

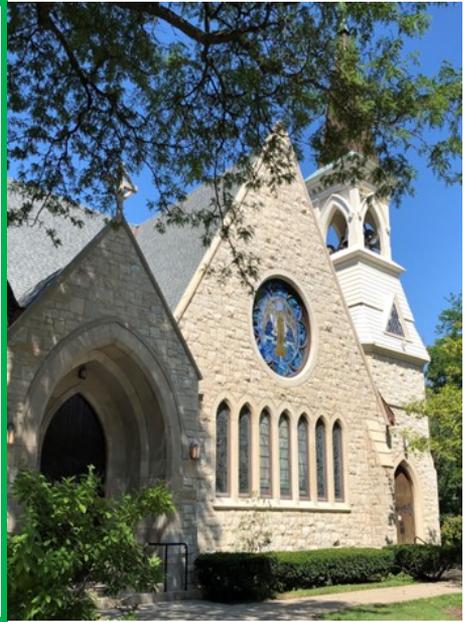
Welcome to  
**Riverside**  
**Presbyterian Church**

June 25, 2023

4th Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Amazing Grace*

arr. by Schrader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please greet those around you with a sign of Christ's peace.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 10:29-31)

Leader: Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

**People: God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.**

Leader: God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

**People: We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!**

\*HYMN #620

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.

(Silence is kept.)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

#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

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

FIRST READING

Romans 6:1b-11

NT p. 156

SECOND READING

Matthew 10:24-39

NT p. 10-11

SERMON

“Spirit of Peace”

## OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

\*HYMN #664

*Morning Has Broken*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Book of Common Worship)

**Christ Jesus,  
though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY     *How Great Thou Art*     arr. Larson

\*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

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

# RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER Janet Perryman

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 #637

*O Sing to the Lord*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Martial Air*

Purcell

### WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Thank you** to Janet and Liz Perryman for joining today's Ministry of Music.

**Greeter:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Liturgist:** Ellen Hamilton

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Flowers** today are given to the Glory of God from Ellen Hamilton.

**Fellowship** is hosted by Sandra Kappmeyer and Dennis Zander.

**Trustee of the Week:** Lynda Nadkarni

# Newsletter

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

116 Barrypoint Road,  
Riverside, IL 60546  
(708) 447-1520, rpcusa.org  
**JUNE 25, 2023**

Dear RPC,  
It has been a joy getting to know many of you this month! I look forward to many more story-filled conversations. If we have not yet had a chance to connect, can you let me know when would be a good time to get together? How about coffee or lunch? Call or text me on my cell anytime: 708-202-9874.  
Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mark



**STRAWBERRY — ICE CREAM SOCIAL— July 19 from 6-8 pm**  
Bigger and better we are back with hand scooped ice cream, strawberries and baked goods, photo booth, pinata by Ginny, a bouncy house for the kids, and more! See Lynda to volunteer or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/rpcsocial> All Ice Cream Social proceeds will support the Little Food Pantry.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY —** Each month this summer the Mission & Outreach Committee challenges the congregation to stock the shelves with a particular food group. First up, canned meals. Please bring canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, etc.), chicken ala king, chili, or beef stew when you come to worship or visit the office. Can't shop? We will shop for you with a donation earmarked "canned meals". Our goal is to collect what we use in a month which is at least 100 cans total.

Our LFP looks this empty several times every day. Please help us keep it filled for those in need.



Martha Heine  
John Lynch  
Lloyd Bradbury  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood

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



**SUNDAYS WITH TED & FRIENDS** – 6:00 p.m. We will meet in person in the church library and via Zoom. Use the following link for Zoom video: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89159855297>



To join by phone, dial and follow the prompts to enter the meeting number: +13126266799,,89159855297# You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com). **6/25** — Leeja Miller — Why Are Conservatives Obsessed With “Parents’ Rights”? **7/2** — Leeja Miller—Dark Money in the Supreme Court Is So Much Worse Thank You Think **7/9** —Leeja Miller—How Reagan Ruined Everything



**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!** — RPC always enjoys hearing our local talent over the summer when the choir is off. We would love to have lots of musical participants this summer as we have in the past. All ages and styles of music are welcome, as are non-members. Please contact Sally if you are interested in signing up for a Sunday in August. 708/822-0655 (text) or [sallysloane@me.com](mailto:sallysloane@me.com)

**A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER** — We are halfway through the year, and I’m very thankful for how devoted and generous everyone has been in their giving. Keep it up! Every little bit helps to keep RPC a strong and vibrant place for worship, mission, and fellowship. -- Ellen M. Hamilton

**REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE** — The family from Rohingya is hoping to move in July and take with them a smart TV and TV stand. A smart TV will allow them to receive programming in their native language along with “American” TV. Do you have either to donate? Or are you willing to contribute to a purchase? Let Lynda know!



**MISSION TRIP** — It's been our tradition to have the congregation cover the cost of the adult participation in the Mission Trip. How can you help support Brad Staubus and Kaki Lynch? Make a donation of \$20 or more in exchange for Bombas socks. Make a donation of \$20 or more in exchange for knowing you've done something good. Think it would be fun to have an adult party fundraiser as in the past? Let Lynda know if you can host or help! Thanks for thinking about how to assist in this beloved RPC activity!



**PRESCHOOL ANIMAL ADOPTION** — Did you know that each year the preschool adopts an animal from the Brookfield Zoo and it becomes the mascot for the year? We also arrange for a special field trip where we get to meet our animal. Each child receives a plush version of the animal and journals their adventures at home to share with the class. This year's is native to west Africa and grayish in color. Any guesses?

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**—The Personnel Committee will meet Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00 pm in the library.

**MEET OUR SUNDAY CHILDCARE TEAM** —

My name is Keri Herrera (Nekovar) and I've been doing the child care at Riverside Presbyterian Church for 35+ years. I've got a degree in Early Childhood Education from Roosevelt University and taught 3rd grade for 3 years in a Catholic school. Since then, I'm now a billing specialist for a label company here in the Chicago suburbs and I'm in my 15th year with the company. My husband and I currently live in LaGrange with our 2 cats Mickey & Minnie.



Hello, my name is Kayla Paulsen. I'm 28 years old! I was born in Illinois and moved around all over the states - I'm a navy kid! I have a brother who has autism. I am a mom of three. I'm a very outgoing person! I'm great with children; I've been babysitting since I was 12 years old.

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS** — Copies of the July-August Upper Room Devotionals are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the rack outside the Pastor's office.

## THIS WEEK

### Today

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Congregational Life Mtg.  
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

### Monday

9:00 am Vacation Bible School  
5:30 pm Volleyball

### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum  
9:00 am Vacation Bible School

### Wednesday

9:00 am Vacation Bible School  
7:00 pm Personnel Meeting

### Thursday

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

### Sunday

10:00 am Worship—Communion  
and Baptism  
11:00 am Fellowship  
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 Paula McCracken Open
Trustees	Doug Harvin Henry Vogel Open	John McGlennon Lynda Nadkarni Open	Deb Jansky Tom Radigan Open