



Riverside Presbyterian Church

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June 6, 2021

Friends,

FROM THE PASTOR

At the Session meeting last week, I shared with Session the news that I have been called by Heartland Presbytery (Kansas City area) to be their Presbytery Leader. I share this news with you with both excitement and sadness. Dennis and I have enjoyed our time with you and will cherish the friendships we have made. I am especially grateful for the warmth and love you showed Dennis on our arrival. We will be sad to leave.

I am excited for this new challenge in my ministry. As you know, I believe that the church must be willing to reform in new and creative ways and I believe work at the Presbytery level can help bring about that change. I am also excited for RPC. While it is true you had some difficulties in the past, today you are a strong, forward-looking, mission-minded congregation. Your Session is a wonderful and spiritual group of leaders and you are in capable hands. My prayer is that for your next pastor, you call someone who will continue to allow you to grow in your understanding of mission and what it means to serve the community and world.

My last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 27 and then I will be on vacation for two weeks as Dennis and I arrange our move. While I know there will be times of sadness in the next month, there is much to celebrate. We are returning to a hybrid in-person worship service, we are welcoming confirmands, and in my closing weeks we have the joy of celebrating three baptisms! God is indeed good.

With the Peace of Christ,
Dale

IN PERSON WORSHIP — June 6, 2021, 10:00 am - you are invited to begin joining us for indoor watch parties in the Sanctuary. Because of our abundant love for those who are not vaccinated, masks will be required while in the building. At this time there will be no singing. We also encourage everyone to practice social distancing. After the watch party, there will be an opportunity for fellowship outside under the tent in front of the manse. Drinks will be provided. Both sanctuary doors will be open and those restrooms will be available. Worship will still be on our YouTube channel and available for calling in on Zoom.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP FOR DALE & DENNIS

Please join in the celebration of appreciation for Dale and Dennis!

Friday, June 18, 6:30pm

40 N. Delaplaine Road, Riverside

Kindly bring an appetizer or dessert to share and BYOB.

Contact Connie Kelly (708) 772-1767 or Lynda Nadkarni (708) 288-0899 with questions.



SAVE THE DATE—DALE’S LAST SERVICE is SUNDAY, JUNE 27. More details to follow. Make sure you’re here to say goodbye. A special fellowship event is being planned.

THEOLOGY ON TAP—Mondays at 7 pm *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diane Butler Bass

See back page for log-in information.

Called Congregational Meeting

HYBRID CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

—The Session has called a Hybrid Called Congregational Meeting on June 20 at 11:00 am for the purpose of electing an Elder to fill an

unexpired term and to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Reverend Dale Jackson and RPC effective July 14. For information, Reverend Jackson’s last Sunday is June 27 and then he will be on 2 weeks vacation. You may participate in the meeting on Zoom or in person.

- ◆ Carrie Staubus
- ◆ Marge Abbott
- ◆ Donna Ulrich
- ◆ Alyssa Schwarz
- ◆ Joyce Van Cura
- ◆ Jack Smith
- ◆ Monica Wood
- ◆ Jill Malik, cousin of Joyce Dobrzanski
- ◆ Jerry Augutis, neighbor of Steve Marcus
- ◆ Prayers for healing for Jan Lorenz, friend of Steve Marcus



COMMUNION SUNDAY —Sunday June 6, we celebrate communion as part of worship. Remember to have your bread or crackers and juice or another beverage ready for worship.



SESSION MEETING—

Session will meet Wednesday, June 16 at 7: 00 pm. Attendees can attend in person or on Zoom.

ZOOM FRIDAYS WITH TED 7:00 pm

June 4 - Siddhartha Roy - Science in service to the public good

June 11 - Tomas Chamorro-Premuzic - Why do so many incompetent men become leaders?

June 18 - No session tonight due to Friday Fellowship

June 25 - Stephen Ilardi - Depression is a disease of civilization



Contact facilitator Doug Asbury dougasbury@gmail.com, for more information. See back page for log-in information.

SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS — will resume Sunday, June 6 at 9:00 a.m. in hybrid form. Those who wish to attend worship in person are invited to arrive at 9:00, enter through the south door to the sanctuary and come down the hall to the library for discussion of the morning's scripture. We will be masked and socially distanced. Those who wish to join remotely may do so by logging on at 9:00 a.m. via the Zoom link for the morning worship.



MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER OF MISSION AND OUTREACH —

This was an exciting week as I began my new role at RPC! First order of business was to meet with the preschool staff. Exciting new changes are coming this fall when we begin our 51st year.

Preschool will be Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 1:00. I'm so happy that we have Joan Kanatas and Michelle Cronin returning, along with new member of the team Ann Vondriska to make the magic happen. You'll start seeing social media posts as we recruit young learners. Do me a favor and share those on your personal pages or groups you are a part of. I would appreciate the help spreading the word!

Here's my contact information should you want to talk preschool, mission, outreach, or about anything else. I'm looking forward to working with all of you in this new way!

Lynda Nadkarni, Minister of Mission and Outreach

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ZOOM SUNDAY INFORMATION — SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP, COFFEE FELLOWSHIP AND SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS

Sunday morning you may call and listen to the worship service by dialing 1(312)626-6799 and using meeting ID: 973 5627 6934; Password: 960995. Stay on the line after worship and join us for Coffee Fellowship.

If you are joining Coffee Fellowship after viewing worship on YouTube follow this link: <https://bit.ly/RPCFellowship>.

THEOLOGY ON TAP — Mondays at 7:00 pm —<https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErT0twWmExUXlTc3ozQT09> Meeting ID: 935 547 600
Passcode: 636553, Dial by your location: 1 (312) 626-6799

SESSION MEETING - <https://zoom.us/j/95135032048pwd=cjZYTEgrcjZQRGlicG1JQmlyWEhhdz09>
Meeting ID: 951 3503 2048, Passcode: 067773,
Dial by your location 1 (312) 626-6799 US (Chicago)

FRIDAYS WITH TED —Fridays at 7:00 pm
<https://zoom.us/j/99491619038?pwd=QWRmandlcWtkdTJiRFZPaHhSL3pDZz09>
Meeting ID: 994 9161 9038 Passcode: 899034
Dial by your location: 1 (312) 626-6799

WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY — Fourth Wednesday of the month <https://zoom.us/j/98513169535pwd=SU9RZDJ2Vm42QkRzTmJHOutmMHcvQT09>
Meeting ID: 985 1316 9535, Passcode: 899045,
Dial by your location 1 (312) 626-6799 US (Chicago)

2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP		
Elders		
2021	2022	2023
Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak
Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton	Sandra Kappmeyer
Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft	Lynda Nadkarni
Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk		
Deacons		
Deb Jansky	Claire Gangware	Jeanine Buttimer
Wendy Seifert	Sylvia Schade	Bridget Juister
Joyce Van Cura	Susanne Vogel	Susan Lynch
Trustees		
Thom DeVries	Paula McCracken	Frank Gangware
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Mike Heine	Brad Staubus	Henry Vogel