

Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children
through 1st grade after the Mini
Message.

*Indicates please stand in body or
Spirit.



All are invited to share gifts in the offering plates located at the end of the aisles before worship. The plates will be brought forward prior to the Doxology.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Menuet Gothique from Suite Gothique* Op. 25 Boëllmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 99)

Leader: O Lord, you are a lover of justice,

**People: You seek equity and have executed justice and righteousness
in Jacob.**

Leader: We praise your great and awesome name,

People: We come to worship you at your holy mountain.

*HYMN #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ. Amen. (Silence is kept.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Christ, 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 first grade and younger may go to childcare. Please see the Greeter.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of transfiguring light, show us your Word as we read the words of Scripture today, so that your will and way can illumine our paths. Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

OT p. 70

SECOND READING

Matthew 17:1-9

NT p. 18

SERMON

“Get Up and Do Not Be Afraid”

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind. Amen.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Ave Verum

Mozart

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS (unison)

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts we have received from your good creation. We now ask your blessing upon the gifts we offer here today so that they might be a sign of our commitment to serve you in all that we are and do. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER (Silence is kept.)

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.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #697 (v 1-4)

Take My Life

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Partita on St. Anne

arr. Manz

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter: Stuart Marciniak

Liturgist: Doug Asbury

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of their father and grandfather, Louis Edward Silverthorn, from Elizabeth Musick and family.

Fellowship today is hosted by Sandra Kappmeyer.

Trustees of the Month: John McGlennon and Lynda Nadkarni

WORSHIP NOTES

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Liturgy written by Roger Gench for The Presbyterian Outlook.



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FEBRUARY 19, 2023

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE will meet after worship **today** to discuss mission expenditures and share ideas for spring activities. New members are most welcome. If you are interested in sharing your ideas for RPC to serve our own community and others worldwide, please join us. If you have questions, please talk to Sandra Kappmeyer or Mary Beth Wynn.

ASH WEDNESDAY —Because we do not have a resident pastor, we are not distributing ashes this year. Rev. Chris Honig of Ascension Lutheran Church will be continuing the tradition (started by our former Pastor Dale Jackson) of distributing ashes at the train station from 6:30-8:30 am on Ash Wednesday. There is also an Ash Wednesday liturgy at 7:30 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church for those desiring a worship service.

FAITH FORMATION — will meet at 11am on the following dates. Some activities are planned, but other dates are open. We would love to have your child's ideas! They can be shared with Lynda missionandoutreach@rppcusa.org

2/26 – prek – 5th grade children

3/19 – all children and youth

4/2 – pre-k – 5th grade children (Easter egg hunt)

4/16 – junior and senior high youth

5/21 – all children and youth

Faith Formation for ages PreK – 5th grade after worship on February 26. We hope to see many of our youngest church family there! We will experience a Bible story through creative play and a craft. See Lynda if you have any questions. missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS DESIRED — For the safety of our children, two people are in childcare each week. Keri Herrera has worked in the childcare room for nearly 20 years and is an expert. She needs a second person and is looking for volunteers. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or by emailing the office at rpcoffice@rpcusa.org.

David Schade
Sara Wert
Bret Jackson
Rudy Nekovar, father of Keri Herrera
Ellen Myers, mother of Debra Myers
Lloyd Bradbury
John Lynch
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Edward Hand, brother-in law of Elizabeth Musick



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION GATHERING—Want to learn more about being a member of RPC? Grab your coffee and treats and come across the hall to the Westminster Room on **Sunday, March 5** for a brief information session. Please let the office know if childcare is desired.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP — JULY 23-29 All students going into their freshman year – just graduated their senior year are invited to attend. Spread the word because friends are welcome too! **Informational meeting on March 12 at noon.** One adult should attend with their youth. Questions—contact Lynda missionandoutreach@rppcusa.org

2023 PLEDGE DRIVE UNDERWAY— If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider making a pledge for 2023.

SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m. We will meet via Zoom. Here is the link you can click on 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?pwd=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury **2/19**—DeAmon Harges—Making the Invisible Visible
2/26— Emily Baxter —We Are All Criminals

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT UPDATE — You can help raise funds by supporting a pasta fundraiser. [Fun Pasta Fundraising](#) has pastas, soups, stews and more including vegan and gluten free items. We receive 40% of the sales.

PER CAPITA — The 2023 per capita is \$36.50/member. We are required to pay per capita for each member to the Presbytery whether members donate or not, so every unpaid per capita hits our bottom line. Please pay yours!

PRESCHOOL NEWS— Can you believe that next week is our 100th day of preschool? We can't either! Our kiddos can count to 100 by 10s, in English AND Spanish! It's also dino week so to celebrate, we're having 100 dino nuggets at snack time. There's no end to the fun ways students learn at RPC Preschool!

**100
DAYS OF
SCHOOL!**



**CHURCH
DIRECTORY**

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.

SESSION MEETING—FEBRUARY 21 at 7:30 pm in the Parlor.



**SESSION
MEETING**



TROOP 24/PACK 24 SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Saturday, March 4, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. **CURBSIDE PICK-UP or DINE IN.** 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 22 at 10:30 am in the library. We will discuss Lesson 5 of the book "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol M. Bechtel. If you cannot attend in person, contact the church office for help.

OFFICE CLOSED — Monday, February 20 for President's Day .

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATES —

The mothers of the two families we are supporting had a chance to meet at the taco dinner. They were able to converse because while from very different backgrounds and parts of the world, both speak Arabic. They learned how much they have in common (ten years in a camp, four children each, watching those children learn English quickly when they find it a challenge, and more).



THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Mission & Outreach
2:30 pm Worship at Caledonia
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

Office & Preschool Closed
5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:30 am Women's Bible Study
4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

7:00 am Women's Forum

Sunday

10:00 am Worship-Ringers & Singers
11:00 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Congregational Life
1:30 pm The Boulevard
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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2023 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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| Elders | 2023 Lisa Aulerich Marciniak Jon Jansky Sandra Kappmeyer | 2024 Susan Lynch Carrie Staubus Mary Beth Wynn | 2025 Betsy Gardner Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk |
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