

November 1, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

RiverSide Presbyterian Church

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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 tithely.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 worshiping 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.

In the early church it became customary to remember the martyrs of the church in worship. When the list of martyrs became too great, a special day was set aside to remember their commitment to Christ, a commitment that led to their suffering and death for the sake of the gospel. Although different areas of the church celebrated the memory of these saints on different days at first, by A.D. 835 it became the custom to celebrate these martyrs on November 1. Today, **All Saints' Day** is celebrated on November 1 or the Sunday closest to November 1.

Session

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Teri Beeler	Bob Howard	Girard Middleton
Anda Ray	Meghan Johnson	Carl Plaugher (26)
Ann Stone	Paula Yost	Tom White (26)

Diaconate

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Janice Eastes	Jorge Castillo	Martha Williams
Carolyn Hattaway	Mary Mullin	Fern Wolle
Tammy Ivan		Bob Yost

The November issue of our newsletter ***Down by the Riverside*** will be sent out by email this week. If you wish to have a hard copy, it will be 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):

Joshua 3:7-17; *Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37;* 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

✞Standing for those who are able People's response in ***bold & italic*** type

Approaching the Throne of Grace

Preparing for Worship: *"'O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so"* (Psalm 107:1-2a).

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 *"For All the Saints"* R. Vaughan Williams (1906)/*arr.* Roger Wilson (1950)
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

✞Call to Worship (*from Psalm 107:1-3*)

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
O give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
His steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God!

✞Hymn #612 ***"We Praise You, O God"*** **KREMSER**

✞Prayer of adoration

Making Our Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of our salvation: We bear witness that you save all who call upon you in times of distress — You have spoken over us your healing word, and our brokenness has been mended. But we have often turned from your way, and forgotten your steadfast love that sustains and renews us. We have often taken credit for our blessings, rather than acknowledging that every good and perfect gift comes from you.

Forgive our ingratitude and selfishness, O Lord. Grant us by your Spirit the gift of thanksgiving and generosity, that we may live in constant grateful acknowledgment of your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord .

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

Offertory — *"Come Find Forgiveness and Love"* — Besig & Price (2017)
Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

✞**Doxology #606** — **OLD HUNDREDTH**

✞Prayer of Dedication

Moment for Stewardship — Elder Tom White

Reading and Hearing God's Word

First Scripture Reading — 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (*New Testament, p. 203*) — Chili Lindsay
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Song — *"Grace Alone"* — Brown/Nelson (1998)

Second Scripture Reading — Joshua 3:7-17 (*Old Testament, p. 195*) — Pastor Teng
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon — *"Getting Your Feet Wet!"*

Sealing the Word - Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Life up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise ….
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.
Institution of the Sacraments
Invitation to Partake
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

Responding to God's Word

✞**Hymn #326** — ***"For All the Saints"*** — **SINE NOMINE**

✞Charge and Blessing

✞**Voluntary** — ***Ceremonial March*** — Edward Wetherhill (1980)
Diana Amtower, *Organ*



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **the children of Jen & Joe Fanning** and in celebration and honor of **Jen & Joe's 31 years of marriage.**

Remembering the Saints - 2026

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to express our gratitude for all who have gone to their eternal home since last November:

Leon E. McCrary (Donna McCrary's husband)	December 7, 2025
David F. Bishop (Peggy Bishop's husband)	February 10, 2026
Joan Hart (Nancy Ragland's mother)	May 12, 2026
Howard Linwood Stevens (Sandy Bean's father)	June 14, 2026
Diane Lehman Baylor (Wauneta Lehman's daughter)	September 3, 2026

CHRIS CARSON CRUISERS FOR KIDS

We will kicking off Chris Carson's Cruisers for Kids bike drive

November 1 – December 1

We will be providing bicycles, helmets, and locks for children served by our local Salvation Army, and children in foster care through Friends of Children of Brevard and Family Partnerships of Central Florida, and we need to deliver our bikes to these organizations right around Thanksgiving. Information for you is available in envelopes in the narthex, and hanging on the tree in Fellowship Hall. Once you have filled out your envelope, please put your envelope with donation in the offering plate.



Let's make some Christmas wishes come true for local children in need!



The Children's Hunger Project "Brevard County's Backpack Program"

Riverside Presbyterian Church CHP Collection

Riverside is currently collecting food items for The Children's Hunger Project through November 8. Riverside provides food packs for children, that may not have access to food, and delivers them to **Lewis Carroll and Roosevelt Elementary Schools**.

The need has increased for food items at one of our schools. We are low on many items and need your help! We especially need applesauce, added fruit cups, Goldfish crackers, graham crackers (Teddy Grahams or Animal Crackers are acceptable), juice boxes, and chocolate milk. Be sure to check the package size to ensure you get the correct size needed.

