

**Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church**

February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.
Please silence your cell phone.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade
and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

* Indicates please stand in body or spirit.



The image consists of eight individual portraits of Jesus, arranged in two rows of four. Each portrait is a different color and style, with various expressions. Overlaid on each portrait is a quote from the Beatitudes in white, lowercase text. The quotes are:

Top row (left to right):

1. 'Blessed are the poor in spirit' / 'for they shall obtain mercy'

2. 'Blessed are they that mourn' / 'for they shall be comforted'

3. 'Blessed are the meek' / 'for they shall inherit the earth'

4. 'Blessed are they who hunger & thirst for righteousness' / 'for they shall be filled'

Bottom row (left to right):

5. 'Blessed are the merciful' / 'for they shall obtain mercy'

6. 'Blessed are the pure in heart' / 'for they shall see God'

7. 'Blessed are the peacemakers' / 'for they shall be called children of God'

8. 'Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' / 'for theirs is the kingdom of heaven'

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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Pablo Bruna 1611-1679

WE GATHER

*** PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Blessed are those who trust in God.
We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.
Blessed are those who hope in God.
We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.
Blessed are those who delight in God's Word.
We come to hear God's Word, and to be healed of our brokenness.

*** HYMN 303**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

We confess what we are afraid to confront, Blessing God, that the seductions of the world nibble away at our hearts. We have more and more to pick from at the supermarket, and so we forget those whose only choice is hunger. Our sense that we are your favorites causes us to make fun of those we believe are not. We are so consumed with saving enough for the future, we ignore those who have so little today.

Forgive us, Heartbroken God, for thinking we are the center of your world. Pour your living water into us, so we might send down roots into your heart, and so become those people who are blessings to others.

(Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN OF RESPONSE refrain

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1
Luke 6:17-26

MEDITATION

* HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune* arr. R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Join the choir in singing verses 1, 2, 5

PEOPLE AND CHOIR IN UNISON *ff*

1. All peo-ple that on earth do
dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; Him serve with fear, his
praise forth tell, Come ye be - fore him, and re - joice.

PEOPLE *f*

2. The Lord, ye know, is God in - deed, With - out our aid he did us make; We
are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

PEOPLE AND CHOIR IN UNISON *ff*

5. To
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom heaven and
earth a - dore, From men and from the
an - gel - host Be praise and glo - ry
ev - er - more.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 391 vs 4

Take My Life

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER 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 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sollt' ich meinem Gott nicht singen

Ernst Pepping 1901-1981

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHOCOLATE FOR LENT — Using themes from the 2000 Academy Award nominated film *Chocolat*, our next Theology on Tap series invites us to use Lent and chocolate to gain deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. Join us Monday, March 4 at 6:30 in the parlor, and we will watch the movie and enjoy pizza together. Please RSVP to the office, so we secure enough pizza. Monday, March 18 – Monday, April 15 we will then meet at 7:00 in the parlor for discussion and Chocolate desserts!!

LENTEN AND EASTER — Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Jackson will be at the Riverside train station at 6:30 am for the imposition of ashes. Reverend Jackson will also be in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm and 6:00 pm-7:00 pm for the imposition of ashes. In Worship throughout the season of Lent, we will follow the way of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, which is Latin for the Way of Sorrow. Traditionally this is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion, we are going to look at various stories from Jesus' life where tears and sorrow figured prominently and seek to understand how God through Jesus transforms our lives.



On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service which will conclude with communion. Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion. Sunday, April 28, is our annual Jazz Sunday.

2018 – WHAT A YEAR! I am delighted to announce that we closed 2018 with a balanced budget (-0-). This was an extraordinary improvement on our budgeted deficit of (\$13, 854) and required NO CASH INFUSION FROM THE SUPPORT FUND! Thanks to each and every one of you who made and kept a pledge and even gave an extra month if you could. This result, coupled with our Capital Campaign Pledges of \$341,714 (to date), demonstrate the strength and vibrancy of our congregational commitment.

Cheers to all – your Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton

SUNDAY SCHOOL — is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante. **February 24 – The Lord's Prayer**

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — It might surprise you how often we have to restock our Little Food Pantry. Even in the bitter cold, needy people walk over for the benefit of our assistance. Remember in this cold weather, cans pop. Please donate vacuum packed or boxed items. We currently need individual packs of **oatmeal, granola bars, soft cereal bars and individual plastic fruit cups**. Thank you for supporting this worthy mission.

2019 PER CAPITA is \$34.22 per member. Please consider rounding up or paying an extra per capita for those who find it a difficulty.

CARERS CORNER FEBRUARY— The Riverside Township Pantry has seen its needs of food donations increase significantly. Donations from our church family enable them to serve our community families. Please give all kinds of non-perishable foods.

CHOCOLATE, COFFEE AND TEA—Fair trade items are offered through the Equal Exchange program. Items are located outside of Dale's office and for sale through the honor system. Proceeds will go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 2, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 if purchased in advance – available from scouts and the church office. Thank you for your support of our annual fundraiser!



