

Welcome to  
**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

November 5, 2023

Please silence your cell phones.

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



**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

PRELUDE

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

arr. Bettcher

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 34:1-3)

I will praise God in every moment, and through every situation.

**Through my words and action, my life will pay tribute to The Lord.**

Whenever the poor and humble hear of God's greatness, they will celebrate, too!

**Come and lift up God's name with me; let us praise God's name together!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You call us through your Word read and proclaimed, Holy God. May our eyes be opened and our hearts willing to follow wherever your Spirit leads. **Amen.**

\*HYMN #515

*I Come with Joy*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Before we speak, God knows our needs,  
let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence,  
we tell of all that separates us from God and one another.  
Let us pray.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

First of all, Everlasting God,  
we must confess how we have not lived as your people.  
We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—  
yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the  
doors of our hearts to them.  
We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, God of Compassion, and heal us of our brokenness.  
Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love  
others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,  
brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace,  
and joy entrusted to us. (Silence is kept.)

**\*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.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (inspired by Ephesians 4:32 )**

Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our  
lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other,  
forgiving others as God has forgiven us.

**We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in  
our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Children K-5th grade are invited to River Kids at this time and will be brought back for communion. Younger children may go to childcare.*

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING	Psalm 34:17-18, 22	OT p. 508
SECOND READING	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	OT p. 292-293
SERMON	"David and Absalom"	

### OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

\*HYMN #507                      *Come to the Table of Grace*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Friends, out of the abundance we have been given, let us humbly present our tithes and offerings to our God.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY      *Cantad al Señor*      arr. Geschke

\*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 OFFERING

God, you call us to Christ’s mission and ministry. Bless these gifts that they might spread the hope of your good news, feed the hungry, shelter the poor, comfort the suffering, and free the captives. Bless us, also, so that our lives conform to radical love and faithful humility.  
**Amen.**

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 #692

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

## \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Luther/Bish

### WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer of the Day written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Thank you** to the acabELLA Ringers for joining today's Ministry of Music.

**Greeter:** Susan Lynch

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Gardner

**Children's Moment:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Fellowship** is hosted by the Lynch family.

**Trustee of the Month:** John McGlennon

Donna Ulrich, John Lynch, Lloyd Bradbury,

Jack Smith, Greg Reichle

Michael McGillicuddy, friend of Ellen Hamilton.

Larry Buttimer and Mary Harris, brother-in-law and stepmom of Jeanine Buttimer.

Prayers of comfort and peace for family and friends grieving the death of Sue Gross.



To sign up for the weekly emailed announcements, contact the church office, [rpcoffice@rpcusa.org](mailto:rpcoffice@rpcusa.org) or 708-447-1520

Dear RPC,

As the news this week continues to highlight conflict and war around the world, I am reminded of Christ's promise of peace: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27). But what kind of "peace" is this?

Consider this poem by Dorothy Hunt, entitled "Peace Is This Moment Without Judgment" <https://www.dorothyhunt.org/peace-is-this-moment>

Do you agree with her?

Grace and *peace*,

-Pastor Mark

**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.

**STREAMS OF LIVING WATER: 9am Sundays in the Library** Pastor Mark is teaching a class on Christian Spirituality prior to worship, starting today. All ages are welcome at this opportunity for learning and practice. The format is drop-in, with a different tradition highlighted during each of the 12 planned sessions. Come when you can, leave when you must! The next session will focus on “Benedictine Spirituality.”

**RIVER KIDS** — King David's feelings toward his son Absalom can remind us of the love that Jesus Christ has for us. That's this week's takeaway in Sunday School. Kids will leave after the children's time and return for communion and the end of the service. Mrs. Nadkarni hopes to see them there!

**SUNDAYS WITH TED & FRIENDS** —6:00 p.m. In person and via Zoom. Contact Doug Asbury for more information at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com).

