

Riverside Presbyterian Church

September 1 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phone.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

* Indicates please stand in body or spirit.

When at
This Table

Songs of the Faith

a series of sermons about our favorite hymns

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Morning Raga

Anon

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

When fear and doubts stroll through our doors:

God stands beside us, whispering of peace.

When we toss and turn late at night:

God sits by our beds, singing lullabies of love.

When we stumble through the shadows of sin:

God illuminates the paths of goodness and joy.

* HYMN 300

Down to Earth, as a Dove

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

God of empty tombs: Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent. The psalmist speaks of trusting in you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.

God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into your people. (Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

* SUNG RESPONSE

FORGIVENESS

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We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:28-35 & 36-49

MEDITATION

* HYMN

LORD'S SUPPER

When at This Table 537

Capo 1: (D) (Bm) (Em) (G) (A)
E^b Cm Fm A^b B^b



1 When at this ta - ble I re - ceive a bless - ing,
2 If at this ta - ble I have need of heal - ing,
3 If at this ta - ble I for - get the hun - gry,
4 If at this ta - ble I make ded - i - ca - tion
5 What faith I have, I bring to join this ta - ble,

(F[#]m) (Bm) (G) (A)
Gm Cm A^b B^b



the bro - ken bread, the wine of life for me,
un - bid - den grief, re - la - tion - ship gone wrong,
the dis - pos - sessed and war - fare's spread - ing stain,
to give my life in serv - ing what is good,
what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;

(C) (G) (Am7) (D) (G)
D^b A^b B^bm7 E^b A^b



then let me share the peace with you, my neigh - bor,
then let me know the hands of God en - fold - ing,
then let this bread be - come the bread of judg - ment,
then let my cen - ter be where God in - vites me,
with broth - ers, sis - ters, I will share the bless - ing,

(A7) (D) (Bm) (Gmaj7) (A7) (D)
B^b7 E^b Cm A^bmaj7 B^b7 E^b



and let the Spir - it set our spir - its free.
and let la - ment be - come be - liev - ing song.
this wine the sharp a - ware - ness of that pain.
and show the words of Je - sus un - der - stood.
the feast where God is mak - ing all things new.

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

arr. Manz

* SUNG RESPONSE

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

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and is served in the pew. Please hold the elements and we will commune together.
The outer rings contain juice, the inner rings contain blush wine (crackers are gluten free).

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

May the God of wonder be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts to God, whose steadfast love dwells within you.

We welcome the One whose faithfulness runs barefoot through our hearts

Sing of the peace which is God's gift to you.

We join in the chorus of glad praises to the One whose justice is the hope of all the world.

Gathering up all...we proclaim the riches of your grace:

Holy, holy, holy, God who has blessed us with Christ!

All creation is yours, for the riches of your grace are poured upon it.

Holy, holy, holy! Just and merciful are you, God in Community, Holy in One!

Holy indeed are you...we live out that mystery we call faith:

Holy, he humbled himself with our death;

blameless, he was raised to new life; gracious, he will return in the fullness of time.

Pour out your Holy Spirit...God in Community, Holy in One.

**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.**

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART

* HYMN 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

* BENECTION

POSTLUDE

Récit de Tierce en Taille

de Grigny

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOSE COIN OFFERING — On the first Sunday of the month, we dedicate loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund to feed the hungry.

GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS— To support the music ministry, please sponsor one (or more) in honor or in memory of a friend or family member. What a nice way to thank someone for their dedication to RPC! Forms are available outside the office or you may email Lynda Nadkarni at lmn@floros.org for online ordering/payment instructions. The ordering deadline is September 8.



FALL PICNIC – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – It’s time to celebrate the return of Sunday School and Youth Group with an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship immediately following worship. We will be grilling hot dogs, rain or shine, and if the weather permits, eating outside. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair or blanket.

OKTOBERFEST! – Our Fall fundraising Oktoberfest is coming up on Saturday, September 14 from 3 pm to 8 pm on the lawn at RPC. There will be beer, brats, hot dogs, games, raffles and a silent auction. We are seeking donations of gift cards from local shops of all sorts (restaurants, candy, pet items, grooming or other services, etc.) to help us make up our raffle baskets. Talk to Ellen for ideas so we can avoid duplicates. A big “Danke Schön!” for your help!

