

Riverside Presbyterian Church

February 20, 2022 ~ 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* arr. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 37: 3-6, 5a)

L: Trust in the LORD and do good so that you will live in the land and enjoy security.

P: Take delight in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

L: Commit your way to the LORD. Trust in God, and God will act.

P: He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

A: Commit your way to the LORD!

*HYMN #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

* CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we have gone too far astray. On our own, we cannot find our way home to our truest selves or to you. You call us to live the gospel, and we live as the world around us lives. You call us to reconcile with you and to each other, and we go along to get along, live in separation, or pretend, to keep a false peace. You call us to create a commonwealth, and we strain to sustain a kingdom. Forgive us. By the power of your Holy Spirit clean us, and empower us, to align ourselves with your grace, bringing comfort to the afflicted, hope to the despairing, and justice to the wronged. (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 ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, you are the majesty, light and hope of the universe. Infuse us with your wisdom, energy, presence, and love so that we may obey your call to rebuild the world, one person, one animal, one field, one forest, one mountain, one beach, and one river at a time. We ask in and through Christ Jesus, Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11

OT p. 42

ANTHEM *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Schrader

SECOND LESSON Luke 6:27-38 NT p. 64

SERMON "The Beatles Got It Right!"

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*SPECIAL MUSIC *All You Need Is Love* The Beatles

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 God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise God, praise Christ, praise Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE #172 v. 2-4 *Blest Are They*

POSTLUDE

Lord of the Dance

arr. Behnke

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter:

Liturgist: Doug Asbury

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Fellowship is hosted by Sandra Kappmeyer.

Flowers are given by in honor of my sister, Sally Kaiser's birthday from her adoring little brother, Fred Kitch.

Trustees of the Month: Brad Staubus and Tom Radigan

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*; arr. Behnke

Anthem: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*; arr. Schrader

Postlude: *Lord of the Dance*; arr. Behnke

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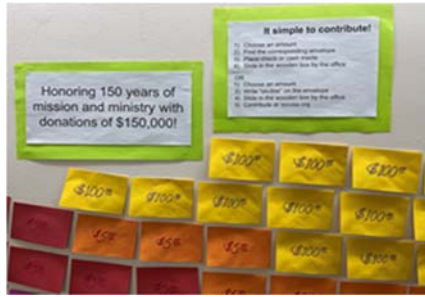
THEOLOGY ON TAP — Mondays at 7:00 pm. We are reading and discussing *To Resist or Surrender?* by Paul Tournier. We will meet on Zoom. Use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/rpcusatot>

JR/SR HIGH FAITH FORMATION — **Sunday, February 27, 12:30 pm**

We will meet at church at 12:30 pm to make desserts and help pack food for The Boulevard. While we work we will talk more about a summer mission trip. Pick up at 2:00 pm.

OFFICE CLOSED Monday, February 21 for President's Day.

REVEREND DEAN AWAY— Reverend Dean will be away February 21-28. In an emergency, you can reach her at 443-359-9553 or call the church office.



\$150,000 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.



HYMN SING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27 — In lieu of a traditional worship service, we will sing hymns from the last 150 years in honor of our 150th anniversary.

FROM OUR TREASURER — 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.



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.

Robert Schade
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.



SUNCATCHER FUNDRAISER—A generous donor has arranged with the Blenko Glass Company of Milton, West Virginia for 50 suncatchers featuring a design by our own Bryan Zander that honors Riverside Presbyterian Church's 150 years of ministry to be produced. They are in the color they call "tangerine," which features a combination of reds, oranges, and yellows. Two examples of this suncatcher can be seen in the hallway across from the office area.

Each suncatcher is unique, due to the variety of ways in which the colors mix in the molten glass as it is poured into the molds. As a result, they have different "eye appeal", though all are quite colorful when the sun shines through them.

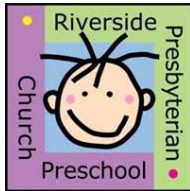
Because of this, we are inviting those who wish to be among the first ten persons to have a chance to choose their specific suncatchers. Those who give the 10 highest amounts above \$25 to the 150th campaign between now and March 13 will be given that chance!

You may contribute via check or online at rpcusa.org. Top donors will be contacted on March 14 and will choose in order of their donation. Questions? Contact Doug Asbury at dougasbury@gmail.com

OUR REFUGEE FAMILY IS COMING SOON!

The Alhaffar family – mom, dad, three daughters and son – are Syrian Muslims scheduled to arrive on Thursday, February 24 after 10 years in a Jordanian refugee camp. Please watch your email as we will learn very last minute about the details of the apartment move, timing of the airplane, needs they may have we haven't yet covered, etc. And also please pray for their safe travels and smooth transition to life in the United States.

To learn more about what their refugee camp was like, watch Our Home in The Desert <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igPVUi2HeH0>



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—6:00 p.m. 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.



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

2/27 - When a TED speaker "goes bad," what do we do?



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!

The **WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, February 23 at 10:30 am in the upstairs parlor. We will be studying Lesson 6 of the book "What My Grandmothers Taught Me" by Meryll Blair. Led by Kate Chard. All women are welcome to join in. We look forward to the gathering! If you cannot attend in person, here is the log in information:

<https://zoom.us/j/98513169535pwd=SU9RZDJ2Vm42QkRzTmJHOUtmMHcvQT09>

Meeting ID: 985 1316 9535, Passcode: 899045,

Dial by your location 1(312) 626-6799

THIS WEEK**Today**

10:00 am Worship
 11:00 am Fellowship
 6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

Monday—President’s Day

Office & Preschool Closed
 5:30 pm Volleyball
 7:00 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum

Wednesday

10:30 am Women’s Circle
 6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

7:00 am Women’s Forum

Sunday

10:00 am Worship-Hymn Sing
 11:00 am Fellowship
 1:30 Boulevard
 3:00 pm Jr/Sr Faith Formation
 6:00 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
Elders	Ben Dickerson Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak Sandra Kappmeyer Jon Jansky	Susan Lynch Carrie Staubus Mary Beth Wynn Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
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