PRESCHOOL NEWS — February is all about kindness and love! We'll be celebrating Valentine's Day by completing a kindness checklist, exchanging Valentines, and making heart crafts. We'll have a Wicky Wacky Wednesday and Parent/Teacher conferences. Registration for the 2019-2020 preschool year has begun. If you know someone who is looking for a fun and educational preschool, please have them contact us.

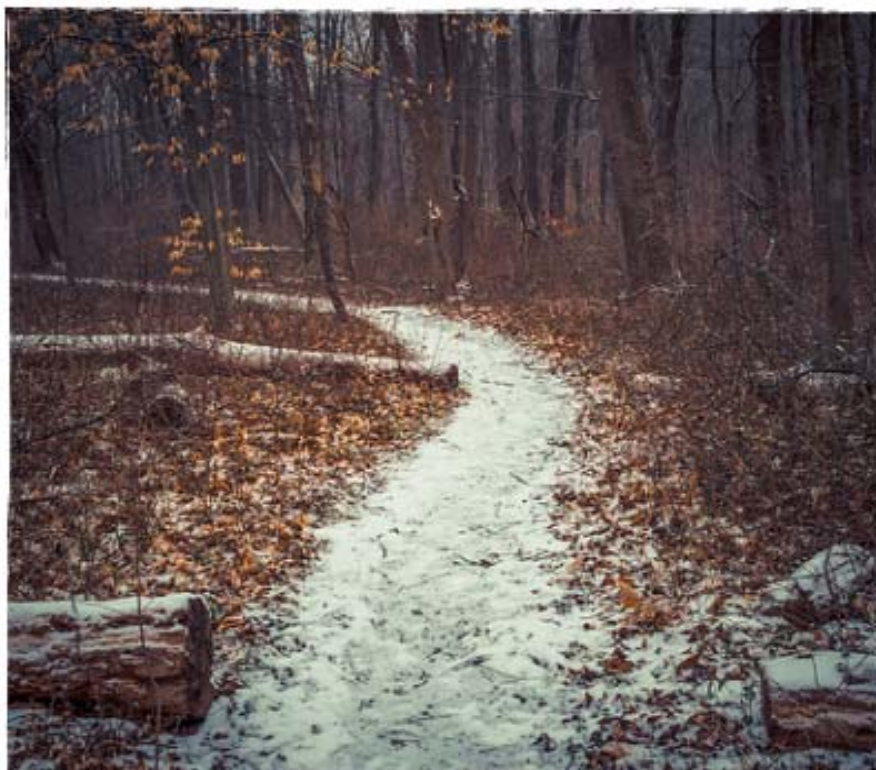
CHANCEL FLOWERS— You can donate chancel flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the church office. You have the choice of taking the flowers home after the service, or having the deacons deliver them to someone of your choice or the deacons' choice. The cost is \$50.00 for two arrangements. If no one signs up, flowers will not be displayed in the chancel for that particular Sunday. If you have any questions, you can call the church office.



FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP = FIESTA! — Ascension Lutheran Church and RPC are co-sponsoring a Taco Dinner fundraiser benefitting Refugee One on Saturday, February 23 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Ascension Church, 400 Nuttall Road, for the next refugee or refugee family that we will co-sponsor. Tickets are available in the RPC church office. Adult tickets are \$12.00 presale and \$15.00 at the door. Children's tickets are \$5.00.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED —Although the Deacons supervise Coffee Fellowship insofar as making sure beverage supplies are available and sponsoring periodic potlucks, the responsibility for providing anything other than beverages for Coffee Fellowship belongs to the entire congregation. If you want fellowship, please take a turn – it doesn't need to be fancy or enough to make a lunch. Store-bought or homemade, it doesn't matter — it's all a welcome treat during this social hour.

THURS
FEB
28



ENRICHING COMMUNITY

Ascension Lutheran Church

400 Nuttall Road, Riverside IL

- **Light meal at 6:00 pm**
- **Programming at 6:30 pm**

Programming includes two options:

- An experiential journey through prayer stations
- A presentation on human trafficking, led by Linda Bushkofsky, Executive Director of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA)

RSVP FOR MEAL: 708-447-2600 OR ASCENSIONRIVERSIDE@GMAIL.COM

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THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
2:00 pm Caledonia

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum

Wednesday

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

Saturday

5:00 pm Taco Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Ushers: The Staubus Family

Andrew Minister: Lynda Nadkarni

Trustees of the Month: Alfred Kitch and Cyril Friend

Flowers are given in celebration of Kemp Clarke’s birthday with love from her family.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Allan Halline and Patti Perry.

2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders

2019	2020	2021
Jeanine Buttimer	Frank Gangware	Gwen Heine
Patti Friend	Martha Heine	Allan Halline
Susan Lynch	Lynda Nadkarni	Matt Lisle
Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak	Dennis Zander	
	Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session	

Deacons

Ellen Hamilton	Lloyd Bradbury	Deb Jansky
Sandy Kappmeyer	Charlie Juister	Serina Ranft
Steve Teune	Sally Sloane	Wendy Seifert
	Jeanne Smith	

Trustees

Susan Deems-Dluhy	Patti Perry	Thom DeVries
Cyril Friend	Doug Harvin	Fred Mitchell
Fred Kitch	Hank Vogel	Connie Nestor
Brad Staubus		

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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