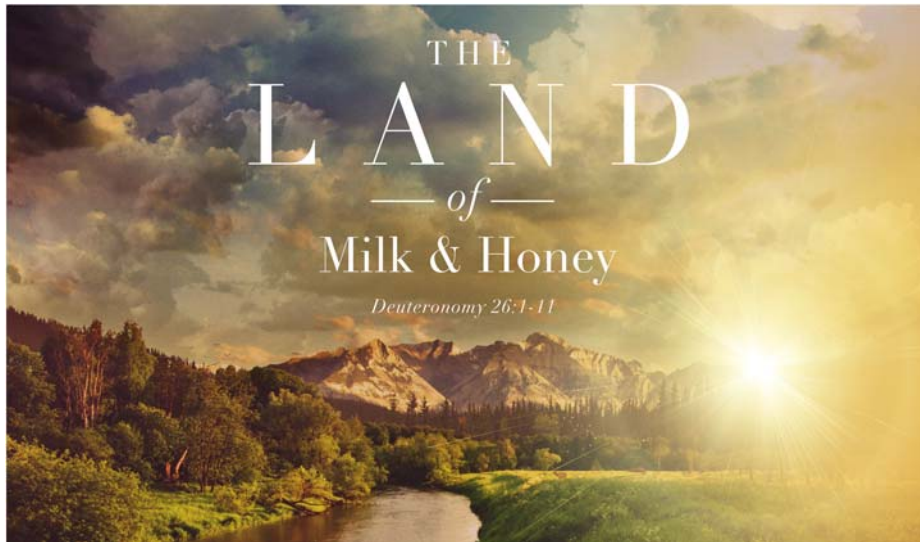


## Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 6, 2022 ~ First Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE      *Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort*      Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98:1-4)

L: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand & his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love & faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**P: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

\*HYMN #35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION (Isa 43:2)

L: When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and for what has become consuming. Free us from a past we cannot change. Open our eyes, so that we can see in ourselves that which needs changing, and help us to grow into your grace and likeness.** (Silence is kept.)

All of this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE (Isa 43:1, 19)

L: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**P: Thanks be to God.**

L: Our Lord Jesus said:

**P: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

L: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

**P: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

L: On these two commandments hang all the teaching and the prophets. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

\*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	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	OT p. 180
ANTHEM	<i>We Are the Hands of Christ</i>	Raney
SECOND LESSON	Luke 4:1-14	NT p. 61
SERMON	"Fences and Bubble Wrap"	

## OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

\*HYMN #494                      *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN #724                      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

\*BENEDICTION

\*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE HYMN #515, v. 5 *I Come With Joy*

POSTLUDE    *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*                      Karg-Elert

**WORSHIP NOTES**

Prelude: *Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort*; Buxtehude

Anthem: *We Are the Hands of Christ*; arr. Raney

Postlude: *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*; Karg-Elert

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**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Greeter:** Tom Radigan

**Liturgist:** Ellen Hamilton

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Fellowship** is hosted by Brad and Jill McClain.

**Flowers** are given by the Wynn-Jackson family in celebration of Tyler's birthday.

**Thank you** to Andrea Eckhart for joining today's Ministry of Music.



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**MARCH 6, 2022**



**LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE** — On Maundy Thursday, April 14, 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.

**K-5 FAITH FORMATION** —will meet Sunday, March 6 from 11:00 - 11:45 for a mystery project!



**\$150,000 IN OUR 150TH YEAR** —Take a look at our 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!

**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.



**TIME CHANGE** — Set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 12 for Daylight Saving Time!

Robert Schade  
Ruth and Frank Svestka  
Harriet Kweton  
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.

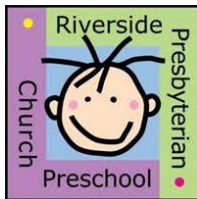
Each suncatcher is unique, due to the variety of ways in which the colors mix in the molten glass as it is poured into the molds. As a result, they have different "eye appeal", though all are quite colorful when the sun shines through them. Because of this, we are inviting those who wish to be among the first ten persons to have a chance to choose their specific suncatchers. Those who give the 10 highest amounts above \$25 to the 150<sup>th</sup> campaign between now and March 13 will be given that chance!

You may contribute via check or online at [rpcusa.org](http://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](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com)

**SUNDAYS WITH TED**—6:00 p.m. We will meet via Zoom. Here is the link you can click in order to join our session, as well as the passcode you will be asked to type in when the box opens requesting it: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676>



[pwd=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury. **3/6**—What really happens when you mix medications?  
**3/13**—Stuart Firestein—The pursuit of ignorance



**PRESCHOOL NEWS**—If you haven't yet, please head over to the Preschool Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/rpcpreschool> and give it a "like". Those metrics matter as we work to recruit next year's class of little learners. Plus you can see all the wonderful play-based learning that happens each day!

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** — is on break.



## REFUGEES HAVE ARRIVED!

*(Portrait by eldest daughter Hanaa, age 13.)*

As we visit with the AlHaffar family we learn a bit more about them and their journey....

Dad, Adnan, has two sisters. He, as the only son, was responsible for his parents. They are still in the camp in Jordan. This causes him great concern. The family has friends living on Devon whom they met at the camp in Jordan. Both families were initially told they would be relocated to Florida and instead landed here in snow storms! At least they have each other and us. Adnan and Hanaa are eager to learn English and have the children

enrolled in school. In their culture, students are grouped by ability. We explained that here they are grouped by age. That prompted a question about birthdays and Hanaa has to think hard to come up with those for her children. Birthday celebrations are not part of their culture, nor are birthday milestones. We explained how important knowing your birthday is in the US. It's nice to learn about their culture and traditions as they learn about ours. Every time we visit, they thank us for our generosity and say that God has blessed them with us in their lives. Please continue to pray for their transition to life in America.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS**—Did you know Riverside Foods is now offering produce to RPC Tuesdays and Thursdays? If you are able to help with pick up any Tuesday or Thursday morning, contact Deb Jansky 708-822-9557 or [newhorizons002@gmail.com](mailto:newhorizons002@gmail.com) to sign up. We now have fresh produce 4 days a week!

## FRESH PRODUCE



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—Since 1949, Presbyterians have participated in One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's

love with people experiencing need. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is traditionally received during the Lenten and Easter season and is one of the largest ways that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps improve the lives of people through these programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. You can donate by credit card online at [rpcusa.org](http://rpcusa.org) or by check. Please note One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line of your check.

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

10:00 am Worship-Communion  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Mission & Outreach  
11:00 pm K-5 Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

**Monday**

5:30 pm Volleyball  
7:00 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

**Saturday**

9:00 am All Church Work Day

**Sunday**

*Daylight Savings Time Begins*  
10:00 am Worship-Communion  
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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**

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