**11/5** - Ben Sheehan - How His Instagram Post on Propaganda Went Viral

**11/12** - Democracy Now Interview with Historian Ilan Pappé

**VOLLEYBALL IN THE GYM** — The Riverside Parks and Rec department has arranged to use the church gym on Tuesday nights, 6:30-10:30pm for a women's volleyball league. At this point it looks as though the registration is already full, but others (including men and teenagers!) are welcome and encouraged to join in our free drop-in volleyball opportunity on Mondays, 5:30-8pm. That group, led by church member Diane Chaney, is in need of new players this season. Text her at (708) 204-9500.

**COMPOSTING** — The Green Team is working on some on-site composting at the church for vegetable waste from the little free food pantry. Meanwhile, Riverside's solid waste provider, Flood Brothers, encourages residents to include food waste in yard debris bins, where it will also be composted. Here is a link to their info sheet on how to do this: <https://www.riverside.il.us/documentcenter/view/5218>

**TREASURER/BOOKKEEPER WANTED** — Our excellent long-time Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton, has decided not to continue in her volunteer position for 2024. The finance committee is looking to possibly split the job into two – a bookkeeper who tracks expenses and a treasurer who cuts checks. If you are interested in helping with one or both of these essential church functions, please contact Elder Mary Beth Wynn.

**SHOE DRIVE UPDATE** —The shoe drive has ended, but if you still have shoes to donate, please bring them to the church by November 5th. The truck coming to pick them up will not arrive until after that date, so there is still time to include any shoes yet to be donated. Many, many thanks to those of you who helped us with this mission. We won't hit the Fund organization's goal of 2,000 pairs, but will make a respectable showing. We'll give the final count soon.



**PRESCHOOL** — Save the Date for our second annual Breakfast with Santa and Vendor Fair! **Saturday, December 2, 8:30 am—2 pm**

You're invited to bring a small person in your life to eat with Santa. No small person? No problem!

We will also have vendors selling a variety of gift items, raffle baskets and a book fair. Come out to help support the preschool!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL-HIGH SCHOOL STRONGHOLD RETREAT**—November 10, 7 pm –November 12, 11 am at Stronghold. A weekend designed for middle school and high school youth filled with games, activities, groups, worship, food and more! Cost: Youth and Adult leaders \$125. **Register by November 6.** Additional information and registrations at: [www.blackhawkpresbytery.org](http://www.blackhawkpresbytery.org)

**BISHOPS & BAGELS CHESS TOURNAMENT** – Sunday, November 19, 11:30 am at RPC. Come for a casual chess tournament with free admission and free bagels! All ages and skill levels welcome. Time control: each player will have 10 minutes per game for 3 rounds. Boards/clocks are provided. Contact: [TheRiversideChessClub@gmail.com](mailto:TheRiversideChessClub@gmail.com) or register at: [bit.ly/bishopsbagels](http://bit.ly/bishopsbagels)

**UTILITY COSTS** — The Trustees are diligently working to keep our expenses in check. One thing they're in the process of is installing smart thermostats. You can help by keeping doors closed after worship and meetings, lights off when spaces are not in use, and reporting any dripping faucets. Thank you!

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT** — We're all set to receive a family, likely next week. Also likely is that they will be 6 people from South America. Of course everything is subject to change and very last minute. Watch your email for updates about who they are and when they arriving along with how you can help pack the truck, unpack the truck and set up the apartment as well as greet them at the airport.

## THIS WEEK

### Today

Daylight Saving Time Ends

9:00 am Christian Spirituality Class

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:30 am Hospitality & Outreach

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

### Monday

5:15 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 pm Personnel Committee Mtg.

### Sunday

9:00 am Christian Spirituality Class

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:30 am Green Team Meeting

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Riverside Presbyterian, IL

### **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
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	Jon Jansky	Carrie Staubus	Ellen Hamilton
	Sandra Kappmeyer	Mary Beth Wynn	Serina Ranft
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	2023	2024	2025
	Nancy Dvorak	Jim Marciniak	Thom DeVries
	Elizabeth Musick	Steve Marcus	Paula McCracken
	Marilyn Slanec	Wendy Seifert	Open
Trustees	2023	2024	2025
	Doug Harvin	John McGlennon	Deb Jansky
	Henry Vogel	Lynda Nadkarni	Tom Radigan
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