

Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

August 13, 2023

Please silence your cell phones.

* Please stand in body or Spirit. **Bold** indicates congregational response.



“ I was
sick and
you visited
me ... ”

Matthew 25:36

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

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Dona Nobis Pacem

arr. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with a sign of Christ's peace.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Mark 5:21-43)

With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbors, we gather:

**Come among us, Healing God,
with that love which never ends.**

With faith reaching out to touch,
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:
**Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:
**Come among us, Dryer of our tears,
to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

*HYMN #802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14, Matthew 16:24, Luke 14:27, Matthew 7:21-23, Matthew 25:31-46 and others)

You call us to be your voices in this world
and we stay silent.

You call us to be your hands in this world
and we keep them hidden.

You call us to be your feet in this world
and we go our own way.

When we meet those who are hurting
and say nothing, **forgive us.**

When we meet those who need your touch
and do nothing, **forgive us.**

When we are called to take up your cross
and carry nothing, **forgive us.**

Breathe life into these bones
bring freedom to these lives

that we might declare

with heart and soul and voice

that you are our Lord and our God. **Amen.** (Silence is kept.)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus
forgives us, heals us and sets us free to rebuild, restore,
and raise up foundations for new generations.

Hear the good news, that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

#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

How firm a foundation is laid for our faith in your excellent Word, O Lord! As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our faith be strengthened that we may step out in faith and follow our Lord Jesus where he leads us. Amen.

FIRST READING

Job 2:11-13

OT p. 454

SECOND READING

Matthew 25:31-40

NT p. 29

SERMON

"Visit the Sick"

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN #792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people**

do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Unclouded Day

Alwood

*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

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you in faith and promise to provide us
everything we need for ministry in your name. Bless these gifts we
bring, that we may use them faithfully to share the good news of your
love and mercy. In your holy name we pray. 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 #450

Be Thou My Vision

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God* arr. Behnke

WORSHIP NOTES

Call to Worship written by Thom Shuman. Prayer for Illumination and Prayer of Dedication written by Philip K. Gladden for The Presbyterian Outlook.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to members of the RPC Chancel Choir for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Greeter: Lynda Nadkarni

Liturgist: Doug Asbury

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers are given to the Glory of God with thanks for our church family.

Fellowship is ice cream! Come down and enjoy.

Trustees of the Month: John McGlennon and Lynda Nadkarni



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AUGUST 13, 2023

Dear RPC,

Thank you all for the wonderful installation service and reception last Sunday. It feels great to be official! There are many of you who I have yet to meet with, though, so I hope we can still be intentional about getting to know each other. The waterpark excursion was a good opportunity to meet some of our youth, and now there is a new sign-up genius for anyone who is available to meet up for coffee or tea or other beverages. 9am is just a placeholder – if another time works better for you, let's work it out!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054aa8ac2aa6fd0-coffee#/>

Grace and Peace,

Mark



Mary Ann Sadilek

John Lynch

Lloyd Bradbury

Jack Smith

Alice Ann Hand, sister of Elizabeth Musick.

Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick



SUNDAY FUNDAY— You won't want to miss Sunday, September 10! We're giving Bibles to children, kicking off Faith Formation, having a picnic and more! Plan for 10am worship and fellowship with fun and games.

PET BLESSING — Save the date – Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 am on the lawn.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — Item of the month is **beans!** Any variety: canned pork and beans, baked beans, refried beans, garbanzo, red, white, butter, etc. Dried beans too!



SUNDAYS WITH TED & FRIENDS – 6:00 p.m. We will meet in person in the church library and via Zoom. Use the following link for Zoom video: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87222338595> To join by phone, dial and follow the prompts to enter the meeting number: +13126266799,87222338595# You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury at dougasbury@gmail.com.

August 13, 20 & 27, our focus will be US-North Korea relations and various efforts to analyze the situation and to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula. If you have not yet had a chance to view the 2-hour documentary on the efforts of WCDMZ to walk across the Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas - a film titled Crossings - it will be free of cost for streaming through August 22. You are encouraged to take time to watch it!

[WORLD Channel: Doc World - Crossings](#)



MISSION & OUTREACH — We are collecting gently used and new shoes for children and adults through the end of October. Please put them in the barrel outside the office. Our goal is 2,000 pair so share with your friends and neighbors!

STAFF TRANSITION — My role as Minister of Mission and Outreach will be phased out on August 15 and a new role of Coordinator of Children’s Ministry will phase in. One constant is the Preschool Director calling for which I am thankful. The Mission and Outreach tasks are being shared among staff and volunteers, myself included. If you want to help with Refugee Resettlement, I’m the volunteer to see. Food Panty your passion? See Doug. A desire to expand the community’s knowledge of RPC and our deeds? Volunteers are desired, especially for social media outreach. Coordinating Children’s Ministry is a nice way of saying I’ll ensure Faith Formation for the children 5th grade and younger in the congregation. I’m excited for this opportunity! – Lynda

MISSION TRIP—Thank you for the many ways you supported our ASP trip! Your participation in the spaghetti dinner, donations for Bombas, adopting a date, prayers and much more resulted in the experience of a lifetime. You can see all our photos on the Facebook page or Website (look under mission). It was truly as transformative for us as it was for the family we supported.

Brad, Luke, Cooper, Jaden, Kaki, Olive and Reese

PRESCHOOL EXPANSION — We’re excited to introduce Diana Moreno as an assistant teacher. Diana and her family live in Brookfield along with their two dogs. She loves to do arts & crafts and go to the zoo with her six-year-old daughter. Diana says “I’m super excited to meet all the little ones and am proud to be part of Riverside Presbyterian Church Preschool!” Our full day offering has led to 25 students. We’re excited that so many people are interested in having their children learn with us until 3:00 pm.



SESSION MEETING — Session will meet Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 pm in the parlor.

TRUSTEES MEETING — The Trustees will meet Monday, August 14 at 6:00 pm.



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY — Tuesday, August 22 at 6 pm. There are many small and simple tasks – no special skills required!

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:15 pm Volleyball

6:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Saturday

9:00 am Session Retreat

Sunday

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

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[Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

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
	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak	Susan Lynch	Betsy Gardner
	Jon Jansky	Carrie Staubus	Ellen Hamilton
	Sandra Kappmeyer	Mary Beth Wynn	Serina Ranft
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	2023	2024	2025
	Nancy Dvorak	Jim Marciniak	Thom DeVries
	Elizabeth Musick	Steve Marcus	Paula McCracken
	Marilyn Slanec	Wendy Seifert	Open
Trustees	2023	2024	2025
	Doug Harvin	John McGlennon	Deb Jansky
	Henry Vogel	Lynda Nadkarni	Tom Radigan
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