

Riverside Presbyterian Church

February 13, 2022 ~ 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* arr. Diemer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

L: Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.
They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

P: They shall not fear when heat comes, their leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

*HYMN #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

* CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in you we live, move, and have our being. Your face is hidden from us by our wrongdoing; still, we seek your face. In your mercy, forgive our errors. Gather our disjointed thoughts. Forgive and quiet our anxieties. Forgive and soothe even our times of panic. We believe in your power and mercy Lord, help our unbelief. Let our concerns, our shadows, and even our doubts about you be counted in our favor, because even as we get it wrong, we are trying to love ourselves, each other, and you. Help us not to stumble because of what we think we see or think we know. Instead, please wash us in humility so that we can hand over to you that which is beyond us. Forgive us the distress, insecurity, or pride that compels us to try to “do it ourselves”. We confess these and other faults to you, trusting you to make us clean, once again. (Silence is kept.)

All of this we ask through Christ, your Son Jesus, our Lord. **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, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food so that it may nourish us in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ the bread of heaven. Amen.

FIRST LESSON	Luke 6:12-26	NT p. 64
ANTHEM	<i>God Gave Us Music</i>	Wood
SECOND LESSON	1 Cor 15: 1-23	NT p. 176
HOMILY	"Talk, Talk, Talk"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

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 #172, v. 2-4 *Blest Are They*

*BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE #515 v. 5 *I Come with Joy*

POSTLUDE *Processional* Matthias

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter:

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Fellowship is hosted by Ellen Hamilton.

Flowers are given by Paula McCracken in loving memory of her brother-in-law, Steve Langer.

Trustees of the Month: Brad Staubus and Tom Radigan

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*; arr. Diemer

Anthem: *God Gave Us Music*; Wood

Postlude: *Processional*; Matthias

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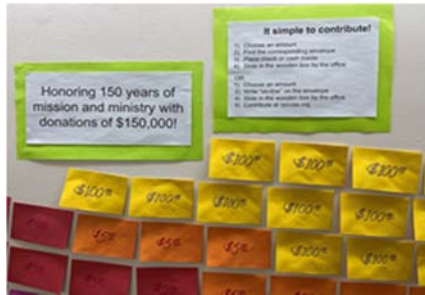
FEBRUARY 13, 2022

THEOLOGY ON TAP — Mondays at 7:00 pm. We are reading and discussing *To Resist or Surrender?* by Paul Tournier. We will meet on Zoom. Use this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/rpcusatot>



FAITH FORMATION K-5 — Sunday, February 13, 11 am

Calling all kids grades K-5 to share a story and do a science experiment that gives a glimpse of the magic of God's creation of our world.



\$150,00 IN OUR 150TH YEAR

Here's a small peek at our large wall! The goal is to raise \$150,000 in our 150th year. You can make your gifts online or in person. Share this with people in your life who care about RPC and you!

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE —Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Dean will be at the Riverside train station at 6:30 am for the imposition of ashes. She will also be in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm and 6:00 pm-6:30 pm for the imposition of ashes.



On Maundy Thursday, April 9, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for a bread and soup supper and Tenebrae Service and Foot (or hand!) Washing Service.

Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion.

**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.



CHURCH DIRECTORY—The church directory has been updated and was emailed to all members and friends. Copies are available in the rack outside the church office, or contact the office to have a copy mailed to you.

BLESSING BAGS — The blessings bags were replenished at our 5th Sunday and include hand warmers for this wintery weather.

Harriet Kweton
Donna Ulrich
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood



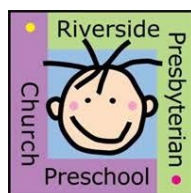
Don and Marcia James, Don is the brother of Joyce Dobrzanski and is hospitalized due to the effects of Alzheimer's Disease.
Doreen Sterba Dezur, our former director of Christian Ed, as she recovers from surgery and undergoes treatment for cancer.
Prayers of comfort for family and friends grieving the death of Edith Wakely. Edie was a former member of RPC. She died January 25 surrounded by family.



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—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—Enrollment is now open for the 22-23 school year and spaces are filling quickly. If you know a neighbor, friend or relative who is looking for a fun-filled preschool education, please encourage them to visit our website at www.rpcpreschool.com and schedule a tour! Lynda Nadkarni is here to answer any questions and provide information to help families make their preschool decisions at rpcpreschool@rpcusa.org.

SUNDAYS WITH TED—NEW TIME —6:00 p.m.

We're hoping that the new time will enable others to join us who have not yet been able to do so. Our format consists of a brief check-in to see how folks are doing; a viewing of the TED Talk for the evening; and discussion sparked by the talk, sometimes going far afield from the original topic, but typically ending our sessions having been enlightened in various ways and having enjoyed some fellowship that comes through sharing stories and insights. 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>
Contact Doug Asbury for further information.



2/13 —Tracie Keesee - How police and the public can create safer neighborhoods together

2/20—Adam Foss - A prosecutor's vision for a better justice system



TROOP 24/PACK 24 SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Saturday, March 5, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. CURBSIDE PICK-UP ONLY. Tickets are \$6 if purchased in advance, \$7 on the day of the breakfast – available from scouts and the church office.

When buying your ticket, consider purchasing an extra ticket or two for community members who use our food pantry.

We will make them available for pick up the week of the breakfast. Thank you for your support!

Please save your empty Kleenex-tissue boxes for Mary Jo. More information coming soon.



5TH SUNDAY — 5th Sunday with Ascension Lutheran and Compassion UMC was fun and productive as we prepared for co-sponsoring a refugee family and replenished the blessing bag basket. Mark your calendar for May 29 when Compassion UMC will host 5th Sunday. We're going to care for God's green earth!

TRUSTEES MEETING— MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 7:00 PM in the Westminster Room.



SESSION MEETING — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 7:00 PM in the Parlor.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Grade K-5 Faith Formation
6:30 pm Sundays with Ted

Monday

9:30 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Volleyball
6:00 pm Theology on Tap
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

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
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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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