

Welcome to  
**Riverside**  
**Presbyterian Church**

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

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

*The Palms*

Fauré

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

**And also with you.**

CHORAL INTROIT

*Give My Oil in my Lamp*

arr. Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, Rejoice! Sing out in celebration, God's people!  
Your King is coming to you, humble, riding on a donkey, on a  
donkey's foal.

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!**

\*HYMN #197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our faith is often more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own. (Silence is kept.)**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is now therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*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.**

BAPTISM OF COOPER JOHN THICKENS AND CHILDREN'S 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)

**Divine redeemer, center us today in your holy Word. Liberate us from the distractions of daily life and the sins which constrict and close our minds. Help us to hear the truth you intend for us today. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Matthew 21:1-11

NT p. 23

SERMON

"Pick Up Your Palm Branch"

**OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE**

\*HYMN #196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

\*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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

THE OFFERING &amp; OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

*Savior, to Your Passion Go*

Moultie/Abbot

\*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 amaze us with your grace and the depths of your love. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless the energy, intelligence, imagination and love we put into furthering Christ’s ministry among your people. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

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 #198 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Nun Bitten Wir* Buxtehude

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.  
Confession by the Rev. John Paarlberg on Faithword.org, with permission.



## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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**APRIL 2, 2023**

**TODAY WE WELCOME REV. GRAYSON VAN CAMP** — The Rev. M. Grayson Van Camp, H.R., continues to serve the Presbytery of Chicago as its ecumenical representative on a number of ecumenical councils. An alumna of McCormick Theological Seminary, she served there for a decade as the director of continuing education and served Chicago Presbytery for three years as an interim associate executive presbyter. She holds the distinction of being the first Anglo woman ordained to serve a Korean American congregation, Hanmee Presbyterian Church, Itasca, IL. Grayson currently provides pulpit supply in the Presbytery and assists at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn. She and her husband live in Glen Ellyn and they are the proud parents of two grown children.

**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 with worship.

**Easter Sunday** will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations; and we will partake in communion.

**FAITH FORMATION** — will meet 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](mailto:missionandoutreach@rppcusa.org)

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

**4/16** – junior and senior high youth at noon

**5/21** – all children and youth at 11 am

### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Thank you** to Rev. Grayson Van Camp for leading worship today.

**Thank you** to the Riverside Ringers & Singers for joining today's Ministry of Music.

**Greeter:** Susan Lynch

**Liturgist:** Ellen Hamilton

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Flowers** today are given in memory of my beloved brother, Don Lincoln James, from Joyce Dobrzanski.

**Fellowship** today is hosted by Sandra Kappmeyer and Dennis Zander.

**Trustees of the Month:** Debra Jansky and Doug Harvin

Alyssa Schwarz  
David Schade  
John Lynch  
Sara Wert  
Lloyd Bradbury  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood



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



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RETURNS!** VBS Science Camp coming in June. Save the dates—June 26-29, 9 am—11:45 am. See the wonders of God’s world through

science activities. For kids in grades K-5. Teen and adult volunteers desired! See Sandra Kappmeyer for more information.

**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](mailto:rpcoffice@rpcusa.org).



**SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER** — April 30, 4-7pm social hall with profits for youth mission trip. Tickets available online or in the office.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4AB/campaign/C-13JA9>

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



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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 heal the broken and make their lives better.

**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 **4/2** — Fred Kiel—Psychopaths in the C-Suite **4/9** — Easter—No TED Talk **4/16** —Juliana Moseley—Cultural Humility



**REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE** — The AlHaffar family, who we sponsored in February 2022, are Muslim and are in the holy month of Ramadan. Here’s a great article to learn more about this sacred religious practice. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/ramadan>



**BOMBAS SOCKS FOR MISSION** — Do you love Bombas? Here’s your chance to have a pair or more! For each \$20 donation to the youth mission trip to Appalachia Service Project, you’ll receive a personal note and two pairs of black low-rise socks (youth or adult). When donating please make a note of size youth or adult. Cash, checks and online donations all available.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4AB/campaign/C-13J50>

**WORSHIP AT CANTATA TODAY** — The Deacons welcome all members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata at 2 pm today.

**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.



**PRESCHOOL NEWS** — Last week, preschool took our annual field trip to the Riverside Arts Center where they both made a clay keepsake for their families and learned about the abstract art of Wassily Kandinsky to create this mural. Art allows them to express emotion, provides fine motor skills and critical thinking. We’re so lucky to be able to provide many opportunities to offer creative expression at preschool!

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Today**

10:00 am Worship—Palm Sunday,  
Baptism, Ringers & Singers

11:00 am Fellowship

2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

3:00 pm Confirmation via ZOOM

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

### **Monday**

5:30 pm Volleyball

### **Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

### **Wednesday**

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday**

7:00 am Women's Forum

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Soup  
Supper

### **Sunday—Easter Sunday**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

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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**

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
Deacons	Nancy Dvorak Elizabeth Musick Marilyn Slanec	Jim Marciniak Steve Marcus Wendy Seifert	Thom DeVries Paula McCracken Open
Trustees	Doug Harvin Henry Vogel Open	John McGlennon Lynda Nadkarni Open	Deb Jansky Tom Radigan Open