

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 7, 2021 ~ Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Please silence your cell phones.

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



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## WE PREPARE

PRELUDE *Le CuCu* D'Aquin  
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

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

## WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

He who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:  
**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;**  
I have called you by name,  
**You are mine.**

\* HYMN 514 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

**Merciful God, too often we turn only to those we know, people who are familiar, known and most like us. We fail to listen to marginalized voices. We fail to hear our stories as told by people from outside perspectives. Forgive us, God, and redeem us. Help us to seek your wisdom and your truth from people without power and privilege.**  
**Amen.** *Silence is kept*

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

\* HYMN 581 *Glory Be to the Father*  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen,**  
**Amen.**

## WE LISTEN

### MINI MESSAGE

*Children are invited to stay in worship; activity bags are available.*

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:38-44

### MEDITATION

*Freedom to Give*

## WE RESPOND

### INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

#### \* HYMN 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all.

Please hold the elements and we will commune together.

### INVITATION

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

Lord, thank you for your Word,

for the way it reveals your amazing power over all nature,

**Thank you for the hope you bring in the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes.**

Thank you for your great love and care,

**for the knowledge that you are always with us and will never leave us.**

Therefore, we pray as you taught us to pray:

**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.**

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### **WE DEPART**

\*HYMN 526

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Hornpipe in D*

Dixon

#### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

***Liturgist:*** Lynda Nadkarni

***Mini Message:*** Lynda Nadkarni

***Usher:*** Steve Marcus

***Flowers*** are given in memory of Daren Jackson by the Wynn Jackson family.

***Fellowship Time*** is hosted by Mary Beth Wynn

#### **Worship Notes**

Prelude: *Le CuCu*; D'Aquin

Postlude: *Hornpipe in D*; Dixon

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**NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

**MEET REV. MARY JO DEAN**—“I believe that God continues to call us all into reality, relationship, and relevance. The community that I want to serve engages that trinity in ways that are practical, visible, and open to refinement or change.” Those words, among others, led the IPNC to select the Reverend Mary Jo Dean to be RPC’s new Interim Pastor.

Rev. Dean earned her Master of Divinity/Master of Christian Education from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. Most recently, she was Pastor of Light Memorial Presbyterian Church in Sidney, NE.

Rev. Dean will start at the end of November. Stay tuned for more information on Pastor Dean and how we will welcome her to RPC!

Donna Ulrich  
Joyce Van Cura  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood  
Jerry Augutis, friend of Steve Marcus



**TIME CHANGE**—Don’t forget to set your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 7. You can make up for that hour of sleep you lost in the spring!

**LOOSE COIN OFFERING**—Today we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund. In lieu of loose coins, indicate Presbytery Hunger Fund in the memo line of a check or online.

**IN PERSON WORSHIP** — **Sunday 10:00 am** - you are invited to join us for worship in the Sanctuary. Both sanctuary doors will be open and those restrooms will be available.

**RPC MISSION TRIP POSTPONED** The mission trip to New Orleans through RHINO (Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans - [www.rhinonola.org](http://www.rhinonola.org)) for the week of November 29 has been put on hold for now. More information coming in the spring.

**WELCOME SARA!** We are pleased that Sara Vacek is our tech manager. Sara started Sunday and recorded the service which is available on our YouTube channel <http://bit.ly/RPCyoutube>. She is working with a consultant from Presbytery to move us to live streaming as soon as possible. In the meantime, you will be able to view each service on YouTube.



**CHOIR NEWS**—It's been a very long time, but I can't imagine another Advent/Christmas season at RPC without music. Covid seems to be dying down and it feels like it's time to dip our toe in the water for a subtle comeback. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 pm. We have much to clean out of our folders and Advent/Christmas music to pass out. The bell choir is playing on Sunday November 21, so our first Sunday singing will be the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th. It just seems right. Looking forward to times of fellowship and music-making once again! - Sally

**SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS** — Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in hybrid form. You are invited to arrive at 9:00, enter through the south door to the sanctuary and come down the hall to the library for discussion of the morning's scripture. Those who wish to join remotely may do so by logging on at 9:00 a.m. <https://tinyurl.com/RPCworship>



**SUNDAYS WITH TED** meets in person in the upstairs RPC parlor and via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays to view the TED Talk and discuss it, ending by 7:30 p.m. <https://tinyurl.com/sundayswithted> Email Doug Asbury with questions at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com).

\*Programs are subject to change.

**Nov 7** —Paul Robertson—Religion after religion: Millennials in a post-religious age

**Nov 14** —John Beatty—Contact with nature: Three transcendental experiences in the natural world

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS**—Fresh produce from Aldi's in Lyons will again become available once the store remodeling and parking lot paving are completed. Until then, bread from Jimmy John's will be available, and various local gardeners have been sharing their abundance with us from time to time, for which we are grateful! Canned food (especially meat products) and monetary donations are always needed and welcome. Thank you!

**NEW PIANO** —Have you seen our new baby grand piano in the sanctuary? It sounds even lovelier than it looks. Session authorized the purchase of this gently used Kawai baby grand from Oak Park Piano for \$14,000. Four generous donors have already offset \$10,000 of the cost. If each of our member families would donate \$50 or more, we would have the piano paid off in no time! Won't you please let the beautiful sound speak to your heart and help out? Any extra funds will be used for the music program in anticipation of the wonderful day when we're able to host the Messiah again.

#### **RPC IS A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH**

The Matthew 25 churches, more than 1,000 strong, are churches in the PCUSA who are committed to one or more of these actions: **Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

**Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color. **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

To learn more about how other churches are responding to the call, join the [Matthew 25 Facebook Page](#). Share your ideas about how we might respond with Matt Lisle or Lynda Nadkarni.

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** — Copies of the November-December Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.

**RPC 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** —Have you seen our growing display about that 150th anniversary? Do you have any artifacts to contribute? It's going to be fun to celebrate the history of RPC beginning with the opening of the time capsule from our 125th anniversary. It will be during fellowship on December 19. RPC was founded on December 15, 1872. We are working on an event or activity for each month of our 150th year culminating in December 2022. See Lynda Nadkarni if you have any ideas or want to lend a hand.

**INDOOR FELLOWSHIP RETURNS--** With the arrival of fall, we are returning to indoor fellowship. In-person worship numbers allow for social distancing, and wearing masks is encouraged. We're looking for volunteers to make coffee and provide very light store-prepared refreshments. If you are able to take care of fellowship on any upcoming Sunday, please contact the church office or Sandra Kappmeyer, leaving her a message at (585) 662-9082 or emailing her at [skappzan@aol.com](mailto:skappzan@aol.com). Thank you for helping.



**JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS** —Though we had to cancel the trip to the high ropes course because of the weather, we had a fine turnout of bowlers. We'll reschedule the ropes course outing in the spring. Our next get together will be Sunday, December 5, indoors, for food, games & planning for the year and next summer's mission trip. More details to come.

**GRADES K-5 FAITH FORMATION** —Kids in grades K-5 will meet on November 21, after church, during fellowship where your parents can enjoy coffee & treats while we share treats of our own and do a project sure to make moms happy. Contact Sandra Kappmeyer to let us know you're coming so we're sure to have enough supplies. You can reach her by email at [skappzan@aol.com](mailto:skappzan@aol.com), by leaving a phone message or text at (585) 662-9082 or by using the Remind App. If you haven't downloaded and linked that to the church, Mrs. Nadkarni can help with that. She can be reached at [missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org)



2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP			
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