

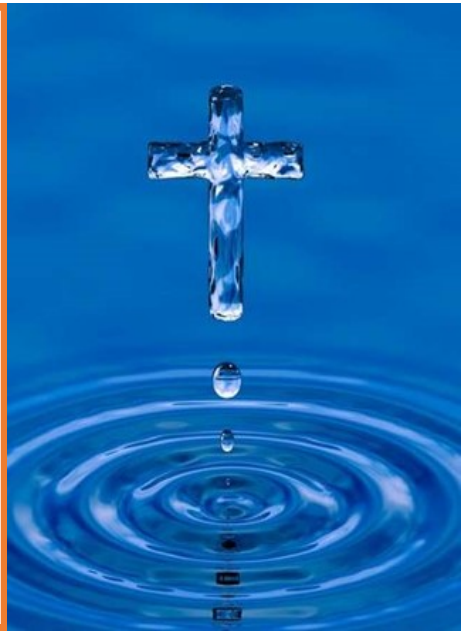
Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

March 5, 2023
2nd Sunday in Lent

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

Siyahamba

arr. Hobson

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 (based Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

People: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #157 *I Danced in the Morning*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

(World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan)

Gracious God, we are selfish and arrogant. We have overlooked human dignity; we ignore the needs of minorities, migrants and immigrants. We hear the cries of the land, women, children, and young people, but we have not done enough to respond to the grace that we have received. These actions have caused some people to suffer and experience oppression. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

(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, Amen.**

BAPTISM OF JOSEPHINE LYNN ZEMAN AND MINI MESSAGE

Afterwards, children first grade and younger may go to childcare. Please see the Greeter for more information or directions.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

As these words are read and proclaimed, may we be compelled in these next moments amidst all the imperfections and misunderstandings that may come to be yet compelled into your will, your way, and your wisdom. May your grace and truth abound in our hearing and our doing your Word. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

OT p. 10

SECOND READING

John 3:1-17

NT p. 93

SERMON

“So That You Will Be A Blessing”

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe:

- **that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another**
- **that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ**
- **that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain**
- **that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;**
- **that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.**

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin;

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*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)

We return these gifts to you and relinquish our control over them, O God, that you may use them beyond us, beyond this place, and beyond self-interest that your love may abound in the flourishing of every living thing you have entrusted to us.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We join together to praise you and give you thanks, saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And now we pray the prayer that Jesus taught:

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Fifers

Dandrieu/Biggs

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to the acaBELLa Ringers for joining our Ministry of Music today.

Greeter: Susan Lynch

Liturgist: Reese Jackson

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers today are given by the Jackson family in celebration of Tyler's 10th birthday.

Fellowship today is hosted by the Henry Vogel Family.

Trustees of the Month: Henry Vogel and Debra Jansky

WORSHIP NOTES

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Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.



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MARCH 5, 2023

WORSHIP AT CANTATA TODAY — The Deacons welcome all members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata at 2 pm today.

LOOSE COIN OFFERING—Today we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund. In lieu of loose coins, indicate Presbytery Hunger Fund in the memo line of a check or online.

David Schade
John Lynch
Sara Wert
Rudy Nekovar, father of Keri Herrera
Lloyd Bradbury
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood



Alice Ann Hand and Edward Hand, sister and brother-in-law of Liz Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Prayers of peace and comfort to family and friends grieving the death of Robert J. H. Cowan, father of Susan Lisle.

FAITH FORMATION — will meet at 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

3/19 – all children and youth at 11 am

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

4/16 – junior and senior high youth at noon

5/21 – all children and youth at 11 am

MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS — The Mission and Outreach committee voted to donate \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief's efforts to aid earthquake recovery in Turkey and Syria. We urge all our members to make a contribution as well, as immediate aid is desperately needed. You can contribute either by check specifically directed toward giving aid, or by contributing online where an option to select Turkey & Syria Earthquake Relief has been specifically indicated. <https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/bulletin-insert-ST-earthquake/>



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

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.

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=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](#), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury **3/5** — Virginia Warren—Lawyers Are Trained To Break The Law **3/12** — Aaron Bastani—A Socialist Perspective on the Pursuit of Happiness

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!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — OGHS began in 1946 as an ecumenical effort to support victims of the war in Europe. Today it continues, with Christians from around the world sharing their treasures for world relief. You can join in the effort with a gift in the collection plate using the envelope in the rack by the greeter or [online](#) by selecting special fund and making a note to indicate OGHS. Fish banks can be returned on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Thank you for helping to heal the broken and make their lives more beautiful.

RPC NEWS — Have you noticed the new wind break door? It is a temporary enclosure designed to minimize the wind and cold coming into the building during the cold weather months. The addition should help keep heating costs steadier for the office/classroom portion of the building. We will be storing it in the warmer weather. Questions? Talk with a Trustee!

TIME CHANGE — Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 11 for Daylight Saving Time!



PRESCHOOL NEWS— Thank you nurse Connie for teaching our students about their internal organs and how they work. There's no limit to the things these big brains can learn! Do you have special knowledge/interests to share or time to read to our students? If so, let Lynda know at rpcpreschool@rpcusa.org.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship - Baptism,
Communion
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Membership Information
Gathering
2:00 pm Worship at Cantata
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

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

Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Starts

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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 Paula McCracken
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