

Riverside Presbyterian Church

February 27, 2022 ~ Transfiguration of the Lord

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *This is My Father's World*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 99)

L: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

P: Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

L: Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

P: The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

L: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

P: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

L: He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

P: LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

A: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

*HYMN #634

To God Be the Glory

* CALL TO CONFESSION (Isa 43:2)

L: When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, are sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and for what has become consuming. Free us from a past we cannot change. Open our eyes, so that we can see in ourselves that which needs changing, and help us to grow into your grace and likeness. (Silence is kept.)

All of this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE (Isa 43:1, 19)

L: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God.

L: Our Lord Jesus said:

P: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

L: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

P: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

L: On these two commandments hang all the teaching and the prophets. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

*The GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

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.

HYMN # 661 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

MINI MESSAGE

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

HYMN # 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food so that it may nourish us in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ the bread of heaven. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Luke 9:28-36 NT p. 69

HYMN # 838 *Standing on the Promises*

SECOND LESSON 2 Cor 3:12-4:2 NT p. 180

HYMN # 69 *Here I Am, Lord*

HYMN # 837 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

ANTHEM *Open My Eyes* arr. Martin

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 #735 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise God, praise Christ, praise Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*BENEDICTION

HYMN #542 v.1 (with refrain) *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory* arr. Smith & Hustad

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*; arr. Raney
Anthem: *Open My Eyes*; arr. Martin
Postlude: *To God Be the Glory*; arr. Smith & Hustad
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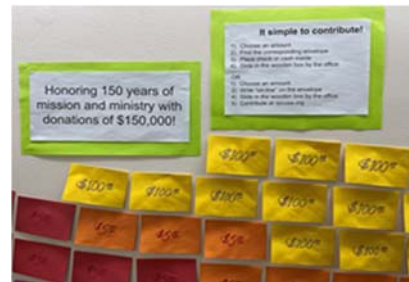
LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE —Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Dean will be at the Riverside train station at 6:30 am for the imposition of ashes. She will also be in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm and 6:00 pm-6:30 pm for the imposition of ashes.

On Maundy Thursday, April 9, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for a bread and soup supper and Tenebrae Service and Foot (or hand!) Washing Service.

Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion.

\$150,000 IN OUR 150TH YEAR

Here's a small peek at our large wall! The goal is to raise \$150,000 in our 150th year. You can make your gifts online or in person. Share this with people in your life who care about RPC and you!



JR/SR HIGH FAITH FORMATION — Sunday, February 27, 12:30 pm

We will meet at church at 12:30 pm to make desserts and help pack food for The Boulevard. While we work we will talk

more about a summer mission trip. Pick up at 2:00 pm.

K-5 FAITH FORMATION —will meet Sunday, March 6 from 11:00 - 11:45 for a mystery project!

REVEREND DEAN AWAY— Reverend Dean will be away February 21-28. In an emergency, you can reach her at 443-359-9553 or call the church office.

Robert Schade
Harriet Kweton
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood



Prayers of comfort for family and friends grieving the death of Greta Schramm. Greta was a member of RPC for 54 years.

Don and Marcia James, Don is the brother of Joyce Dobrzanski and is hospitalized due to the effects of Alzheimer's Disease.

Doreen Sterba Dezur, our former director of Christian Ed, as she recovers from surgery and undergoes treatment for cancer.



SUNCATCHER FUNDRAISER—A generous donor has arranged with the Blenko Glass Company of Milton, West Virginia for 50 suncatchers featuring a design by our own Bryan Zander that honors Riverside Presbyterian Church's 150 years of ministry to be produced. They are in the color they call "tangerine," which features a combination of reds, oranges, and yellows. Two examples of this suncatcher can be seen in the hallway across from the office area.

Each suncatcher is unique, due to the variety of ways in which the colors mix in the molten glass as it is poured into the molds. As a result, they have different "eye appeal", though all are quite colorful when the sun shines through them.

Because of this, we are inviting those who wish to be among the first ten persons to have a chance to choose their specific suncatchers. Those who give the 10 highest amounts above \$25 to the 150th campaign between now and March 13 will be given that chance!

You may contribute via check or online at rpcusa.org. Top donors will be contacted on March 14 and will choose in order of their donation. Questions? Contact Doug Asbury at dougasbury@gmail.com

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS—During this time of year, it's more important than ever to remember those who rely on our Little Food Pantry for added sustenance. Donations are welcome, especially of canned goods with protein such as canned meats, beans, soup with meat, whole meals (like ravioli). Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.



THEOLOGY ON TAP — Mondays at 7:00 pm. We are reading and discussing *To Resist or Surrender?* by Paul Tournier. We will meet on Zoom. Use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/rpcusatot>

REFUGEES HAVE ARRIVED!

The Alhaffar family – mom, dad, three daughters and son – are Syrian Muslims who arrived Thursday after 10 years in a Jordanian refugee camp. Much thanks to all of you who donated time, talents or treasures to aid in their move.

Please pray for their smooth transition to life in the United States.

To learn more about what their refugee camp was like, watch Our Home in The Desert <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igPVUi2HeH0>

PRESCHOOL NEWS—If you haven't yet, please head over to the Preschool Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/rpcpreschool> and give it a "like". Those metrics matter as we work to recruit next year's class of little learners. Plus you can see all the wonderful play-based learning that happens each day!

SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m. We will meet via Zoom until it is safe to meet in person again. Join us for some interesting talks and lively discussion! Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/sundayswithted> Contact Doug Asbury for further information. **2/27**— When a TED speaker "goes bad," what do we do? **3/6**—What really happens when you mix medications?



TROOP 24/PACK 24 SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Saturday, March 5, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. CURBSIDE PICK-UP ONLY. Tickets are \$6 if purchased in advance, \$7 on the day of the breakfast – available from scouts and the church office.

When buying your ticket, consider purchasing an extra ticket or two for community members who use our food pantry. We will make them available for pick up the week of the breakfast. Thank you for your support!

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Dennis Zander

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Fellowship is hosted by Susan Lynch.

Flowers are given for the Glory of God and in memory of our father, Louis Edward Silverthorn, by his daughters, Elizabeth Musick and Alice Ann Hand.

Thank you to Mary Ann Sadilek for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Trustees of the Month: Brad Staubus and Tom Radigan

THIS WEEK**Today**

10:00 am Worship-Hymn Sing
 11:00 am Fellowship
 1:30 Boulevard
 12:30 pm Jr/Sr Faith Formation
 6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball
 7:00 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

6:30 am Imposition of Ashes-train station
 12:00 pm Imposition of Ashes-RPC
 6:00 pm Imposition of Ashes—RPC
 6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

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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.

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2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

	2022	2023	2024
Elders	Ben Dickerson Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak Sandra Kappmeyer Jon Jansky	Susan Lynch Carrie Staubus Mary Beth Wynn Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
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