

Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

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 *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord* trad. Cameroon/Burkhardt

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

Leader: We have been walking, Lord,

**People: on roads of uncertainty and fear,
on roads of exhaustion and doubt,
on winding roads that have led us here.**

Leader: Join us on our journey, Lord.

**People: By your presence, refresh our spirits,
set our hearts ablaze,
and give us new direction!**

*HYMN 361 *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Jesus, Teacher, we confess today
our outright foolishness.**

We have been foolish to doubt your promises.

Foolish to withhold love from neighbor.

Foolish to chase riches, prestige and power.

Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation.

Foolish to divide your children from each other.

Foolish to think hope is lost.

Wise us up again.

**Open our hearts to your presence
in our lives, in our neighbors, in our world.**

**In your grace, help us grab onto
our millionth second chance,
and forge a new road from here on.**

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 and PRAYER

Preschool Students

Preschoolers, siblings, and other children may go to the preschool today.

Parents, please pick up there after worship.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy Spirit, send your fire to dance across these familiar words, illuminating ancient stories, illuminating weary hearts. Set us ablaze again with the promises of the Holy Word, still proclaimed for us. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 51:1-6 OT p. 681

SECOND READING Luke 24:13-35 NT p. 90

SERMON "Lifting Up Our Eyes"

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN #460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love, God created the world good,
acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation,
and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

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

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified,
and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

**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

A Gaelic Blessing

Rutter

*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)

**God of surprises, take these gifts and astound us by what they do.
Through the work of your church, restore a broken world into the
beloved community you dream of for us. Show us how to take these
offerings and use them "to love each other deeply from the heart."
In your grace we trust. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

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 #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Kyrie from "Liturgical Suite for Organ"

Young

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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

Greeter: Nancy Dvorak

Liturgist: Cooper Sahlas

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers today are given by families of the Ringers & Singers with appreciation to Dr. Sally, Ginny, Sandra and Donna.

Fellowship is hosted by Deb and Jon Jansky.

Trustees of the Month: Debra Jansky and Doug Harvin

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgy written by Carol Holbrook Prickett for The Presbyterian Outlook.



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APRIL 23, 2023

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, APRIL 30,

4-7 pm —The youth want to raise enough money so that they can cover the adult leaders and their costs for the mission trip. Here's how you can help! **Buy tickets!** If you are feeling extra generous, purchase one more for a LFP client.

Share dinner information with family and friends: Sunday, April 30 from 4- 7 pm. \$10 will provide spaghetti, salad and beverages (children under 5 free).

Dessert and wine available for a donation. **Donate wine. Donate a dessert.**

Make a donation. Everything can be done online or via the office. Thank you for helping to bring back our longtime tradition of summer mission! Tickets available online or in the office.

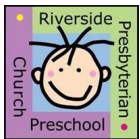
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Elizabeth Musick
Alyssa Schwarz
David Schade
John Lynch
Sara Wert
Lloyd Bradbury
Jack Smith
Monica Wood



Alice Ann Hand and Edward Hand, sister and brother-in-law of Liz Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick



PRESCHOOL SUNDAY — RECEPTION AND TOURS

Fellowship will be held in the social hall at 11:00 am and the school will be open for viewing. We hope you will join in the celebration of our 53rd year of catching 'em being good!

APRIL 30—5TH SUNDAY — On 5th Sundays we worship in a different way. A brief service is followed by an action project to care for others. Join us at 10am on April 30 where worship will highlight Appalachia Service Projects followed by fellowship for all and a hands-on project for our local community for most. Youth going on the mission trip will prepare for that evening's spaghetti dinner. Questions? missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org



REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE — We've been matched with a Rohingya family of six – parents in their 30s with children ages 1, 5, 8 and 10. We are moving the items in to their apartment this weekend. We will also need help early next week with final touches, grocery delivery, welcoming them at the airport Thursday morning and a Friday visit. Contact Lynda if you are interested in helping with any of those activities!

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 rpcoffice@rpcusa.org.

LOST & FOUND — Our lost and found box on the shelf outside the pastor's office is overflowing with hats, gloves, an umbrella and a book. Anything not claimed by May 1 will be donated.

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 **4/23** —Nate Evans—Emotional Fluency: The Language Black Boys Aren't Taught **4/30**—No Sunday with TED today due to the spaghetti fundraiser for the youth group mission trip.



BOMBAS SOCKS FOR MISSION — Do you love Bombas? Here's your chance to have a pair or more! For each \$20 donation to the youth mission trip to Appalachia Service Project, you'll receive a personal note and two pairs of black low-rise socks (youth or adult). When donating please make a note of size youth or adult. Cash, checks and online donations all available.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4AB/campaign/C-13J50>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RETURNS! –

Registration is now open for the wonder of God's work through science. Space is limited so sign up soon! Forms are available outside the office and on the website. VBS will be June 26-29 from 9:00 – 11:45 am.



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — The Little Food Pantry has seen a HUGE increase in use over the last month. We're providing about \$250 worth of groceries per week on top of the donations from the township, members of the community, Aldi and Riverside Foods. Can you pick up a few extra cans when you shop? Make a designated donation? Organize a mini food drive on your block, with your book club, or friend group? Food insecure neighbors are relying on us!

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB CHICKEN DINNER—The annual drive thru chicken dinner is Sunday, May 7 from 12—5 pm at RPC. Tickets are \$15. See Jon Jansky or the church office for tickets or more information.



We Serve

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship-Preschool
Sunday, Ringers & Singers

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Confirmation Class

11:00 am Congregational Life Mtg.

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

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

6:00 pm Preschool Ladies Night

Sunday

10:00 am Worship—5th Sunday

10:30 am Fellowship & Set Up

11:00 am Confirmation Class

4:00 pm Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for
Youth Group Mission Trip

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