



July 12, 2026
Seventh 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

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 last week. 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 25:19-34; *Psalms* 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you ... if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness"* (Romans 8:9a, 10).

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

"I Called to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

J. S. Bach (1732)

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 119:90, 105*)

The LORD exists forever;

his word is firmly fixed in heaven.

God's faithfulness endures to all generations;

he has established the earth, and it stands fast.

God's word is a lamp to our feet

and a light to our path.

Let us worship God.

✦ **HYMN #15 (vv. 1-4)**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

✦ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Forever"

Chris Tomlin (2001)

"How He Loves"

David Crowder Band (2009)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God: We confess we do not always reflect your glory — We have not always prepared our hearts to receive the gift of your Word, and we allow thorns and weeds to grow in the places where you plant the gospel.

Forgive us, O God. Restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Accomplish all that you desire in us, so that we may bear good fruit, all to the glory of your holy name; 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 Girard Middleton

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Teng

OFFERTORY

"Indescribable"
Andrew Hiers, *Baritone* / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

Laura Story/Jesse Reeves (2004)

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (*New Testament, p. 12*) Elder Meghan Johnson
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

✦ **HYMN #744**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 8:1-11 (*New Testament, p. 157*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"Life in the Spirit"

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.

✦ **SONG #288 (sung twice)**

"Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

✦ **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

✦ **SENDING SONG**

"Stand In Your Love"
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Bethel Music (2018)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God and by **Sandy Bean** in memory of her father, **Howard Stevens**, who went to be with the Lord on June 13.



We will be start our collection for The Children's Hunger Project July 12 - August 9, 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 1oz. individual size
- ◆ Craisins 1oz., individual boxes
- ◆ Belvita Breakfast Bars, 1.76 oz



- ◆ Teddy Grahams 1oz. 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, August 16 for a packing day!

Thank you for you continued generosity!

SERMON NOTES

We continue to receive donations and pledges for our “**Roof for Ministry & Cross for Community**” campaign to replace the roof on the Calvin/Knox Halls and the cross on the outside sanctuary wall facing A1A with a goal of **\$93,000** as part of our 70th Anniversary celebration. We’re currently over 60% subscribed and hope to receive all proceeds by **July 15**. Please see **Elders Tom White** or **Bob Howard** for details.



One Blood Drive — The OneBlood bus will be at Riverside **today, Sunday, July 12, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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!

Our **Fellowship Team** is in need of some extra help — If you’re available to help out even just one Sunday a month during Fellowship Time after worship, please see **Carolyn Hattaway** or **Tammy Ivan**.



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!



CELEBRATING RIVERSIDE’S 70TH YEAR OF MINISTRY IN 2026

Were you here in 2006 as our church celebrated 50 years of service?

To commemorate the milestone, a chronological record of Riverside’s first 50 years was completed and presented in a two-volume scrapbook and a DVD. We invite you to stop by Fellowship Hall after worship as we walk together through the decade of 2006–2016 this month. Our hope is that these stories of the past inspire fresh hope and joy for the next chapter of Riverside’s service to God’s kingdom.



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Susan White, Walter & Wanda Scott, Cathy Pfeiffer, Paula Yost, Rebecca Burns, Jane Lovett, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Clift Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo, Diana Amtower, Evelyn Whitehurst**; peace for Ukraine, Iran, Cuba, and the Middle East; and earthquake victims and relief efforts in Venezuela and the Philippines.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 / Evening: Psalms 82; 29 Joshua 2:1-14; Romans 11:1-12; Matthew 25:1-13
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 / Evening: Psalms 102; 133 Joshua 2:15-24; Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 25:14-30
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 1; 33 Joshua 3:1-13; Romans 11:25-36; Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 97; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 16; 62 Joshua 3:14-4:7; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 26:1-16
Friday	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 / Evening: Psalms 142; 65 Joshua 4:10-5:1, 10-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 26:17-25
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 / Evening: Psalms 138; 98 Joshua 6:1-14; Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 26:26-35
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 19; 150 / Evening: Psalms 81; 113 Joshua 6:15-27; Acts 22:30-23:11; Mark 2:1-12

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ On July 12, 1172, England's **Henry II** allowed himself to be flogged in penance for the murder of **Thomas Becket**. ✦ On July 12, 1536, **Desiderius Erasmus**, Dutch scholar and the first editor of the Greek New Testament, died in Basel. ✦ On July 12, 1690, Protestant forces led by **William of Orange** defeated the Roman Catholic army of **James II** at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland. ✦ Colonial missionary **David Brainard** was converted on this day in 1739. He later described the event like this: "As I was walking in a dark thick grove, unspeakable glory seemed to open to the view ... of my soul. By the glory I saw I don't mean any external brightness ... but it was a new inward apprehension or view that I had of God; such as I had never had before ..." Brainard later died at age twenty-nine, but his influence on subsequent missionaries was profound. ✦ July 12, 1803, marks the birthday of **Thomas Guthrie**, distinguished Scottish minister who became one of the most popular preachers of his day and the founder of the "ragged schools" for poor children in Edinburgh. ✦ And today is the birthday of **Peter Deyneka, Sr.**, born on July 12, 1898. He came to Christ under the ministry of evangelist **Paul Radar** on January 18, 1920, as Radar preached at Moody Memorial Church in Chicago. Deyneka went on to become one of the founders of the Russian Gospel Association (now the Slavic Gospel Association).

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12 - 19, 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>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Tuesday	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 (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>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

PSALM 66 PRAISE BAND

Guitar / Vocal — Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Bass guitar — Rafael Perez

Drums — Ryan Perez

Keyboard — Andrey Plata

Backup Vocals — Madalynn Pearson & Jordan Boggs

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