



August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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On behalf of Riverside Presbyterian, it is our pleasure to welcome you to worship this morning. The opportunity to worship together as the Family is one of God's greatest gifts. It is our hope that this time and place will be a grounding place for us all, one that enables us to live as freely and fully as God intends.

STEWARDSHIP



To support the ministry of Riverside Presbyterian Church, contributions may be sent to the church office or you may pledge electronically at www.riversidepc.org or scan the QR code on the left to give through tithe.ly.com.

Do you want to get a head start in preparing for Sunday worship? The Sunday worship bulletin is now being linked in the Friday e-mail, together with the livestreaming web link, which are also posted on the church's website: riversidepc.org. The worship service is livestreamed and available on the church's website: <https://www.riversidepc.org/watch-live>. Please spread the word to those who are interested in worshipping with us online.

The term "voluntary" is used to denote a piece of music or improvisation for instrument, played before, during, or at the end of a church service.

The Season after Pentecost, also called **Ordinary Time**, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always **Trinity Sunday**, and the last Sunday is always the Sunday of **the Reign of Christ** or **Christ the King**. Although the scripture lessons in the lectionary for this half of the year go in a semi-continuous cycle through books of the Bible rather than follow a theme, the gospel lessons cover Jesus' teaching ministry and the church's mission in the world. The liturgical color for this season is GREEN, signifying growth in Christ, except on Communion Sundays when it is white.

SESSION

Class of 2026

Teri Beeler
Anda Ray
Ann Stone

Class of 2027

Bob Howard
Meghan Johnson
Paula Yost

Class of 2028

Girard Middleton
Carl Plaughter (26)
Tom White (26)

DIACONATE

Class of 2026

Janice Eastes
Carolyn Hattaway
Tammy Ivan

Class of 2027

Jorge Castillo
Mary Mullin

Class of 2028

Martha Williams
Fern Wolle
Bob Yost

The July/August issue of our newsletter ***Down by the Riverside*** has been sent out by email. If you wish to have a hard copy, it is available in the church office and the narthex. If you're interested in receiving our electronic monthly newsletter (except for January and August), please leave your e-mail address. If you wish to receive a hard copy by mail, please call the church office at 321-783-6085.

Lectionary Readings for Today (Year A):

Isaiah 51:1-6; *Psalm 138*; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

✦ Standing for those who are able

People's response in ***bold & italic*** type

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: “[Jesus] said to [his disciples], ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God’” (Matthew 16:15-16).

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Deacon Bob Yost

GREETINGS & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Bill Teng

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you . . .***

. . . The grace and peace of the Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

VOLUNTARY

“Blessed Assurance”

Phoebe Knapp (1873)/arr. Marianne Kim (2020)

Diana Amtower, *Piano*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Philippians 2:10-11, 13)

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

***and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.***

For it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

Let us worship God.

✦ HYMN #263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

CORONATION

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

“O Praise Him”

David Crowder Band (2003)

“What a Beautiful Name”

Hillsong Worship (2017)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, to whom all worship rightfully belongs: As his disciples have done since the beginnings of Christian witness, we have acknowledged Jesus as Lord. We confess that he is the only way to you, yet we have often tried to make our own way rather than trusting his way.

Forgive our failures to follow him faithfully; incline our hearts to please him, and empower us by your Spirit to walk with him as true disciples, both in word and in deed, to your eternal glory and praise.

SILENT REFLECTION (*Reflecting on the Prayer of Confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

... Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

... The Peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

GIVING TO GOD

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FUSION YOUTH

Pastor Teng

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Still Waters"

Leanna Crawford (2024)

Jordan Boggs/Madalynn Pearson, *Duet* / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

✠DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chili Lindsay & Valerie Kellum, *Co-chairs*

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 12:1-8 (*New Testament, p. 161*)

Elder Susan White

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

✠HYMN #305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 16:13-20 (*New Testament, p. 18*)

Pastor Teng

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

"The Rock of Ages?"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

✠HYMN#269

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

LANCASHIRE

✠CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠SENDING SONG

"Made Alive"

