

Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

August 27, 2023

Please silence your cell phones.

* Please stand in body or Spirit. **Bold** indicates congregational response.



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

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Récit de Tierce en taille

de Grigny

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace 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 (based on Genesis 1)

In the beginning God created all things,

and God said that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us
unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted,
known and treasured by God.

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new
so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,
**in the laughter of friends,
in the colors of creation,
and in the beauty of this place.**

Lord God, King of Creation,
**open our eyes to see you,
our minds to acknowledge you,
and our hearts to love you,
ever here in your creation,
and ever beyond it in eternity. Amen.**

*HYMN #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Endless Mercy,
we have often been swallowed up by our greed and selfishness,
**desiring that which we do not have,
filling our lives with things that do not save us.**

We have often been swept away by the floods of our own making,
**polluting your creation,
neglecting to be faithful stewards of the earth.**

We have often attacked one another and led lives of violence,
**sending missiles instead of accepting refugees,
ignoring your commandments.**

Lord have mercy, for we have sinned and fallen short of your glory.
Christ have mercy, for we are broken and need your salvation.

Lord have mercy upon us and hear us
as we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen. (Silence is kept.)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Revelation 21:1-6)

Behold:

God is making all things new, including us.

there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city,
where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every
season.

This heaven, this city, this river, this tree
are a vision of your life reborn, restored, and renewed.

Thanks be to God! Amen

*SUNG RESPONSE *Create in Me A Clean Heart O God x 2*
**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.**

CHILDREN'S SONG *All God's Critters Have a Place in the Choir* Staines

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

Mysterious God, we trust that you are at work among us, even when
you are hidden from our sight. By the power of your Spirit, open our
eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, and our arms to embrace your
truth, as it comes to us in your Word. Amen.

FIRST READING	Genesis 1:1-5; 1:26-2:4a	OT p. 1-2
SECOND READING	Revelation 21:5	NT p. 259
SERMON	"Creation"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

***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.**

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow* Stanphill

***SUNG RESPONSE** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* #853 x2
**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS**

Generous God, you are the source of all good gifts, and you are the one who taught us how to give. Receive our offering — an act of faith that even our small gifts have power and purpose in your world. 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 #774

There Is Now a New Creation

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

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WORSHIP NOTES

Call to Worship adapted from *Liturgy of Creation* . Prayer of Confession written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing . Prayer for Illumination and Prayer of Dedication written by Ginna Bairby for The Presbyterian Outlook.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Ellen Hamilton for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Greeter: Dennis Zander

Liturgist: Reese Jackson

Mini Message: Rev. Zimmerly

Fellowship is hosted by Wendy Seifert.

Trustees of the Month: John McGlennon and Lynda Nadkarni

John Lynch

Lloyd Bradbury

Jack Smith

Alice Ann Hand, sister of Elizabeth Musick.

Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick

Joy for the birth of Evan Joseph, son of Katie (Sheehan) and Drew Joseph and big brother Luke.





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AUGUST 27, 2023

Dear RPC,

This Sunday I will return to preaching from a narrative lectionary, which goes through the whole bible, beginning in Genesis with the story of creation. It is a new beginning! And a reminder of how God is forever making all things new.

How is God making space in your life for re-newal these days? What is God doing among us as a church community to bring about new life? Let's get together to talk about these things. You can email me, mark@rpcusa.org, or look for the sign-up genius on our webpage.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mark

THEOLOGY ON TAP, 6pm Sept 21st: It's official! Theology on Tap will be back in September on Third Thursdays, 6pm, location TBD. Next month Pastor Mark will lead a discussion on the topic of "[Watershed Discipleship](#)," based on a book of the same name by Ched Myers.

<https://watersheddiscipleship.org/what-is-wd/>

SUNDAY FUNDAY— You won't want to miss **September 10** when we present Bibles, kick off Faith Formation, and have a picnic on the lawn after worship! Limited tables and chairs will be provided. Please bring a chair or picnic blanket if able and a side dish or dessert to share. Sandwiches will be provided. It's going to be a great day to kick off a great school year!

PET BLESSING — Save the date – Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 am on the lawn. If you can't bring the pet you want blessed, bring a photo.

WORSHIP IS LIVE! – You can now watch worship live at 10:00 am on our YouTube channel. Go to www.rpcusa.org for the link on the main page. Worship is recorded and uploaded immediately after the service for people to view later as well. Many thanks to our friends from New Life Church, Sara Vacek, Jon Jansky and Brett Jackson for making this happen!

SHOE DRIVE — We are collecting gently used and new shoes for children and adults through the end of October. Please put them in the barrel outside the office. Our goal is 2,000 pair so share with your friends and neighbors!

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — Item of the month is **beans!** Any variety: canned pork and beans, baked beans, refried beans, garbanzo, red, white, butter, etc. Dried beans too! Consider buying a case of 12!

We have a blessing of an abundance of produce which led to the purchase of an additional outdoor refrigerator for the LFP. We're hoping 10 donors will each contribute \$100 towards it's purchase, but any donation is most welcome.

SUNDAYS WITH TED & FRIENDS – 6:00 p.m. **August 27**, our focus will be US-North Korea relations and various efforts to analyze the situation and to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula.

PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND PROJECT – The Eagle Scout who is working to refresh the preschool playground will be back to finish this Sunday. Stop by after worship to see the transformation and to express our thanks!

RINGERS & SINGERS - FIRST REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 We meet Wednesdays during the school year from 4:15 - 5:15. Children from ages (almost) 5 - 12 are welcome to join our group. The group is open to the community. Please contact Sally Sloane if you know of a child interested in joining us musikhse@comcast.net or 708-822-0655. There is no tuition for joining this group - no fees whatsoever.

RARR — The Riverside Area Refugee Resettlement Team will be at the Riverside Farmer's Market on Wednesday, August 30 to raise awareness of the work and money for a fourth family. Stop by and say hi!

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT — We've had visits with all the families recently. They are doing really well. All of the kids started school this week. They were nervous but excited too! You can support them with prayers for a good school year. Pictures posted on our website and the weekly emailed announcements.

CALLING ALL RPC YOUTH AND FAMILIES — Today from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, our youth, their parents, and the mentors of our most recent confirmation class will meet in the Westminster Room for a discussion of how to devote oneself more fully to serving God as known in Christ. A brief video and a chart will offer food for thought; and our discussion will conclude with options for RPC's continuing youth ministry. Jimmy John's sandwiches and beverages will be provided.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesday, August 30 at 10:30 am in the library at RPC. Contact Elizabeth Musick or Marilyn Slanec for more information.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Mission & Outreach Mtg.
11:30 am Confirmation Class
Discussion & Lunch
11:00 am Eagle Scout Work Day
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:15 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday

4:00 pm Meet the Teacher
Preschool Open House

Sunday

10:00 am Worship
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

	2023	2024	2025
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