

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *Praise Him, Alleluia!* Butler

* HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

* HYMN 354 *Guide My Feet*

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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Trustees of the Month of February: Thom DeVries and Brad Staubus

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

January 28, 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.
Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.
Sermons available at

“ Prophets:
*People gifted with more than ordinary moral insight
who stand out as effective leaders for a cause. ”*

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

O Wither Shall I Flee

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

God, who sets us on a journey to discover, dream and grow,
stir the spirit, stretch our minds, grant the vision that we lack.

Exploration brings new insights, changes, choices we must face;

give us wisdom in deciding, give us courage for the journey.

Cherish only what's essential,

there can be no turning back

to go where grace is needed most.

* HYMN 274

O God of Earth and Space

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We think we know so much, O God, and with our meager knowledge we presume to judge others. We arrogantly announce our own righteousness without a compassionate thought. We proclaim your word when it suits us and often only to those with whom we want to associate. We shut others out because of our faulty judgment and our blindness.

There have been so many times in which our humble help would have been a blessing to someone, but we have placed our comforts before serving others. In the competing voices of today's world, we have turned around and around, trying to find the way to live. Help us, merciful God, to again listen to you. Help us to truly open our hearts to you. Remind us again of your great love and presence in our lives. Forgive us our foolishness and our stubbornness. Create in us new spirits, filled with your love, offering peace and hope to all.

Silence is kept.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* HYMN 579

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

are invited forward

HYMN 333 verse 1

Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 18:15-20

MEDITATION

A New Prophet

* HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

*AFFIRMATION OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

based on the Nicene Creed by Don Welch

We believe in God, the creative force that sustains and nurtures humanity in ways beyond our understanding.

We believe that Jesus of Nazareth embodied the power of this force; extraordinarily able to grasp its meaning, he revealed this face of reality to us in his life and teaching. Because he was human, like us, through grace and mercy he offers us access to this incomprehensible power.

There are forces in our lives that assault humanity, that bring suffering, degradation and death. Because of the strength of such forces, Jesus was rejected and killed. But death did not silence his voice. Evil will not eradicate the good that he showed us, a good that lives in us and through us.

The power of this creative force is at work in our lives today. Our forefathers and mothers gave witness to this source of life and goodness in their words and deeds.

**We, as members of this community of faith, will likewise give witness in our words and deeds. Secure in our faith, we will fear no evil. When we falter, goodness and mercy will rescue us. Beyond our lives, grace will abound.
Amen.**