

Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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.



***"Do not judge, and
you will not be
judged. Do not
condemn, and you
will not be
condemned.
Forgive, and you
will be forgiven."
Luke 6:37 | NIV |***

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * 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
The Little Shepherd

Debussy

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We are called to turn the other cheek,
so we will seek to be vulnerable in our lives of faith and service.
We are called to go the extra mile,
so we will walk with those around us in the journeys of hope as well as fear.
We are called to love those who make that so hard,
so we will rely on the One who loves us to fill us with that special grace.

* HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

We may try to trick ourselves, but we cannot fool you, Wise God. We tell lies about others, and profane your name. We hold onto grudges as if they were the most precious of jewels. We steal another's identity when we ridicule who they are, and we boast about all we are without a nod toward you, who have blessed us.

No matter how often we hurt you, God of grace, you show us your merciful nature. As you seek to teach us your ways, may we pay close attention. As you love us despite our foolish choices, may we be more compassionate toward others. As we seek to follow Jesus, may we be willing to go as far as he will take us, even into that place of hope and peace, which is the realm of your heart.

(Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN OF RESPONSE refrain

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 37:3-9

Luke 6:27-38

MEDITATION

* HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

G Em F#m Bm

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Dawson

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 391 vs 4

Take My Life

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER 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.

WE DEPART

* HYMN 367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Short Fugue in C

Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHOCOLATE FOR LENT — Using themes from the 2000 Academy Award nominated film *Chocolat*, our next Theology on Tap series invites us to use Lent and chocolate to gain deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. Join us Monday, March 4 at 6:30 in the parlor and we will watch the movie and enjoy pizza together. Please RSVP to the office, so we secure enough pizza. Monday, March 18 — Monday, April 15 we will then meet at 7:00 in the parlor for discussion and Chocolate desserts!!

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE — Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Jackson will be at the Riverside train station at 6:30 am for the imposition of ashes. Reverend Jackson will also be in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm and 6:00 pm-7:00 pm for the imposition of ashes. In Worship throughout the season of Lent, we will follow the way of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, which is Latin for the Way of Sorrow. Traditionally this is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. We are going to look at various stories from Jesus' life where tears and sorrow figured prominently and seek to understand how God through Jesus transforms our lives.



On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service which will conclude with communion. Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion. Sunday, April 28, is our annual Jazz Sunday.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP on Sunday, February 24, 6:30 pm at the home of Dale and Dennis, 2505 Keystone Avenue, North Riverside, for an Academy Award viewing party! Please bring your favorite snack inspired by a nominated movie (if you feel creative) and something to drink.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante. **March 3, Woman at the Well**

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — It might surprise you how often we have to restock our Little Food Pantry. Even in the bitter cold, needy people walk over for the benefit of our assistance. Remember in this cold weather, cans pop. Please donate vacuum packed or boxed items. We currently need individual packs of **oatmeal, granola bars, soft cereal bars and individual plastic fruit cups.**

SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 2, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 if purchased in advance – available from scouts and the church office. Thank you for your support of our annual fundraiser!



DEACONS POTLUCK — Deb Jansky and the Deacons are hosting a St. Patrick's Day potluck on March 17. Get your green on and join us. Please bring your favorite dish to pass to celebrate the Irish and St Patrick's Day.

CARERS CORNER FEBRUARY— The Riverside Township Pantry has seen its needs of food donations increase significantly. Donations from our church family enable them to serve our community families. Please give all kinds of non-perishable foods.

TREASURER AWAY—Ellen will be out of the country looking for Bengal tigers March 3-25. Don't worry, she's already paid the light and heat bills!

PRESCHOOL RAFFLE AND BOOK FAIR —The Raffle and Book Fair will run from Thursday, February 28 through Wednesday, March 6. We have many fabulous baskets!! The Book Fair will be open and the raffle baskets will be on display at the Riverside Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 2 during the Scout Pancake Breakfast and Sunday morning, March 3 after church. The Raffle drawing will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 6. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. The raffle basket list is in the office and on the bulletin board.



PRESCHOOL NEWS — February is all about kindness and love! We'll have a Wicky Wacky Wednesday and Parent/Teacher conferences. Registration for the 2019-2020 preschool year has begun. If you know someone who is looking for a fun and educational preschool, please have them contact us.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED —Although the Deacons supervise Coffee Fellowship insofar as making sure beverage supplies are available and sponsoring periodic potlucks, the responsibility for providing anything other than beverages for Coffee Fellowship belongs to the entire congregation. If you want fellowship, please take a turn — it doesn't need to be fancy or enough to make a lunch. Store-bought or homemade, it doesn't matter — it's all a welcome treat during this social hour.

URGENT REQUEST: Companions Journeying Together MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT— Each year we supply packets of pretty writing materials to imprisoned women and juveniles so they have something nice to send their mother or children on Mother's Day. Once again we ask your help. Materials needed: postage stamps, stationery (not white), note cards: blank, Mother's Day, Thinking of You, gallon zip lock bags, donations to help cover delivery costs. Please make checks payable to: Companions, Journeying Together, Inc. Do not send cards, envelopes or stationery that has anything glued, pasted or taped on it or stickers attached. Donations are due by Sunday, March 10.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS—Copies of the March-April Upper Room are in the rack outside the church office.



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY —The next church work day will be Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 am—11:00 am.

THURS
FEB
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ENRICHING COMMUNITY

Ascension Lutheran Church

400 Nuttall Road, Riverside IL

- **Light meal at 6:00 pm**
- **Programming at 6:30 pm**

Programming includes two options:

- An experiential journey through prayer stations
- A presentation on human trafficking, led by Linda Bushkofsky, Executive Director of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA)

RSVP FOR MEAL: 708-447-2600 OR ASCENSIONRIVERSIDE@GMAIL.COM

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THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:15 am Mission Committee Meeting
3:00 pm The Boulevard

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum
11:15 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday

10:00 am Women’s Circle for Fellowship and Study
4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women’s Forum

Saturday

7:00 am Scout Pancake Breakfast

Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Open Gym
2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Susan Lynch
Ushers: Elizabeth Musick and Gwen Heine
Andrew Minister: Lynda Nadkarni
Trustees of the Month: Fred Kitch and Cyril Friend
Flowers are given in honor of my sister, Sally Kaiser’s birthday, from Fred Kitch.
Coffee Fellowship is hosted by the Mission Committee.

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	Connie Nestor
Brad Staubus		

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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