

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2021 ~ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Please silence your cell phones.

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



Rev. Foster Garnett is a retired Presbyterian pastor, living in the Chicago area. She served multi-cultural congregations in Teaneck, New Jersey, and Takoma Park, Maryland. Members from around the world stretched her understandings of the Christian faith and the world. Her last call was serving as Director of Field Education at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Garnett has travelled to the Middle East numerous times since participating in a McCormick Seminary travelling seminar in 1981. In 1997 she taught while on sabbatical at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut. She has participated in the Syria-Lebanon Partnership Network trips to Lebanon and Syria every few years until the pandemic made the trips impossible. She serves on the Steering Committee of the Network and speaks often on Syria, trying to help church folk in the US grasp at least part of the complexity of the situation there.

## WE PREPARE

PRELUDE                      *I Stand at the Threshold*                      JS Bach/Biggs

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## WE GATHER

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**Your name, O God, like your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.**

We consider your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of worship.

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

\* HYMN 35    *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

**God, we confess that we are your hesitant people, hesitant to follow Jesus' way of caring for others, especially the poor and hurting, and hesitant to work for justice for all your children. We are often afraid that if we respond to Jesus' call we will be overwhelmed and our behavior will alienate family and friends.**

**Strengthen us to be your faithful people, willing to risk doing your new actions.**

*kept*

*Silence is*

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

## WE LISTEN

MINI MESSAGE

*Children are invited to stay in worship; activity bags are available.*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Acts 22:6-11  
Luke 24:14-35

MEDITATION

*On the Road*

**WE RESPOND**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.**

**WE DEPART**

\* HYMN 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in a minor*

Marcello

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Liturgist:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Usher:** Sandra Kappmeyer

**Fellowship Time** is hosted by Sandra Kappmeyer

### Worship Notes

Prelude: *I Stand at the Threshold*; ; JS Bach/Biggs © Alfred Publishers

Postlude: *Prelude in a minor*; Marcello © Mercury Music

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**OCTOBER 10, 2021**

### Mission and Outreach

**MISSION AND OUTREACH** — Join the Riverside Area Refugee Resettlement page on Facebook to support what RPC, Ascension and others are doing to help refugees in

Chicago. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/riversiderefugeeresettlement>

First order of business is to collect coats, hats, mittens and gloves for the 500 refugees who have recently arrived in Chicago. RPC is a collection spot. You can drop off new or gently used donations or email Connie Kelly at [consueloak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:consueloak@sbcglobal.net) for pick up.

Next up will be gathering items and donation to set up an apartment and provide for living expenses for a specific family.

Blessings, Lynda

A mission trip to New Orleans through RHINO (Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans - [www.rhinonola.org](http://www.rhinonola.org)) for the week of November 29 is in the works. They are accepting groups Monday - Friday. We will drive on November 28 and have housing with Mike and Gwen Heine. The trip is not limited to RPC members so please share and invite friends. Email Fred Mitchell at [fmitchell435@aol.com](mailto:fmitchell435@aol.com) if you have interest. A rough number is needed to continue planning.



**SEARCH UPDATE** —The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee has been interviewing candidates and is very hopeful that an Interim Pastor will be with us soon. In the meantime, the Worship and Music Committee has arranged for guest Pastors to continue leading in-person worship.

Carrie Staubus  
Donna Ulrich  
Joyce Van Cura  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood  
Jerry Augutis, friend of Steve Marcus



**CALLING ALL PARENTS OF KIDS K-5TH GRADE!**

Get ready to rumble on Sunday, October 17 at 11:00 am! We will have food (of course) and fun

while we also get our church on. We will end at noon so you can go on with your day. Through sports, games, drama, and art we'll work through some of the important teachings of the Bible and figure out how they matter today. I like to think of it as "how to be a good human" time. Please let me know how many of your kiddos will attend and whether or not they will bring a friend (because life is more fun when you've got a buddy at your side)!