Citizens (2013)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Cathy Seeger**
and in honor of **Cathy & Ron's 67th Wedding Anniversary.**



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thanks to your generosity, the 70th Anniversary *“Roof for Ministry & Cross for Community”* campaign was a great success! Here’s a recap:

	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Cost</u>	
Cross	\$30,400	\$ 5,550	
Knox/Calvin Roof	\$37,676	\$92,498	
Total	\$68,076	\$98,048	
Distribution From Endowment/Capital Improvement Fund	\$31,547		
Grand Total	\$99,623	\$98,048	\$1,575

However, as is often the case during the slower summer months, giving has been somewhat below our operating needs. As of the end of July, our Operating Budget shows a deficit of **\$15,856**, with Net Cash On-Hand at **-\$33,938**. As we move into the fall, we are grateful for your continued faithfulness in keeping your giving up to date. *Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of the ministry and mission of our church!*

SERMON NOTES

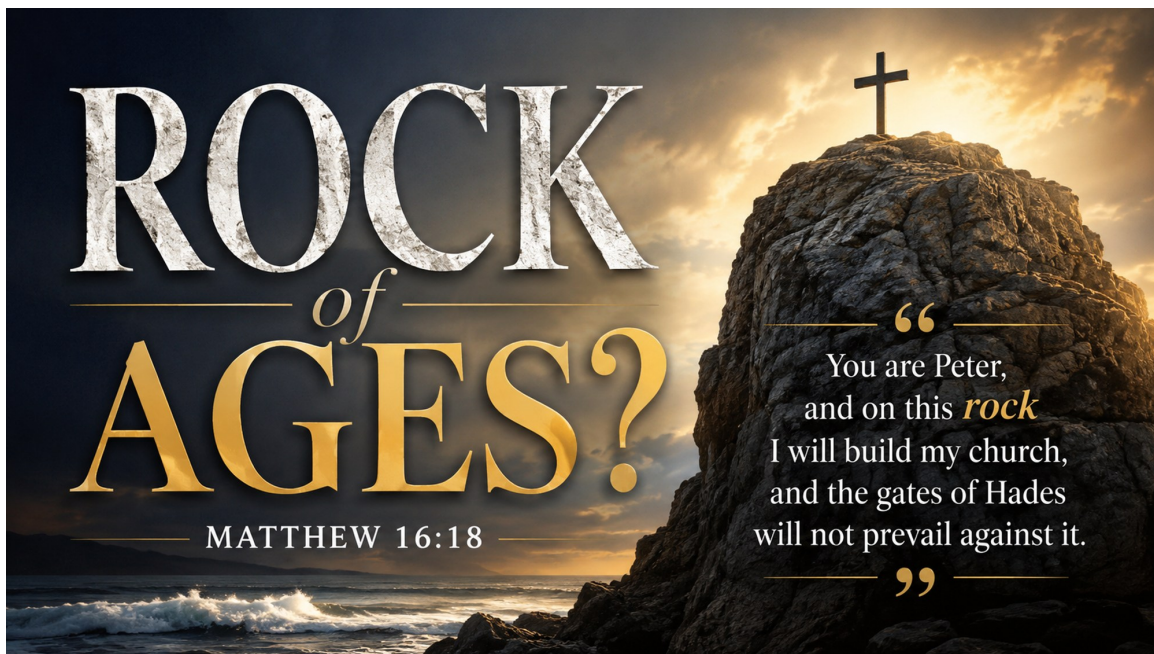
For **security reasons**, all entrance doors to the Sanctuary will be locked once the worship service begins. However, there will be someone by the door to let you in when you're by the door. Your kind understanding for our security concerns is deeply appreciated!

Men's Wednesday Bible Study — The Men's Bible study meets each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in Knox Hall. The men will be taking a 6-week break for the Summer, but will resume again to continue our study on Proverbs on **September 2**. We invite you to join us once we resume for Bible study, fellowship, and breakfast afterwards.

