



October 18, 2026

Twenty-First 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 sent out by e-mail on Friday morning, 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 October 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 narthex and the church office. 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):

Exodus 33:12-23; *Psalms* 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

✠ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And [God] said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy'" (Exodus 33:18-20).*

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

"Blessings"

Jim Brickman (2012)

Diana Amtower, *Piano*

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

All that we are is a gift from God,
the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

All that we have is a gift from God,
the world, and those who live in it.

There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation,
for God has founded it on the seas.

Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts,
God established it on the rivers.

✠ HYMN #12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise!"

ST. DENIO

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Enter the Gates"

Bryan & Katie Torwalt (2016)

"Great Things"

Phil Wickham (2018)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God: We confess we are not always ready for your holy realm — We often worship wealth and power, forgetting that all things belong to you; we seek places of honor and glory, forgetting that glory is yours alone.

Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

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

"Here I Am to Worship"

Tim Hughes/arr. Lloyd Larson (2006)

Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Exodus 33:12-23 (*Old Testament, p. 80*)

Valerie Kellum

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

✦ **HYMN#307**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 22:15-22 (*New Testament, p. 24*)

Pastor Teng

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

SERMON

"Doing Justice to God"

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#716**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ **SENDING SONG**

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Matt Redman (2002)

Psalms 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Sue Colley** and in loving memory of her husband, **Ken, and other loved ones.**



We will be start our collection for The Children's Hunger Project October 11 - November, in preparation for our local children heading back to school. Please see the list of items needed:



- ◆ Fruit Cups, 4 oz. zero sugar added
- ◆ Apple Sauce, 4 oz. zero sugar added
- ◆ Fruit juice boxed 6.75 oz. 100% fruit juice
- ◆ Sunflower Kernels 1 oz. individual size



- ◆ Craisins 1 oz., individual boxes
- ◆ Belvita Breakfast Bars, 1.76 oz



- ◆ Teddy Grahams 1 oz. Individual snack size bags
- ◆ Goldfish Crackers, 1 oz. cheddar or whole grain pretzels



- ◆ Mac-n-Cheese microwaveable bowls (no boxes)
- ◆ Chef Boyardee 'Pop-a-top' microwaveable pasta



- ◆ Horizons Organic low-fat milk, 8 ounce

We will get together on Sunday, November 15 for a packing day!

Thank you for you continued generosity!

SERMON NOTES

Riverside Annual Charity Concert — Join us **this afternoon at 3:30 p.m.** for Riverside's annual charity concert featuring Timmy Buffet and the Hurricanes, who are an electrifying Jimmy Buffet tribute band with island vibes. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Proceeds go to support our partners at The Children's Hunger Project.

Annual Trunk-or-Treat — Our annual Trunk-or-Treat is **Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m.** and we need volunteers to pass out candy from decorated car trunks, set up help, hot dog stand volunteers, coolers with ice and water and (if you cannot be there for the event) Halloween candy donations. Please contact Anda Ray or the church office if you would like to participate.

Warm Clothing Collection — We are currently collecting clean and gently used clothing for our homeless community in our area. The types of clothing needed are coats, sweaters, caps, t-shirts and shoes (no fancy or dress shoes), for both men and women. Donations will be taken to Matthew's Hope in Cocoa. You can drop off clean, gently used clothing in the Narthex.

Anchor Youth — **Tuesday evenings 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!

Pastor Bill Teng wishes to thank **the Deacons** for their gracious remembrance of Pastor Appreciation Day last Sunday and the thoughtful gift of a framed picture of our lovely Sanctuary!



PASTOR'S CLASS Mondays at 1:00 p.m. (October 5 – November 16)



Living and interacting in a Post-Christian and pluralistic society is not exactly easy for Christians. There are just so many social issues that we face each day which require the "right" decision. How are we supposed to make these decisions? Does the Bible address these issues?

Come and explore these contemporary social issues in a 7-week series. Since each topic is independent of each other, please feel free to drop in on any day. It meets on **Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Knox Hall**. See **Pastor Teng** for any questions.

The Christian Perspectives on Contemporary Social Issues

October	5	Pluralism
	12	Economics
	19	War
	26	Capital Punishment
November	2	Addiction/Substance Abuse
	9	Bioethics
	16	Homosexuality/Same-Sex Marriage



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Clift Schmitt, Nancy Ragland, Christopher Alfinez and Amanda Alfinez** (adult children of Connie & Mark DeYesso), **Glenn Stout, Walter & Wanda Scott, Cathy Pfeiffer, Rebecca Burns, Jane Lovett, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Roxanne Stout**; peace for Ukraine, Iran, and the Middle East; flood and earthquake victims and relief efforts in Nepal/Tibet and Indonesia; hurricane, storm, and flood victims and families in our nation.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 / Evening: Psalms 97; 112 Hosea 11:12–12:1; Acts 26:1-23; Luke 8:26-39
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 / Evening: Psalms 30; 86 Hosea 12:2-14; Acts 26:24–27:8; Luke 8:40-56
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 15; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 48; 4 Hosea 13:1-3; Acts 27:9-26; Luke 9:1-17
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 36; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 80; 27 Hosea 13:4-8; Acts 27:27-44; Luke 9:18-27
Friday	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 / Evening: Psalms 32; 139 Hosea 13:9-16; Acts 28:1-16; Luke 9:28-36
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 / Evening: Psalms 118; 111 Hosea 14:1-9; Acts 28:17-31; Luke 9:37-50
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 67; 150 / Evening: Psalms 46; 93 Micah 1:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Matthew 16:13-20

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ Today is the birthday of pastor and commentator **Matthew Henry**. An English Presbyterian, he was born on October 18, 1662 in Flintshire, Wales. He is best known for his *Matthew Henry's Commentaries on the Holy Scriptures*. ✦ **The Edict of Nantes**, issued in 1598 by French **King Henry VI**, granted freedoms to the Calvinist Protestants of France. For many years, the edict formed the basis of French unity and religious protection, but on October 18, 1685, **King Louis XIV**, revoked the Edict of Nantes and declared Protestantism illegal, sending Protestants fleeing to Great Britain, Prussia, Holland, and Switzerland. ✦ **Robert Moffat**, a Scottish gardener who became a Congregationalist missionary, sailed for South Africa on October 18, 1816. His fiancée, **Mary Smith**, followed him three years later, and the two became one of the most remarkable missionary couples of the nineteenth century. They returned home on furlough only once during their long career. Their oldest daughter, Mary, married missionary, **David Livingstone**. ✦ American Lawyer and hymnwriter, **Charles C. Converse**, died on this day in 1918 at the age of 86. In 1855, he went to Germany to study music under such greats of Louis Spohr and Franz Liszt, and returned to America and completed a law degree at Albany University. He later worked with **William B. Bradbury** in editing and publishing several collections of hymnbooks and Sunday School songbooks. Today, Converse is remembered as composer of the hymn tune converse, to which we sing "*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*." ✦ On October 18, 1949, cowboy singer and entertainer **Stuart Hamblen** became a Christian during the **Billy Graham** Los Angeles Crusade, and the news helped extend the length of the meetings and catapulted Graham to worldwide prominence. Hamblen later penned the song, "*It Is No Secret What God Can Do*."

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18 - 25, 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>Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
	3:30 p.m.	Annual Charity Concert (Sanctuary)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	HRR Circle (Knox Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Session (Knox Hall)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	9:30 a.m.	Stitchin' Sisters (Calvin Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Jane Lovett's Home)
	3:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Thursday	Indian River Via de Cristo Women's Weekend through Sunday	
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (Front Parking Lot)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Twenty-Second 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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