Lynda Nadkarni [ministerofmissionandoutreach@rpcusa.org](mailto:ministerofmissionandoutreach@rpcusa.org)  
or text 708-288-0899

**HEY YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE)!**

(Hey what?) Want to hang with friends, do cool things like a ropes course, have food and plan a mission trip? I thought you would! Join Remind to get all the details! Just text 81010 with @youth-rpc (Make sure you get the ok from your adult first). Can't wait to see you! Mrs. Nadkarni



**BLESSING BAGS**

Please take as many Blessing Bags from the basket as you may want to share with those you see in need.



**IN PERSON WORSHIP — Sunday 10:00 am** - you are invited to join us for worship in the Sanctuary. Both sanctuary doors will be open and those restrooms will be available.

**SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS** — Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in hybrid form. You 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. 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.



**SUNDAYS WITH TED** meets in person in the upstairs RPC parlor and via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays to view the TED Talk and discuss it, ending by 7:30 p.m. [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=dnNnbHF6cE43TXo3Q3NqSjZUHRFdz09)

[pwd=dnNnbHF6cE43TXo3Q3NqSjZUHRFdz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=dnNnbHF6cE43TXo3Q3NqSjZUHRFdz09) Meeting ID: 856 8518

2676, Passcode: 744144, Phone 312-626-6799. Email Doug Asbury with questions at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com). \*Programs are subject to change.

**Oct. 10-** Anil Seth—Your brain hallucinates your conscious reality

**Oct. 17-** Philip Fernbach—Why do we believe things that aren't true?

**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**—By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, one of the special offerings of the PC(USA), we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community and across boundaries. Please mark your donation "Peace & Global Witness Offering".



Have you seen our new grand piano in the sanctuary? It sounds even lovelier than it looks. Session authorized the purchase of this gently used Kawai baby grand from Oak Park Piano for \$14,000. Four generous donors have already offset \$10,000 of the cost. If each of our member families would donate \$50 or more, we would have the piano paid off in no time! Won't you please let the beautiful sound speak to your heart and help out? Any extra funds will be used for the music program in anticipation of the wonderful day when we're able to host the Messiah again.



### RPC 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Have you seen  
our growing  
display about

that 150th anniversary? Do you have any artifacts to contribute? It's going to be fun to celebrate the history of RPC beginning with the opening of the time capsule from our 125th anniversary. It will be during fellowship on December 19. RPC was founded on December 15, 1872. We are working on an event or activity for each month of our 150th year culminating in December 2022. See Lynda Nadkarni if you have any ideas or want to lend a hand.



### RPC IS A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

The Matthew 25 churches, more than 1,000 strong, are churches in the PCUSA who are committed to one or more of

these actions: **Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world. **Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color. **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor. To learn more about how other churches are responding to the call, join the [Matthew 25 Facebook Page](#). Share your ideas about how we might respond with Matt Lisle or Lynda Nadkarni.

**SESSION MEETING**

**SESSION MEETING**—Session will meet in the Parlor Wednesday, October 13 at 7: 00 pm.

**TRUSTEES MEETING** —The Trustees will meet Monday, October 11 at 7:30 pm in the Westminster Room.

**BOARD  
OF  
Trustees'  
MEETING**



**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31  
HALLOWEEN THEMED  
FUN FOR ALL!**

**1:30 pm** – cooks needed to make chili, macaroni and cheese and cornbread muffins.

**3:00 – 6:00 pm** – the community will be invited to Trick-or-Treat by the manse door. Food will be distributed along with a small toy for kids. The community will also be invited to bring us a treat in the form of a canned good for the Little Food Pantry. Members and friends will take 30-minute shifts to answer the door.

All RPC members and friends are encouraged to spread the word and to have a meal during the volunteer shift.



Contact Lynda Nadkarni for more information or to choose a shift at 708-288-0899 (cell) or [missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org)

**2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

Elders	2021	2022	2023
	Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak
	Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton	Sandra Kappmeyer
	Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft	Jon Jansky
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Deb Jansky	Sylvia Schade	Bridget Juister
	Wendy Seifert	Susanne Vogel	Susan Lynch
	Joyce Van Cura		
Trustees	Thom DeVries	Paula McCracken	Doug Harvin
	Fred Mitchell	Tom Radigan	Henry Vogel
	Mike Heine	Brad Staubus, President	