

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

January 23, 2022 ~ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE                      *Here I Am, Lord*                      Schutte, arr. John  
Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Worship (Ephesians 4:4-6)

L: There is one body and one spirit that calls you.

**P: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.**

\*HYMN #404                      *What Is This Place*

\*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. Enmeshed in our own thoughts and desires, we miss others' pain and need of help. We miss injustice and say we have earned the gifts of our lives. Forgive our self-absorption, and wash it from us. Your love makes it safe to be who we are most fully and completely in your sight. Help us to trust your love, so that we may admit and transform our errors, neither giving up on ourselves nor on you. When life feels like a battle, help us to take time for you alone. Help us to walk by faith 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

1 Samuel 6:19- 7:12

OT p. 250

ANTHEM      *Seek Ye First*      Lafferty/Pachelbel, arr. Douglas Wagner

SECOND LESSON                      1 Peter 3:15-21b                      NT p. 231

MEDITATION                      “Raising Ebenezers ”

### **OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE**

\*HYMN # 630                      *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Wallace Loe McGlennon

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

\*HYMN #475                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\*BENEDICTION

\*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE #610 v. 5

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

POSTLUDE

*Lord of the Dance*

arr. John Carter

#### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Greeter:** Marilyn Slanec

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Musick

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Fellowship** is hosted by Sara Vacek.

**Thank you** to Mary Ann Sadilek and Nibandh Nadkarni for joining today's Ministry of Music.

**Trustee of the Month:** Lynda Nadkarni and Henry Vogel

#### WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Here I Am, Lord*; Schutte, arr. John Carter

Anthem: *Seek Ye First*; Lafferty/Pachelbel, arr. Douglas Wagner

Postlude: *Lord of the Dance*; arr. John Carter

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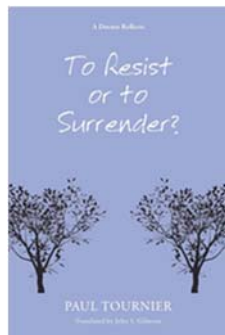
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**JANUARY 23, 2022**

### 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. 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.



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.



**HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT** — Bring your I-pad, tablet or other device to use at fellowship on Sunday! We'll divide into intergenerational teams and each will need one form of technology for the 150 Years of RPC game. Fun for all ages!

**DEVOTIONALS**—Copies of the January-February 2022 Upper Room are available in the sanctuary and office.

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



**5th SUNDAY— JANUARY 30** — Our focus is Refugee support and systemic change. Plans are solidified and include learning about the refugee process and specifically

Afghani refugees' need to complete more paperwork and a longer process than those from other countries. There will be legislative initiative writing as an option. We will also need many hands on deck to sort, catalogue and pack items for the family we are cosponsoring in a few short weeks. In the kitchen, we'll create freezer meals for them. Children and youth are asked to bring a new or gently used book, toy, game, etc. for the family and to write notes of encouragement. All of this requires your [response via this survey](#) so we can properly plan. You can order a t-shirt there too! 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, 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 check it regularly for 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!



**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>

**1/23**—Deanna Van Buren – What a world without prisons could look like

**1/30** —Martha Minow – How forgiveness can create a more just legal system

**2/6** —Jarrell Daniels - What prosecutors and incarcerated people can learn from each other

**THIS WEEK****Today**

10:00 am Worship with Baptism  
 11:00 am Congregational Meeting  
 11:00 am Fellowship with Trivia  
 6:30 pm Sundays with Ted

**Monday**

5:30 pm Volleyball  
 6:00 pm Theology on Tap

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

7:00 am Women's Forum

**Sunday**

10:00 am 5th Sunday  
 6:30 pm Sundays with Ted

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**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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