

Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

February 12, 2023
6th Sunday After Epiphany

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children
through 1st grade after the Mini
Message.

*Indicates please stand in body or
Spirit.



All are invited to share gifts in the offering plates located at the end of the aisles before worship. The plates will be brought forward prior to the Doxology.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

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Daquin/Bish

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1)

Leader: Steady our steps, O God, as we travel the journey set before us.

People: Let us walk in the way of light and pursue the path of peace.

Leader: Keep us on your course of life as we seek to be faithful

People: And as we gather to praise you, our faithful Lord and God.

*HYMN #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children.

Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. In Jesus, we ask it. Amen. (Silence is kept.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

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

MINI MESSAGE

Children first grade and younger may go to childcare. Please see the Greeter.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O God, what the world says and what you say are often at odds. Set before us now your truth as we hear your Word and as we respond in faithful trust. Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

OT p. 186

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:21-37

NT p. 4

SERMON

“Choices, Choices, Choices”

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 292

As the Wind Song

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Lead Me, Lord

Wesley/Manney

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS (unison)

Generous God, you have planted the seeds of generosity into our hearts and by your grace, you give the growth through our actions and response. Receive the fruit of your mercy and the offerings of our lives and use these gifts to grow your harvest of justice and mercy, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER (Silence is kept.)

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.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #379

We Shall Overcome

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeters: Nancy Dvorak

Liturgist: Elizabeth Gardner

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers today are given by Paula McCracken in memory of her brother-in-law, Steve Langer.

Fellowship today is hosted by the Wynn Jackson family.

Trustees of the Month: John McGlennon and Lynda Nadkarni

WORSHIP NOTES

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Liturgy written by Robyn Michalove for The Presbyterian Outlook.



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FEBRUARY 12, 2023



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Today immediately following worship. The Annual Report is on the RPC website (www.rpcusa.org) under the Resources

tab. Hard copies are in the rack outside the office and at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like a printed copy.

CONFIRMATION CLASS is underway, led by Doug Asbury. Please keep the students and their mentors in your prayers as they journey through their faith discernment. They are Reese Jackson & Dennis Zander, Cooper Sahlas & Ben Dickerson, and Luke Staubus & Steven Teune.



FAITH FORMATION — will meet at 11am on the following dates. Some activities are planned, but other dates are open. We would love to have your child's ideas! They can be

shared with Lynda missionandoutreach@rppcusa.org

2/12 – junior and senior high youth (scavenger hunt)

2/26 – pre-k – 5th grade children

3/19 – all children and youth

4/2 – pre-k – 5th grade children (Easter egg hunt)

4/16 – junior and senior high youth

5/21 – all children and youth

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS DESIRED —

For the safety of our children, two people are in childcare each week. Keri Herrera has worked in the childcare room for nearly 20 years and is an

expert. She needs a second person and is looking for volunteers. You can sign up

on the bulletin board in the hallway or by emailing the office at

rpcoffice@rpcusa.org.



David Schade
Sara Wert
Bret Jackson
Rudy Nekovar, father of Keri Herrera
Ellen Myers, mother of Debra Myers
Lloyd Bradbury
John Lynch
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Edward Hand, brother-in law of Elizabeth Musick



PER CAPITA — The 2023 per capita is \$36.50/member. We are required to pay per capita for each member to the Presbytery whether members donate or not, so every unpaid per capita hits our bottom line. Please pay yours!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP — JULY 23-29 All students going into their freshman year – just graduated their senior year are invited to attend. Spread the word because friends are welcome too!

Informational meeting on March 12 at noon. One adult should attend with their youth. Questions—contact Lynda missionandoutreach@rppcusa.org

2023 PLEDGE DRIVE UNDERWAY— If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider making a pledge for 2023.

SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m. We will meet via Zoom.

Here is the link you can click on order to join our session, as well as the passcode you will be asked to type in when the box opens requesting it: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676>

[pwd=MUUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury. **2/12**—Angela Lussier—Becoming Who You Are
2/19—DeAmon Harges—Making the Invisible Visible



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT UPDATE — We're only \$486 away from sponsoring another family! You can donate via check or on the church webpage. Or, help raise funds by supporting a pasta fundraiser. [Fun Pasta Fundraising](#) has pastas, soups, stews and more including vegan and gluten free items. We receive 40% of the sales. We're so close I can taste it!

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!

PRESCHOOL NEWS— Can you believe that next week is our 100th day of preschool? We can't either! Our kiddos can count to 100 by 10s, in English AND Spanish! It's also dino week so to celebrate, we're having 100 dino nuggets at snack time. There's no end to the fun ways students learn at RPC Preschool!

CHURCH DIRECTORY—The church directory has been updated and was emailed to all members and friends. Copies are available in the rack outside the church office, or contact the office to have a copy mailed to you.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

TRUSTEES MEETING—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 7:00 PM in the Westminster Room.

TROOP 24/PACK 24 SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Saturday, March 4, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. **CURBSIDE PICK-UP or DINE IN.** 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!



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TACO DINNER —Fun was had no matter what the age at the taco dinner on Sunday night! The event raised \$5437 to support refugee resettlement.



THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
11:15 am Fellowship
11:00 am Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball
7:30 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

7:00 am Women's Forum

Saturday

9:00 am All Church Work Day

Sunday

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Fellowship
2:30 pm Worship at Caledonia
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

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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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2023 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2023 Lisa Aulerich Marciniak Jon Jansky Sandra Kappmeyer	2024 Susan Lynch Carrie Staubus Mary Beth Wynn	2025 Betsy Gardner Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Nancy Dvorak Elizabeth Musick Marilyn Slanec	Jim Marciniak Steve Marcus Wendy Seifert	Thom DeVries Donna Ulrich Open
Trustees	Doug Harvin Henry Vogel Open	John McGlennon Lynda Nadkarni Open	Deb Jansky Tom Radigan Open