

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

January 16, 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE      *We Shall Overcome Suite I Rosa*      Sharon Willis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 35:5-10)

L: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**P: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains. Your judgments are like the great deep. You save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

L: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**P: Everyone feasts on the abundance of your house, you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

\*HYMN #637 v. 1, 2, 4

*"O Sing to the Lord"*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, the gift of your Word is a light for our path. We have neglected its study. We put you off, occupied with demands and delights, enmeshing ourselves in things and tasks instead of relationships with you and others. We tell ourselves we "will get up early" or "stay up late" to have time with you. Going every minute and coming to the end of our days tired, we trust you to understand the demands of our life choices and to forgive us for not making time for you, because you are good and endlessly forgiving. Help us to be honest with ourselves, and not give up. Nudge us, so that when life feels like a treadmill, we understand it is time for you alone. Help us to walk on the path to righteousness, service, joy and peace all the way home. (*Silence is kept*). All this we ask in Jesus, our Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE

\*The GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

**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.**

MINI MESSAGE

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

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING (unison)

**Gracious God, you are the hope of the world. Light up your people with your Word, energy, and presence, so that we too shine with the radiance of your love and glory. Make yourself known to us so that we may worship and obey you in all things. We ask in and through Christ Jesus, Amen.**

FIRST LESSON	John 2:1-11	NT p. 93
ANTHEM	<i>Cantate Domino</i>	Natalie Sleeth
SECOND LESSON	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	NT p. 174
MEDITATION	"God's Gifts"	

### **OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE**

\*HYMN # 292                      *"As the Wind Song"*

\*The APOSTLES' CREED p. 35

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead, and buried;  
 he descended to hell;  
 the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
 the holy catholic church;  
 the communion of saints;  
 the forgiveness of sins;  
 the resurrection of the body;  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

THE OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #606  
**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.**

\*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

### **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN #547 *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

\*BENEDICTION

\*THE CONGREGATION’S RESPONSE #610 v. 5  
*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

POSTLUDE *Hope: Black and White Together* Sharon Willis

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

***Greeter:*** Marilyn Slanec

***Liturgist:*** Susan Lynch

***Mini Message:*** Lynda Nadkarni

***Fellowship*** is hosted by Brad and Carrie Staubus

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Prelude: *We Shall Overcome Suite I* Rosa; Sharon Willis

Anthem: *Cantate Domino*; Natalie Sleeth

Postlude: *Hope: Black and White Together*; Sharon Willis

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**JANUARY 16, 2022**

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

— The Annual Congregational Meeting is January 23 immediately following worship. The Annual Report is available on our website under the Resources tab soon. Hard copies are available in the rack outside the office and at the back of the sanctuary for those who need them.



**THEOLOGY ON TAP** — Save the date—Monday, January 24. We will be reading and discussing *To Resist or Surrender* by Paul Tournier. We will meet in-person and on Zoom.

**FROM OUR TREASURER —  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS AND  
FAITHFUL GIVING IN 2021.**



### **RPC NEEDS YOUR PLEDGE!**

Pledge cards are available in the sanctuary and the office. Or feel free to send me an email or call – I'll take 'em anyway I can get 'em! In making your pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing the amount by some fraction of the gifts you made to the Capital Campaign over the last 3 years.

**OFFICE CLOSED** —The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 17 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

**DEVOTIONALS**—Copies of the January-February 2022 Upper Room are available in the sanctuary and office. If you'd like a copy, contact the office to make arrangements to pick up.

Doreen Sterba Dezur, our former director of Christian Ed, as she recovers from surgery and undergoes treatment for cancer.

Donna Ulrich  
Joyce Van Cura  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood



**FAITH FORMATION**— 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders please chime in on what we should do on 1/23. Choices are go to a movie (American Underdog is my pick) or watch a movie at RPC (with food; open

to suggestions about the movie) each would have a discussion time following. Looking at roughly 1 – 4 that afternoon. Message me on Remind or email [missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org).

#### **5th SUNDAY— JANUARY 31**

Our focus is Refugee support and systemic change. Plans are solidified and need your [response via this survey](#).

There is something for everyone of all abilities and ages. Together with friends from Ascension Lutheran and Compassion UMC, we will make an even bigger impact!



There are sign-up sheets for all sorts of fun things to do – such as **donating flowers for the church service**, or **hosting fellowship** after Sunday worship, and for being a **greeter**. We need 1 volunteer to greet for every

worship service. It's fun, easy, and very much appreciated!! No previous experience is required. Please stop by the board and sign up.

**REMOTE WORSHIP**—Just as the supply chain has affected everything from cleaning products to Christmas gifts, so too, we're awaiting some technology to make live-stream a reality. In the meantime, Sara Vacek is recording and uploading worship to YouTube. Typically you will find it by 11:30 am on our channel which is a link on the website.





**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS**—During this time of year, it's more important than ever to remember those who rely on our Little Food Pantry for added sustenance. Donations are welcome, especially of canned goods with protein such as canned meats, beans, soup with meat, whole meals (like ravioli). Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**—Thank you Connie Kelly for being a guest reader and Sally Sloane for spending time teaching students about the hand chimes! We are always looking for people to share their talents and interests or to be guest readers. Let Lynda know what you can share with our students! [rpcpreschool@rpcusa.org](mailto:rpcpreschool@rpcusa.org)



**CHURCH MAILBOXES** — The church mailboxes have been reorganized. Staff, Elders, Deacons and Trustees all have mailboxes. The names are on the top of the mailbox. Please take a minute to familiarize yourself, find your mailbox and regularly check it for important information.

**FACEBOOK USERS** — If you have not “liked” our church Facebook page, you can do that here: [bit.ly/FacebookRPC](https://bit.ly/FacebookRPC). This will assure you get all our updates. Then when you see something in your news feed that interests you or that you'd like others to see, react to it in some way by either liking or loving the post. Or better yet, especially if it's an event RPC is hosting, "Share" the event to your own Facebook page!



On January 23, Wallace McGlennon, son of John and Jane and brother of Johnny will be baptized in worship. Baptism is a communal act of public worship in the Presbyterian denomination. We hope many congregants will be present to show love and support to these members of our church family.

**SUNDAYS WITH TED**—This Sunday, we will resume Sundays with TED at 6:30 p.m. Due to the current surge in Covid cases, we will plan to meet via Zoom until it is safe to meet in person again. Join us for some interesting talks and lively discussion! Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/sundayswithted>  
**1/16/2022** – Eve Abrams – The human stories behind mass incarceration  
**1/23/2022** – Deanna Van Buren – What a world without prisons could look like

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Scout Sunday Meeting  
6:30 pm Sundays with Ted

**Monday**

5:30 pm Volleyball

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum  
7:00 pm Session Meeting

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

7:00 am Women's Forum

**Sunday**

10:00 am Worship with Baptism  
11:00 am Congregational Meeting  
11:00 am Fellowship with Trivia  
1:00 pm Jr/Sr High Faith Formation  
6:40 pm Sundays with Ted

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<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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**2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

	2022	2023	2024
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