

Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 17, 2019 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask an usher for audio hearing units

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare for children through preschool is available upstairs.

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



Stewardship 2019

WE PREPARE

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Let All God's Children Sing

Patterson

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

**where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

* HYMN 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

**We stock the food pantries, but brush aside those who hunger
for friendship. We give our hand-me-downs away, but overlook those
whose hopes have been stripped away. We glad-hand those just like
us, but turn a deaf ear to our neighbors who 'talk funny.'**

Forgive us, Hope of the ages. You persistently search for us in the side streets of the world, gathering us up and bringing us home, so we may be drenched in the waters of your bottomless pool of forgiveness, watched over by your Child, Jesus Christ. (Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* SUNG RESPONSE 447

We Are Forgiven

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

SUNG RESPONSE 188 vs 1

Jesus Loves Me!

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Matthew 25:31-40

MEDITATION

Giving God Our Spiritual Gifts

QUESTIONS FOR STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

- What opportunities do you see to serve your wider community?
- What gifts are needed to serve in these ways?
- How could you match peoples' gifts with these opportunities to serve?

* HYMN 767

Together We Serve

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Praise Ye the Lord

Hovhaness

* SUNG RESPONSE 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

WE DEPART

* HYMN 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jig Fugue

Buxtehude

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Ushers: Connie Kelly and John Haugland

Sunday School Teachers: Aimee Sahlas and Christine Long

Flowers today are given in memory of Lou Heine who would have been 90 on November 19 by the Heine family.

Fellowship Time is hosted by the Outreach Committee.

Trustees of the Month: Fred Mitchell and Doug Harvin

Thank you to the Riverside Ringers & Singers for joining today's Ministry of Music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THEOLOGY ON TAP— For the next several weeks we will continue to explore documentary short films. We will explore a wide range of topics. Some will be uplifting, some humorous,

some challenging—all of them will make us think in new ways. Posters for some of the documentaries are in the hallway on the way to the Social Hall. Meals are catered AND COST \$10 per person, so please call the office and make reservations (BYOB).

SAVE THE DATE

November 17 & 24 Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity—A Stewardship Sermon Series

November 24—Pledge Sunday

December 7 – Christkindlmarkt, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

December 15 – Messiah, 4 pm

December 22 – Children’s Pageant, 10:00 am

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 7:00 pm

December 29 – Fifth Sunday, Worship as Mission at BEDS Plus

CHRISTKINDLMARKT —We are collecting Christmas books, 2020 calendars, sheet music, CDs and DVDs to sell at the market —films, music, novels, short stories, nonfiction, children's books, cookbooks, coffee table books — in short, all media as long as it is associated with Christmas. Please place your donations in the box on the pew outside the office.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY DONATION: Canned or instant individual packages of soup.



CRAFTERS —Do you weave, sew, knit or create other crafts? If so, please consider making something to donate to the RPC table at the Christkindlmarkt, which will be held on Saturday, December 7. Items can be brought to the office the week before the sale. Please contact Sandra Kappmeyer at skappzan@aol.com (585) 662-9082 with questions.

PRESCHOOL NEWS— November will be another fun-filled month in Preschool. We will have a visit from the library, we'll learn about leaves, farms, what it means to be thankful and begin preparing for Christmas.

Look for Riverside Foods Shop and Share Days forms in your bulletin coming soon. The Benefit Days benefit the Preschool's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for families who have difficulty paying tuition. Thanks for your support!



CARERS GIVING TREE— The CARERS Giving Tree benefits women and children sheltered in the Constance Morris House. The paper ornaments on the tree list Christmas gift items. Take some ornaments, purchase the items and place the unwrapped gifts under the tree. Please bring gifts from Sunday, November 17 until Sunday December 1.

CARERS NEWS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER— This November and December, to stave off the chill of winter for those in need, please fill the CARERS trunk with **hot soups, hot cereals and hot boxed foods**. No breakable containers please. The contributions will be distributed to local food pantries.



LET'S LEARN SOME HEBREW AT THIS YEAR'S MESSIAH—When you think of Handel's Messiah, the Hallelujah Chorus comes to mind. Did you ever wonder what Hallelujah means? It's actually a

two-word phrase that is Hebrew in origin. Halle for joyous praise in song, and Jah shortened for Yahweh or Jehovah. Need a clearer definition? Come to this year's production of Handel's Messiah on December 15 at 4:00 pm and be ready to be lifted in song.

WASSAIL BOWL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — We need volunteers to help with our traditional Wassail Bowl following the Messiah performance on Sunday, December 15. If you can bring baked goods, or are able to help with set-up, serving or clean-up, contact Deb Jansky at newhorizons002@gmail.com or 708-822-9557.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — meets **Wednesday, November 20** at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome. Come for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "*Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God? The purpose of Lesson Four is to explore the gift of life and our responsibility to those who bring us to life. Scripture: Exodus 20:12; and Luke 9:57-62. Led by Elizabeth Musick.

HUMAN SCENE — is discussing the Book of Luke, Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parlor.

2020 CHURCH TRIP June 12-June 24, 2020 — We are traveling to Turkey and Greece. For more information, talk to Reverend Jackson.



acaBELLa RINGERS AT HOLIDAY STROLL—RPC's acaBELLa Ringers will ring during Riverside's Holiday Stroll on Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm at First American Bank across from Guthrie Park.

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL MEMORIALS—are in the rack outside the church office.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS—Due to the timing of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, we will not be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias this year. If you have traditionally given a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, we encourage you to give to the Messiah Memorial. Messiah Memorials will be included in the December 15 Sunday worship bulletin and Messiah program. Please use the included Messiah Memorial form.

ARE YOU MISSING A DISH? — There are dishes and two crockpots piling up in the kitchen that don't belong to RPC. They will be on the piano until Sunday, November 24. Please check to see if any belong to you. They will be donated after November 24.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
2:00 pm Worship at Caledonia

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball
6:30 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum

Wednesday

10:00 am Women’s Circle
4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:00 pm Session Meeting
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women’s Forum

Sunday

9:00 am Middle School Youth Group
9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
11:15 am Mission Committee
3:00 pm The Boulevard

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Sermons available at
<https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>

Our Mission Statement:

We gather as a church to:
Celebrate God’s presence,
Nurture the Spiritual Life,
Carry the light of Christ into the world,
Serve God by serving others.

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2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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