Labor Day Potluck — Please join us on **Sunday, September 6** after Worship for a Labor Day Potluck and BBQ in the Fellowship Hall! Riverside will provide the meat and desserts. Please bring a side dish to share.



Anchor Youth — Tuesday nights at 5:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall our Youth ages 12 - 18 come together in a safe, relaxed, and inviting place to gather together. As the group grows, one or more rooms in Calvin Hall will become a space where young people can belong, laugh, and be themselves. Evenings will include social time (and sometimes dinner!), games, movies, and a cozy coffee-house atmosphere, followed by a short, Bible-based conversation grounded in faith and real life. *Please pray that youth will respond by being here!*





Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Scott & Wanda Scott, Tim Bright, Cathy Pfeiffer, Paula Yost, Rebecca Burns, Jane Lovett, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Cliff Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo**; peace for Ukraine, Iran, and the Middle East; earthquake victims and relief efforts in Indonesia, Columbia, Japan, Venezuela, and the Philippines; storm and flood victims and families in our nation.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 / Evening: Psalms 85; 47 Job 4:1; 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-27; Acts 9:19b-31; John 6:52-59
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 / Evening: Psalms 28; 99 Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21; Acts 9:32-43; John 6:60-71
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 65; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 125; 91 Job 6:1; 7:1-21; Acts 10:1-16; John 7:1-13
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 81; 116 Job 8:1-10, 20-22; Acts 10:17-33; John 7:14-36
Friday	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 / Evening: Psalms 6; 20 Job 9:1-15, 32-35; Acts 10:34-48; John 7:37-52
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 / Evening: Psalms 100; 63 Job 9:1; 10:1-9, 16-22; Acts 11:1-18; John 8:12-20
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 108; 150 / Evening: Psalms 66; 23 Job 11:1-9, 13-20; Revelation 5:1-14; Matthew 5:1-12

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✠ On the night of August 23, 1572, as **Catherine de Medici** and her son, young **King Charles IX**, were sequestered in the palace, they issued orders to kill the French Protestants (the Huguenots) in France. Protestant leader **Gaspard de Coligny** was seized and tortured. Huguenots and their children were dragged into the streets and slain. The sun, rising over Paris on St. Bartholomew's Day, revealed thousands of Protestant corpses. ✠ American clergyman, **Increase Mather**, died on this day in 1723 at the age of 84. Ordained in 1657, Mather pastored the congregationalist Old North Meeting House of Boston from 1664 until his death 59 years later. He was also president of Harvard College from 1684-1701. He received the first Doctor of Divinity degree in America and published nearly 100 books; the most significant being one that brought an end to executions for witchcraft in New England in 1693. He was the father of **Cotton Mather**, pastor, author, and a major intellectual and public figure in English-speaking colonial America. ✠ The British Parliament passed the **Slavery Abolition Act** on August 23, 1833, outlawing slavery throughout its empire. On August 1 of the next year, 700,000 slaves were freed. (On August 23, 2007, the **International Slavery Museum** was opened at the Albert Docks complex in London.) ✠ Five SIM (**Sudan Interior Mission**) missionaries, serving in the Sudan during World War II, were caught in a bombing raid on this day in 1940, when the Italian Air Force dropped 89 bombs on their mission station. Four of the five were either killed or badly wounded, and only one — **Zillah Walsh** —was uninjured. ✠ On this day in 1978, **Corrie ten Boom**, a Dutch Christian and Holocaust survivor who helped many Jews escape the Nazis during World War II, and author of *The Hiding Place* and several other books, suffered a serious stroke, one effect of which was that she lost her ability to speak and communicate for the last five years of her life. She died on her birthday, April 15, 1983, at the age of 91.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23 - 30, 2026

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Monday - Thursday

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Team (Zoom)
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Calvin Hall)
	3:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

PSALM 66 PRAISE BAND

Guitar / Vocal — Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Bass Guitar — Collin Morrison

Drums — Ryan Perez

Keyboard — Andrey Plata

Backup Vocals — Madalynn Pearson & Jordan Boggs

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