



August 16, 2026
Twelfth 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):

Genesis 45:1-15; *Psalm* 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

✠ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy"* (Romans 11:29-31).

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

Trumpet Air
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

Henry Purcell (1696)

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 56:7 & Psalm 133:1, 3b)

Come and worship God in joy!

The house of the LORD will be a house of prayer for all peoples.

How good it is to live in unity.

This is the blessing of the LORD: life forevermore.

Let us worship God.

✠ HYMN #267

"Come, Christians Join to Sing"

MADRID

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"God of Wonders"

"Who You Say I Am"

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Chris Tomlin (2015)

Hillsong Worship (2018)

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God: We confess we do not always reflect your glory — You invite us to live together in unity, and we often allow family drama to drive us apart; you welcome all to the table of grace, yet we turn away strangers asking for crumbs.

Forgive us, O God. Restore and reorder our lives by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may be one as you are one, sharing the blessing of life evermore, to the glory of your holy name.

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

Elder Anda Ray

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Teng

OFFERTORY

"Still Waters"

Leanna Crawford (2024)

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

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 15:21-28 (*New Testament, p. 17*)

Valerie Kellum

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

✦ HYMN #649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (*New Testament, p. 160*)

Pastor Teng

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

SERMON

"The Exclusively Inclusive Gospel!"

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 #435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

IN BABILONE

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

"Forever"

Chris Tomlin (2001)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
the **Congregation of Riverside.**



The Children's Hunger Project collection has been successful and we are so grateful for all who so generously donated food items and/or money towards supplying items to CHP! Please join us today in the Fellowship Hall as we pack the lunches for area schools. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community as well as fellowship with each other! We will have another collection later in the year to help area schools get through the holidays and the second half of the school year.

Thank you all for your continued generosity!



SERMON NOTES

Diaconate and Session Joint Meeting — The Deacons and Session will meet together **Tuesday, August 18** at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that you bring a light dish to share as we will enjoy a light dinner together before the meeting.

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: **Tim Bright, Diana Amtower, 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 Columbia, Japan, Venezuela, and the Philippines; and tornado and fire victims and families in our nation.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 / Evening: Psalms 97; 112 Judges 17:1-13; Acts 7:44-8:1a; John 5:19-29
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 / Evening: Psalms 30; 86 Judges 18:1-15; Acts 8:1-13; John 5:30-47
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 15; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 48; 4 Judges 18:16-31; Acts 8:14-25; John 6:1-15
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 36; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 80; 27 Job 1:1-22; Acts 8:26-40; John 6:16-27
Friday	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 / Evening: Psalms 32; 139 Job 2:1-13; Acts 9:1-9; John 6:27-40
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 / Evening: Psalms 118; 111 Job 3:1-26; Acts 9:10-19a; John 6:41-51
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 67; 150 / Evening: Psalms 46; 93 Job 4:1-6, 12-21; Revelation 4:1-11; Mark 6:1-6a

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ Swedish Lutheran missionary **John Campanius** left Stockholm on August 16, 1642, for America, landing in Delaware the following February 15. For several years, he helped establish Lutheran preaching points in the colonies and among the Lenape Indians. In 1648, he was relieved by other missionaries and returned to Sweden where he pastored until his death in 1683. ✦ On August 16, 1722, **Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf** and **Countess Erdmuth Dorothea von Reuss** were engaged to be married, forming a partnership that helped establish the Moravian community Herrnhut and the golden era of Moravian missions. ✦ **Charles Spurgeon**, 25, was frustrated that there was no building large enough in London to hold the crowds wanting to hear about Jesus from his lips. The New Park Street Church decided to build a much larger tabernacle. The cornerstone was laid on August 16, 1859, and it opened in May of 1861, with seating for 6,500 people. There Spurgeon preached regularly until shortly before his death in 1892. ✦ On the very same day, August 16, 1859, a baby was born in Sweden to a humble carpenter and his wife, and named **Carl Gustaf Boberg**. He became a Christian at age nineteen and went on to write a number of hymns, including "O Store Gud" ("How Great Thou Art.") ✦ **Abraham Lincoln** signed the *Emancipation Proclamation* on this day in 1863. ✦ American Presbyterian revivalist, **Charles Finney**, died on this day in 1875 at the age of 83. Originally trained in law, Finney became a Christian at age 29 and was ordained at 32. He conducted revivals the next eight years and served briefly as pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in New York City in 1832. In 1835, he began teaching at Oberlin College in Ohio and spent the rest of his life in close affiliation with the school, serving as its president from 1851-66. Calling himself a "New School Calvinist," Finney laid heavy stress on our ability to repent and to attain sanctification in this life.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16 - 23, 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>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) Packing for the Children's Hunger Project
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Joint Diaconate/Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall) Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
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>Thirteenth 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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