hour. Wright's premise is that Christians normally think of the future in terms of "heaven," but the promised

reality is far greater: a new heaven and a new earth, a whole new creation. He believes once we grasp this biblical vision of God's future, it will transform our understanding of life in the present. Each session begins with a video segment given by Wright himself, followed by a group discussion. The six sessions include: "Hope for the World," "The Hope of the Resurrection," "The Hope of Heaven," "The Hope of Jesus' Second Coming," "The Hope of Salvation," and "The Hope of the Church." *Look forward to seeing you in the class!*



Dr. Boushell "In Love with Love" Concert — Join us for a concert of love songs spanning the decades from the Beatles to Ed Sheeran, entitled *"In Love with Love,"* performed by Vocal Flash, on **Sunday, February 8** at 3:30 p.m. here at Riverside. Tickets are now available at www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org, or you can call the will-call number at 321-222-7865.

SERMON NOTES



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Linda Lee Torgler, Barbara Grewe, Andrey Plata, Elizabeth Deak, Bill Cheney, Susan White, Linda Harris, Cliff Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Travis Vick, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo, David & Peggy Bishop, Doug Furls, Andrey Plata;** peace for Ukraine, Venezuela, Iran, and the Middle East.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 / Evening: Psalms 82; 97; 112 Genesis 8:6-22; Hebrews 4:14–5:6; John 2:23–3:15
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 / Evening: Psalms 30; 86 Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 5:7-14; John 3:16-21
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 15; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 48; 4 Genesis 9:18-29; Hebrews 6:1-12; John 3:22-36
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 36; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 80; 27 Genesis 11:1-9; Hebrews 6:13-20 John 4:1-15
Friday	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 / Evening: Psalms 32; 139 Genesis 11:27–12:8; Hebrews 7:1-17; John 4:16-26
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 / Evening: Psalms 118; 111 Genesis 12:9–13:1; Hebrews 7:18-28; John 4:27-42
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 67; 150 / Evening: Psalm 46; 93 Genesis 13:2-18; Galatians 2:1-10; Mark 7:31-37

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ After the outbreak of the Protestant Reformation in 1517, Roman Catholic officials convened the **Council of Trent** to articulate the principles of Catholicism. The first meeting took place in 1545, and met periodically for years as decisions were made and published. The third era of these periodic sessions convened on this day in 1562, with all hope of reconciliation with the Protestants gone. ✦ On January 18, 1674, Scottish “**Worthy**” **James Mitchell** was executed after having been tortured for his faith. Being led to the Grassmarket in Edinburgh to be hanged, he was forbidden from preaching to the crowds, so he flung a manuscript of his message to the crowd. It said in part: “I am brought here that the work of God may be made manifest for the trail of faith, that I might be a witness for His despised truths and interests in this land, where I am called to seal the same with my blood... Farewell to all earthly enjoyments; and welcome Father, Son, and Holy Ghost into whose hands I commit my spirit.” ✦ **Taylor University** was established in Fort Wayne, Indiana, by Methodists on January 18, 1846. ✦ Today marks the birthday of **John Stam** (1907), who, along with his wife **Betty**, was murdered by the Communists in China in 1934. ✦ **Andrew Murray**, Dutch Reformed pastor in South Africa and famous devotional writer, died on this day in 1917 at the age of 89. He spent most of his life in Christian social and educational ministries, and his books stress the deeper spiritual life and introduced the Keswick spirit into South Africa. ✦ Irish Missionary **Amy Carmichael** died on January 18, 1951 at the age of 83. She served in India for 55 years and wrote 35 books about her work as a missionary.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 18 - 25, 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 after Epiphany</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	HRR Circle (Knox Hall)
	4:30 p.m.	Mission Study Team (Pffieffer/Youth Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Session (Knox Hall/Parlor)
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)
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting (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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