

November 8, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday

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.

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	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*** has been sent out by email last week. 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):

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; *Psalms 78:1-7;* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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

Approaching the Throne of Grace

Preparing for Worship: *"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness … choose this day whom you will serve … but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"* (Joshua 24:14a, 5b, 5d).

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 — *Voluntary in F* — Robert Lau (2018)
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

✞Call to Worship (*from Joshua 24:15, 24; Psalm 78:4*)
Choose this day whom you will serve.
We will serve the Lord, and worship God alone.
Do not hide these things from your children.
We will proclaim to coming generations the wonders God has done.
Let us worship God!

✞**Hymn #619** ***"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"*** **LAUDA ANIMA**

✞Prayer of adoration

Stirring of the Spirit ***"I Will Follow"*** Chris Tomlin (2010)
"The Church" Elevation Worship (2010)
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 waste our days with idle pursuits, instead of choosing to serve you; we often spend our nights in foolishness, instead of watching for your return.

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 — *"Let It Be a Hallelujah"* — Lauren Daigle (2025)
Madalynn Pearson & Jordan Boggs, *Duet* / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

✝Doxology #606 — **OLD HUNDREDTH**

✝Prayer of Dedication

Moment for Stewardship — Elder Tom White

Reading and Hearing God's Word

First Scripture Reading — Joshua 24:1-3, 14-15 (*Old Testament, p. 215*) — Betsy Lancaster
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

✝Hymn #362 — ***"Rejoice! Rejoice! Believers"*** — **LLANGLOFFAN**

Second Scripture Reading — Matthew 25:1-13 (*New Testament, p. 28*) — Pastor Teng
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon — *"Be Prepared!"*

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 #712 — ***"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"*** — **FOREST GREEN**

✝Prayer of Dedication

✝Charge and Blessing

✝Sending Song — ***"Yes, I Will"*** — Vertical Worship (2019)
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Shirley Lindsay**,
and **in** memory and honor of **all veterans past and present protecting our country.**
A special thanks to **COL (ret.) Nathan Lindsay, Jr., MG (deceased) Nathan Lindsay,**
and **SGM (deceased) Robert Bowman.**

From Congregational Nominating Committee

Session

Class of 2028

Marilyn Grigsby

Valerie Kellum

Class of 2029

Chili Lindsay

Ann Stone

John Williams

Diaconate

Class of 2027

Vacant

Class of 2029

Janice Eastes

Ed Roldan

James Giebink

We have kicked 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!



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 **today**, 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.

One Blood Drive — The OneBlood bus will be at Riverside **Sunday, November 15**, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome. However, reservations, which can be made on the OneBlood website, www.oneblood.org, are preferred. Please consider donating blood before or after church. Each donation changes lives!

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)

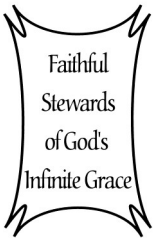
Living and interacting in a Post-Christian and pluralistic society is not exactly easy for Christians. There are just so many social issues that we face each day which require the "right" decision. How are we supposed to make these decisions? Does the Bible address these issues?

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

November	**9**	**Addiction/Substance Abuse**
	16	Bioethics
	23	Homosexuality/ Same-Sex Marriage

"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

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.

Stewardship Sunday, November 8. You're invited to come forward at the end of the service and place your Faith Promise Card in one of the offering plates as an act of dedication and commitment.

Thank you for your continuing faithfulness!



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Walter Scott, Pastor Jane Wesson, Mark DeYesso, Clift Schmitt, Glenn Stout, 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

⌖ America's oldest college for women, Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in South Hadley, Massachusetts, opened on November 8, 1836, through the efforts of **Mary Lyon**, a devout Christian educator with a vision of providing affordable Christian education for all who wanted it. Its motto was from Psalm 144:12: "That our daughters may be as cornerstones, polished after the similitude of a palace." ⌖ **James Hannington** was known as the "Lion-hearted Bishop of Africa." Hailing from Sussex, England, he became a small-town British pastor who developed an intense burden for Africa. He sailed for Zanzibar on May 17, 1882, and labored faithfully until being imprisoned by **King Mwanga II** of Buganda. After eight days of captivity, Hannington was speared in both sides (some accounts say he was shot with his own rifle). His last words, on October 29, 1885, were, "Go, tell Mwanga I have purchased the road to Uganda with my blood." On November 8, four men from Hannington's party who survived martyrdom emerged with news of the Bishop's death. ⌖ Today is the birthday of the Canadian pastor, evangelist, and author **Oswald J. Smith**, who was born in a bedroom above the train station in Odessa, where his father was a telegraph operator for the Canadian Pacific Highway. He was converted at age sixteen in an evangelistic campaign led by **R. A. Torrey** and **Charles Alexander**, and went on to pastor in Toronto from 1915 to 1959. He was a champion of global missions, and raised some fourteen million dollars for international missions, a history-breaking record in its day. When he died at age 96, **Billy Graham** conducted his funeral.

This Week at Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 8 - 15, 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 — *Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost* Stewardship Sunday
	11:15 a.m.	Called Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	Worship & Sacrament Team (Knox Hall) Pie Sunday (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Diaconate (Knox Hall)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox 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 (Sanctuary)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — *Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*
	11:15 a.m.	CHP Packing Party (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

Church Directory

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