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY Donation for the week: Canned green beans, corn and tomatoes. Financial donations are always appreciated. The Little Food Pantry is changing lives. Thank you for your help! Thank you to the Riverside Township for their grant of \$1,000 for the Little Food Pantry!

On Saturday morning, September 21, at Hauser Jr. High’s parking lot the Township will host a Shredding Event. Participants are invited to bring non-perishable items for your Little Food Pantry. The event will run from 9 AM to noon; we need help transporting donations.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 5:00 PM

We are offering a monthly Community Dinner and everyone is invited. Whether you hunger for food, good conversation, or the opportunity to meet others in the community, please join us September 8 at 5:00 pm for dinner. This is not a religious service, just a chance to share a delicious meal. We won’t be dressed up—come as you are. All are welcome!



CHOIR NEWS —The first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 4. Bell Ringers will be polishing before we rehearse. Chancel will be singing on September 8 for worship. See you then! -- Sally

SHARE THE HARVEST Gardeners — Crops are coming in, and the need has never been greater. Please bring the bounty of your garden to church on Sunday or Monday morning. A box will be left on the bench by the church office. THANK YOU!

HUMAN SCENE — is discussing the Book of Ecclesiastes, Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parlor.

5TH SUNDAY WORSHIP AS MISSION—Sunday, September 29. We will gather at RPC at 9:30 am and carpool to the Boulevard. There will be activities for all ages and physical abilities. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY — Saturday, September 21, 9-11 am: Outdoor or indoor tasks.

CARERS CORNER SEPTEMBER — Fill the Trunk for BEDS-Plus in LaGrange, which provides safe overnight shelter and services to homeless people. The following items are utilized at the facility in large quantities: **Ground coffee (decaf only), drink mixes (lemonade, cider, cocoa), napkins, paper towels, dish detergent, 13 and 30-gallon garbage bags.**

2020 CHURCH TRIP June 12-June 24, 2020 — Have you ever dreamed of seeing the Blue Mosque and Haga Sofia in Istanbul? How about floating around in the Aegean Sea, stopping at Santorini, considered the most breathtaking of the Greek Isles, and several other islands? Or walking among the ruins of the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens? You can do all that as well as walk in the towns that inspired Paul's letters and visit the cave where John was said to have received the Revelation. For more information, talk to Reverend Jackson.

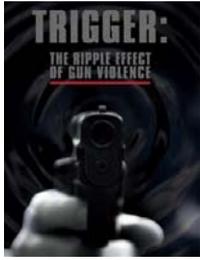
RINGERS AND SINGERS — FIRST REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 Since 2006 RPC has been home to two children's choirs: The Riverside Ringers and the Riverside Singers. We meet Wednesdays during the school year from 4:15 – 5:15. Children from ages 5 – 12 are welcome to join our group. We work on vocal techniques, following musical scores, learning to read rhythms, working together in a musical ensemble, hand chime ringing techniques, ensemble discipline, percussion instruments including xylophones, and following a conductor. Please contact Sally Sloane if you have a child interested in joining us musikhse@comcast.net or 708-822-0655.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE— Sunday School begins, Sunday, September 8. Sunday School will be during worship, following the Children's sermon. We need two adult volunteers to teach Sunday School; the sign-up sheet is outside the Christian Education office. The lesson and supplies are provided for your use each week. **September 8**-The Boy Teacher; **September 15**- The House on the Rock; **September 22**- The Sower; **September 29**- No Sunday School

BLESSING THE ANIMAL SERVICE — This year we are joining with our friends from Ascension Lutheran Church for a joint Blessing of the Animals Service, Sunday, September 28 at 4:00 pm in Guthrie Park. Please bring your lawn chair and your pet or a photo of your pet.

MIDDLE & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS — Calling all teenagers and their parents! We are meeting Sunday, September 15 after worship to discuss our exciting plans for Middle & Senior High Youth Group. This is an organizational meeting, we want to hear from you as to what meeting times work best; there will also be FOOD!!

