

Welcome to  
**Riverside**  
**Presbyterian Church**

March 19, 2023  
4th 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

*Rise and Shine*

Traditional

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 23)

Leader: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

**People: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.**

Leader: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

**People: God's goodness and mercy are always close.**

\*HYMN #175

*Seek Ye First*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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, Amen.**

MINI MESSAGE

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)

**Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen**

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

OT p. 259

SECOND READING

John 9:1-41

NT p. 102

SERMON

“Looking on the Heart”

## OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

\*HYMN #188

*Jesus Loves Me!*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor**

**and release to the captives,**

**teaching by word and deed**

**and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick**

**and binding up the brokenhearted,**

**eating with outcasts,**

**forgiving sinners,**

**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified,**

**suffering the depths of human pain**

**and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,**

**vindicating his sinless life,**

**breaking the power of sin and evil,**

**delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

*We Adore Thee, Christ Our Lord*

Mozart/Hoeskstra

\*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)

**O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. 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 #216

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata in E Minor*

Pachelbel

### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Thank you** to the Riverside Ringers & Singers for joining today's Ministry of Music.

**Greeter:** Henry Vogel

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Musick

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Flowers** are given to the Glory of God from Lynda Nadkarni.

**Fellowship** today is hosted by Wendy Seifert.

**Trustees of the Month:** Henry Vogel and Debra Jansky

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

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Liturgy written by John Wurster for The Presbyterian Outlook.

# Newsletter

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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**MARCH 19, 2023**



**LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE** — On Maundy Thursday, April 6, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for a bread and soup supper.

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

**FAITH FORMATION** — will meet 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](mailto:missionandoutreach@rppcusa.org)

**3/19** — all children and youth at 11 am

**4/2** — pre-k – 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RETURNS!

VBS Science Camp coming in June. Save the dates—June 26-29, 9 am—11:45 am. See the wonders of God's world through science activities. For kids in grades K-5. More information and enrollment form to follow.



**CHILDCARE POSITION OPEN** — RPC is looking for a reliable, attentive adult, to fill one of two childcare positions in our nursery on the first four Sunday mornings of each month. Working hours are 9:45 am - 11:15 am. Pay is \$20/hour. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and able to pass a background check. If interested, please submit a resume and contact information for three non-familial references to the church office or electronically to [rpsoffice@rpcusa.org](mailto:rpsoffice@rpcusa.org).



**SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER** — April 30, 4-7pm social hall with profits for mission trip. More details coming!

David Schade  
John Lynch  
Sara Wert  
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 Rudy Nekovar, father of Keri Herrera.



**WORSHIP AT CALEDONIA** — **Today** at 2:30 pm. The Deacons welcome all members to join in the worship service at Caledonia today.

**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



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**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

**HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT**

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.

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** — Copies of the March-April Upper Room are in the rack outside the office and at the back of the sanctuary.



**RECYCLE YOUR BAGS** — You can recycle your plastic grocery bags here! We put them out for people accessing the food pantry. Bags can be left in Lynda's office. Thank you!

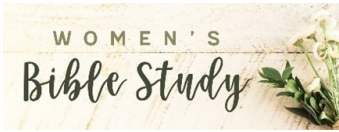
**SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m.** We will meet via Zoom. Here is the link you can click on order to join our session, as well as the passcode you will be asked to type in when the box opens requesting it:



<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 **3/19**— Aaron Bastani—A Socialist Perspective on the Pursuit of Happiness **3/26** —Jon Schaff—Why American Politics is Screwed Up **4/2** — Fred Kiel—Psychopaths in the C-Suite

**REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE** — We're about two months away from welcoming our next family! Here are a few of the furniture items we need to be ready: dining table, four chairs, dressers / chest of drawers, lamps, and coffee table. If you have any, or learn of a friend or neighbor who is willing to donate, please let Lynda know!



**WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** Save the date! The Women's Circle Bible Study group plans to meet on Wednesday, March 22 at 10:30 am in the library. Sylvia Schade will lead us in Lesson 5 of the book "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol Bechtel.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**— One of our student's father's is a collage artist. He came to teach us about collage and we created our own masterpieces. Check them out on the bulletin board in the office lobby area! Do you have a talent to share? Or would you like to read a book? We'd love you to be a special guest!



## THIS WEEK

### Today

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Faith Formation  
2:30pm Worship at Caledonia  
3:00 pm Confirmation Class ZOOM  
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

### Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum  
7:30 pm Session Meeting

### Wednesday

10:30 am Women's Bible Study  
4:15 pm Ringers & Singers  
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday

7:00 am Women's Forum

### Sunday

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Congregational Life Mtg.  
3:00 pm Confirmation Class ZOOM  
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.

### **RPC Staff**

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## 2023 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

	2023	2024	2025
Elders	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak Jon Jansky Sandra Kappmeyer	Susan Lynch Carrie Staubus Mary Beth Wynn	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
Trustees	Doug Harvin Henry Vogel Open	John McGlennon Lynda Nadkarni Open	Deb Jansky Tom Radigan Open