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November 9, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

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 Pentecost, also called **Ordinary Time**, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always **Trinity Sunday**, and the last Sunday is always the Sunday of **the Reign of Christ** or **Christ the King**. Although the scripture lessons in the lectionary for this half of the year go in a semi-continuous cycle through books of the Bible rather than follow a theme, the gospel lessons cover Jesus' teaching ministry and the church's mission in the world. The liturgical color for this season is GREEN, signifying growth in Christ, except on Communion Sundays when it is white.

SESSION

Class of 2025

Carl Plaughter
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* has been 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):

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: *"But we must always give thanks to God for you . . . because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14).

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

Fugue in C Major
Diana Amtower, Organ

G.F. Handel (1738)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalms* 145)

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

We will exalt you, O God our Sovereign, and bless your name forever and ever.

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

Every day we will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

So, come, let us sing praises to God, our Redeemer and Creator.

✦ HYMN #612

"We Praise You, O God"

KREMSEY

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"O Praise Him"

David Crowder Band (2003)

"Holy Forever"

Chris Tomlin (2022)

Psalms 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, Leader

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God: We admit we have often become fixated on the past and we struggle to embrace the world as it is now — We have become rigid instead of welcoming; stubborn instead of compassionate. We prioritize our own lives instead of seeking the welfare of others.

Wash us anew, O God. Forgive us again. Give us the courage to hear your call and the faith to follow where Christ leads; for it is in his 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

Pastor Teng

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Truth"
Jordan Boggs, *Soloist* / Diana Amtower, *Pianist*

Meghan Woods (2024)

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (N.T., p. 206)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Elder Meghan Johnson

✦ **HYMN #694**

"Great God of Every Blessing"

AURELIA

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Haggai 1:15b–2:9 (O.T., p. 878)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"God of the Living"

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.

✦ **ACT OF FAITH PROMISE**

✦ **HYMN OF COMMITMENT #269**

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

LANCASHIRE

✦ **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

✦ **SENDING SONG**

"Open Up the Heavens"

Vertical Worship (2017)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God and given by **Meghan Johnson** and in honor of **David Johnson** on his birthday, and for being an amazing husband, father, and son!



Village of Hope Uganda — Sunday, November 16 we will have Cindy Cunningham, Founder and Director of Uganda Village of Hope, who will share a brief word of thanks during worship. After the service, handmade Tabitha crafts will be available in the Fellowship Hall. These items are created by women from the Village of Hope, who are rebuilding their lives after being forced into child soldiering—your purchases help provide dignity, healing, and income for their families.

“Blessed by God to be a Blessing”

“Blessed be the God and ather 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

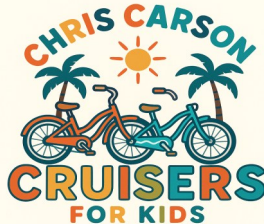
A packet of stewardship information is available for all in the Narthex.

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 after the service, you will wonder why there is a Christmas tree there. 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!

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!*

Children's Hunger Project Packing Day — Immediately after worship today, you're invited to be in the Fellowship Hall to help pack collected food items into bags for our school children. *Thank you to all who so generously gave to CHP!*

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!

Called Congregational Meeting — Join us **Sunday, November 16**, following worship service, for a called Congregational meeting called by the Session, with the purpose of electing new Elders and Deacons.

Pie Sunday — Join us on **November 16** after worship for fellowship and pie! Bring your favorite pie (home made or store bought) to share with your church family.

Hanging of the Greens — Believe it or not, but Christmas season is right around the corner! Join us **Sunday, November 23** after worship to decorate the church for the upcoming holidays, after we will adjourn to Fellowship Hall for chili.

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.

November Birthdays

Vicki Geiler	11/1	Tim Bright	11/21
Eric Pluchino	11/5	Linda Autry	11/23
Peggy Bishop	11/5	Dan Coon	11/24
Gegory Britton	11/7	Wendy Gordon	11/24
Gina Rall	11/8	Marilyn Grigsby	11/24
David Johnson	11/9	Marianne Pluchino	11/24
Karen Teng	11/17	Elizabeth Britton	11/27
David Bishop	11/18		

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: **Bill Anderson, Susan White, Rich & Penny Bernard, Linda Harris, Clift Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Roxanne Stout, Collen Stout, Jorge Castillo, David & Peggy Bishop, Gail Marshall, Charles Schoener (Karen Teng's son)**; peace for Ukraine and the Middle East; all federal employees and those who are affected by the government shutdown; and victims of hurricane Melissa in Jamaica, Haiti, and Dominican

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 135 & 145; Evening: Psalms 97 & 112 Nehemiah 9:1-15 (16-25); Revelation 18:1-8; Matthew 15:1-20
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 123 & 146; Evening: Psalms 30 & 86 Nehemiah 9:26-38; Revelation 18: 9-20; Matthew 15:21-28
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 15 & 147:1-11; Evening: Psalms 48 & 4 Nehemiah 7:73b-8:3, 5-18; Revelation 18:21-24; Matthew 15:29-39
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 36 & 147:12-20; Evening: Psalms 80 & 27 Nehemiah 6:1-19; Revelation 19:1-10; Matthew 16:1-12
Friday	Morning: Psalms 130 & 148; Evening: Psalms 32 & 139 Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47; Revelation 19:11-16; Matthew 16:13-20
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 56 & 149; Evening: Psalms 118 & 111 Nehemiah 13:4-22; Revelation 20:1-6; Matthew 16:21-28
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 67 & 150; Evening: Psalms 46 & 93 Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26; Acts 28:14b-23; Luke 16:1-13

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ **John Knox**, leader of the Scottish Reformation, performed his last public act on Sunday, November 9, 1572. His health had failed, and his once trumpeting voice could barely be heard during his sermons. A successor had been chosen at his church, St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, and at his installation Knox preached his last sermon, pointing out the mutual duties of a minister and a congregation. The following Tuesday, he was seized by a violent cough and declined rapidly. On Friday, November 14, he rose from bed, thinking it was Sunday. He wanted to dress and go to church and preach. On Monday, November 24, he asked his wife to read from the passage "where I first cast my anchor" — John 17. About 11 o'clock that evening, he passed away. ✦ November 9, 1865, is the birthday of **John "Praying" Hyde**, missionary to India. ✦ **Amy Carmichael** arrived in India on this day in 1895, ill, but determined to serve Christ as a missionary of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society. She remained in that land until her death in 1951, founding the Dohnavur Fellowship which ministered to abused children in India, and writing devotional classics. ✦ On November 9, 1938, Nazi thugs in Germany unleashed a campaign of terror against the Jews. As the police stood passively by, German mobs broke windows of houses and stores and brutalized Jews. There were 267 synagogues plundered, 7,500 shops wrecked, 91 Jews killed, and 20,000 arrested and sent to concentration camps. It was afterward known as "**Kristallnacht**" ("Crystal Night") because of the thousands of broken windows.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 9 - 16, 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>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> Stewardship Sunday
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) Packing for Children's Hunger Project
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)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Called Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	Pie Sunday Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)



Church Directory

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