SAVE THE DATE — **October 25**: Trivia—Halloween Theme



THEOLOGY ON TAP Video Series during September. We will view documentary shorts followed by discussion. We will meet in the upstairs parlor. Reservations are needed as we are catering the meal. The cost is \$10 per person. If you would like to join us for conversation and not eat you are welcome to attend.

Monday, Sept 9 – 6:30 - *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* is a documentary that frames gun violence as a Disaster and Public Health issue by taking an in depth look at how one shooting impacts individuals, families and communities, while also giving voice to the questions and insights that arise from these conversations. In the documentary, all those scarred by gun violence eventually arrived at the same question: "Why...Why did this happen to us?" After looking at these in depth experiences of gun violence "Trigger turns its attention to the bigger question: "What can we do to prevent gun violence?"

Monday, Sept 16 - 6:30 pm - *Locked in a Box* is an award-winning short documentary that follows the stories of individuals held in the U.S. Immigration detention system and those who visit them. The film traces the lives of individuals who fled their homelands in search of safety and freedom only to end up in U.S. prisons under a mandatory bed quota system run by Immigration Customs & Enforcement (ICE). Since the 1990's there has been a massive expansion of the immigration detention system up to 34,000 immigrants in detention on any given day in approximately 200 different facilities, many of which are for-profit prisons. "Locked in a Box" helps strip away the political rhetoric to see the human cost of detention.

Monday, Sept 23 – 6:30 *To Breathe Free* . "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." *To Breathe Free* follows the 5-year journey of a Syrian family fleeing the war in Homs to the refugee camps in Jordan and starting a new life in Washington, D.C. Using home movies, phone video, family photos and interviews with family members and former refugees, this short documentary gives an intimate and unique perspective not seen in current media reporting on the refugee crisis. *To Breathe Free* captures the intersection of individual narratives from a family fleeing the Vietnam War in 1970, to the Syrian Conflict in 2017, to the families who help create a new home in our nation's capital, giving voice to our common humanity and the struggle that binds people together.

PRESCHOOL NEWS —This year marks the Preschool's 50th year! Our fabulous staff consisting of Michelle Cronin, Joan Kanatas, and Julie Wert, will all be returning this year. We're excited for the new preschool year to begin! This year we have added an optional enrichment program that extends the Preschool day until 1:20 pm. Children will bring their lunches, and the learning and fun will continue with a project-based curriculum. We love our new colorful sign outside the office! Thank you!

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP— Consider signing up to host in September or October.

CHANCEL FLOWERS — If you have garden flowers, please consider choosing a Sunday to provide flowers for our sanctuary. Contact the church office to make arrangements.

NOTE FROM TRUSTEES — Please lock all exterior doors when you leave the church. Doors have been left unlocked overnight. If in doubt, lock the door!

THIS WEEK**Today**

10:00 am Worship
 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
 2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum
 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
 6:00 pm All Church Work Day
 7:00 pm Preschool Parent Orientation

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 am Human Scene
 10:00 am Worship
 11:00 am Fellowship
 11:15 am Support & Endowment
 5:00 pm Free Community Dinner

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Dennis Zander

Ushers: Ellen Hamilton and Paula McCracken

Communion Servers: Ellen Hamilton and Sandy Kappmeyer

Fellowship Time is hosted by the Finance Committee.

Trustees of the Month: Henry Vogel and Thom DeVries

Thank you to George (JoJo) Kazarian for joining today's Ministry of Music.

2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders

2019	2020	2021
Jeanine Buttimer	Frank Gangware	Gwen Heine
Patti Friend	Martha Heine	Allan Halline
Susan Lynch	Lynda Nadkarni	Matt Lisle
Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak	Dennis Zander	
	Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session	

Deacons

Ellen Hamilton	Lloyd Bradbury	Deb Jansky
Sandy Kappmeyer	Charlie Juister	Serina Ranft
Steve Teune	Sally Sloane	Wendy Seifert
	Jeanne Smith	

Trustees

Susan Deems-Dluhy	Patti Perry	Thom DeVries
Cyril Friend	Doug Harvin	Fred Mitchell
Fred Kitch	Hank Vogel	
Brad Staubus		

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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.