

Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday in Lent

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

Largo

Händel/Bish

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 (based Psalm 42:1-2)

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams

People: so our souls long for you, O God.

Leader: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

People: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

*HYMN #166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are more aware of our thirst for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to your well today desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. 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 for more information or directions.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) (Book of Common Worship)

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts—a spring of hope for a thirsty world. Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

OT p. 64

SECOND READING

John 4:5-42

NT p. 94

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

O Lamb of Calvary

Larson

*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)

God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing and the destitute. 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 #223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in a minor

Sweelinck

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeters: Jon and Debra Jansky

Liturgist: John Haugland

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Fellowship today is hosted by Debra and Jon Jansky.

Trustees of the Month: Henry Vogel and Debra Jansky

WORSHIP NOTES

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Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.

Newsletter

Riverside Presbyterian Church

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MARCH 12, 2023



LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE — On Maundy Thursday, April 6, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for a bread and soup supper.

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

FAITH FORMATION — will meet at 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

3/19 – all children and youth at 11 am

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

4/16 – junior and senior high youth at noon

5/21 – all children and youth at 11 am

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RETURNS!

VBS Science Camp coming in June.

Save the dates—June 26-29.

See the wonders of God's world

through science activities. For kids in grades K-5. More information and enrollment form to follow.



CHILDCARE POSITION OPEN — RPC is looking for a reliable, attentive adult, to fill one of two childcare positions in our nursery on the first four Sunday mornings of each month. Working hours are 9:45 am - 11:15 am. Pay is \$20/hour. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and able to pass a background check. If interested, please submit a resume and contact information for three non-familial references to the church office or electronically to rpcoffice@rpcusa.org.

TRUSTEES MEETING — The Trustees will meet Monday, March 13 at 7:30 pm in the library.

**BOARD
OF
Trustees'
MEETING**

David Schade
John Lynch
Sara Wert
Lloyd Bradbury
Jack Smith

Monica and James Wood

Alice Ann Hand and Edward Hand, sister and brother-in-law of Liz Musick

Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick

Prayers of peace and comfort to family and friends grieving the death of Rudy Nekovar, father of Keri Herrera.



WORSHIP AT CALEDONIA — Sunday, March 19, 2:30 pm. The Deacons welcome all members to join in the worship service at Caledonia next Sunday.

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!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — OGHS began in 1946 as an ecumenical effort to

support victims of the war in Europe. Today it continues, with Christians from around the world sharing their treasures for world relief. You can join in the effort with a gift in the collection plate using the envelope in the rack by the greeter or [online](#) by selecting special fund and making a note to indicate OGHS. Fish banks can be returned on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Thank you for helping to heal the broken and make their lives more beautiful.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the March-April Upper Room are in the rack outside the office and at the back of the sanctuary.

RECYCLE YOUR BAGS — You can recycle your plastic grocery bags here! We put them out for people accessing the food pantry. Bags can be left in Lynda's office. Thank you!



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](#), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury **3/12** — Virginia Warren—Lawyers Are Trained To Break The Law **3/19**— Aaron Bastani—A Socialist Perspective on the Pursuit of Happiness



REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE — Can you believe it's been one year since the AlHaffar family arrived in Chicago? Lynda received this message from Adnan, the patriarch, on the anniversary of their arrival: Today is thanks to you (plural). You are the ones who helped me and my family and stood by me. You treat us with the best treatment. And we don't know how to repay you. We thank God for you. (pictured is Adnan and Mohammad, age 4)

WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY Save the date! The Women's Circle Bible Study group plans to meet on Wednesday, March 22 at 10:30 am in the library. More information soon.

PRESCHOOL NEWS— Thank you nurse Connie for teaching our students about their internal organs and how they work. There's no limit to the things these big brains can learn! Do you have special knowledge/ interests to share or time to read to our students? If so, let Lynda know at rpcpreschool@rpcusa.org.



THIS WEEK

Today

Daylight Saving Time Begins

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Mission Trip Info Meeting

3:00 pm Confirmation Class ZOOM

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

7:30 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

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

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Faith Formation

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Riverside Presbyterian, IL

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

Elders	2023	2024	2025
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	Sandra Kappmeyer	Mary Beth Wynn	Serina Ranft
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Nancy Dvorak	Jim Marciniak	Thom DeVries
	Elizabeth Musick	Steve Marcus	Paula McCracken
	Marilyn Slanec	Wendy Seifert	
Trustees	Doug Harvin	John McGlennon	Deb Jansky
	Henry Vogel	Lynda Nadkarni	Tom Radigan
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