Join us for Packing Day on November 15 after worship. Thank you for your generosity!

Announcements

Called Congregational Meeting — Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held immediately after worship on **Sunday, November 8**, for the sole purpose of electing elders and deacons. All Riverside members are welcomed to attend. After which all are invited to **Pie Sunday** in the Fellowship Hall.

Ladies Christmas Tea — Our annual Ladies Christmas Tea will be on **Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.** in our own Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be available starting November 1 and are $25 each. Bring a decorative ornament to exchange. If you would like to purchase a ticket please see Paula Yost.

Nametags — Even if you've been worshiping here at Riverside for a long time, sometimes you'd still catch yourself thinking, "I know that face, but what's his/her name?" Well, there's a solution for that: Have everyone wear a nametag. Every Sunday! If you already have a nametag on the board in the Narthex, please wear it. If you'd like to have one made for you, please tell one of the ushers, and one will be ready for you the following Sunday.

Gift Card Collection — Beginning **November 1,** Riverside will start collecting gift cards for the students at Roosevelt Elementary to help students during Christmas Break. We are asking for gift cards in $10 increments, from Publix or Walmart. You can turn in your gift cards to a Deacon or to the Church office. **Deadline is December 15th.**

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

"Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace"

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God"
(1 Peter 4:10).

2027 STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

October 18 – November 8, 2026

A packet of stewardship information is available for all in the Narthex.

Please read the information carefully and prayerfully as you consider what God has put on your heart to serve and give to the various ministries here at Riverside in 2027.
Please bring back the enclosed Faith Promise Card and Talent Survey on
Stewardship Sunday, November 8.



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Pastor Jane Wesson, Mark DeYesso, Clift Schmitt, Nancy Ragland, 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 62; 145 / Evening: Psalms 73; 9 Jonah 1:17–2:10; Revelation 11:1-14; Luke 11:14-26
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 12; 146 / Evening: Psalms 36; 7 Jonah 3:1–4:11; Revelation 11:14-19; Luke 11:27-36
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 96; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 132; 134 Nahum 1:1-14, Revelation 12:1-6; Luke 11:37-52
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 116; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 26; 130 Nahum 1:15–2:12; Rev. 12:7-17; Luke 11:53–12:12
Friday	Morning: Psalms 84; 148 / Evening: Psalms 25; 40 Nahum 2:13–3:7; Revelation 13:1-10; Luke 12:13-31
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 63; 149 / Evening: Psalms 117; 139 Nahum 3:8-19; Revelation 13:11-18; Luke 12:32-48
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 103; 150 / Evening: Psalms 117; 139 Jonah 1:1-17a; 1 Corinthians 10:15-24; Matthew 18:15-20

What Happened on This Day in Christian History

✞ On November 1, 1755, at 9:40 in the morning as many people gathered in churches and cathedrals for All Saints' Day services, a massive earthquake stuck **Lisbon, Portugal**, followed by a tsunami and a fire, causing the near-destruction of the city and the deaths of as many as 100,000 people. ✞ The hymn *"O Jesus Christ, Grow Thou in Me"* was published on November 1, 1860, in the *British Messenger* by translator **Elizabeth L. Smith**. Originally written in German by **Johann C. Lavater**, the words say: "O Jesus Christ, grow Thou in me, / And all things else recede! / My heart be daily nearer Thee, / From sin be daily freed." ✞ Today is the birthday, in 1887, of **Bill Borden**, heir to the Borden Dairy Estate of Chicago, who felt God's call to become a missionary to the Muslims of China. He died *en route* there, having contracted spinal meningitis in Cairo. He was twenty-five, and his life's slogan was: "No Reserves, No Retreats, No Regrets." ✞ Today is also the birthday (1921) of the popular twentieth-century composer, **John W. Peterson**, who died in 2006. He's the author of such modern classics as *"It Took a Miracle," "Heaven Came Down,"* and *"Surely Goodness and Mercy."* ✞ Evangelist **Mordecai Ham** died on this day in 1961. Born in Allen County, Kentucky, Ham wanted to be a salesman rather than a "poor preacher" like his father and grandfather, but God's call on his life proved too great, and he quit business to enter the ministry. He was a gifted and anointed evangelist who won at least 300,000 people to Christ, including **Billy Graham**, who was saved at a 1934 Ham meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. ✞ On exactly the same day, **Helen Lemmel** died in Seattle, Washington. Born in England to a Methodist preacher and his wife, Helen became a popular musician who is best remembered for writing the words and music for the hymn, *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."*

This Week at Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 1 - 8, 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 — *All Saints' Day* (*Please prepare your hearts for Holy Communion*)
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	Election Day	
	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin 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	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — *Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost* Stewardship Sunday
	11:15 a.m.	Called Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	Pie Sunday (Fellowship Hall)

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