



August 9, 2026
Eleventh 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.



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.

STEWARDSHIP

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):

1 Kings 19:9-18; *Psalms* 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 5:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

✦ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Romans 10:9).

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

Sinfonia
Diana Amtower, Organ

J.S. Bach (1722)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105:1-5)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Let us remember the wonderful works of God.

Let us rejoice and praise the Lord!

✦ HYMN #611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Unstoppable God"
"God That Saves"

Elevation Worship (2014)
Iron Bell Music (2016)

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 — In fear, we often conspire against those whose dreams might threaten ours; and in fear, we fail to recognize the very one who comes to save us.

Forgive us, O God. Restore and reorder our lives by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we do not sink back into fear, but walk boldly in faith, all 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 Girard Middleton

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Teng

OFFERTORY

"I Thank You, Lord"
Andrew Hiers, *Baritone* / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

Joseph Martin (2009)

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 14:22-33 (*New Testament, p. 16*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Jak Burton

✦ **HYMN #159**

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

KINGSFOLD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 10:5-15 (*New Testament, p. 160*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"Free Pardon for All!"

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**

"In Christ Alone"

IN CHRIST ALONE

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ **SENDING SONG**

"Open Up the Heavens"
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Vertical Worship (2017)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God from **Jorge Castillo and family**
and in celebration of **Coleen Castillo's** birthday.



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 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 next Sunday, August 16 for a packing day!

Thank you for you continued generosity!

SERMON NOTES

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.



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, Clift Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo, Evelyn Whitehurst**; peace for Ukraine, Iran, and the Middle East; earthquake victims and relief efforts in Japan, Venezuela, and the Philippines; and tornado and fire victims and families in our nation.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 / Evening: Psalms 82; 29 Judges 12:1-7; Acts 5:12-26; John 3:1-21
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 / Evening: Psalms 102; 133 Judges 13:1-15; Acts 5:27-42; John 3:22-36
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 133 Judges 13:15-24; Acts 6:1-15; John 4:1-26
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 97; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 16; 62 Judges 14:1-19; Acts 6:15-7:16; John 4:27-42
Friday	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 / Evening: Psalms 142; 65 Judges 14:20-15:20; Acts 7:17-29; John 4:43-54
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 / Evening: Psalms 138; 98 Judges 16:1-14; Acts 7:30-43; John 5:1-18
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 19; 150 / Evening: Psalms 81; 113 Judges 16:15-31; 2 Corinthians 13:1-11; Mark 5:25-34

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ On August 9, 1253, **Pope Innocent IV** issued papers establishing the religious order of Poor Ladies, modeled on the Franciscan order and founded by **Saint Clare of Assisi**. Two days later, on August 11, Clare died at the age of fifty-nine. ✦ American Baptist missionary, **Adoniram Judson**, was born on this day in 1788 in Malden, Massachusetts. Judson was appointed a missionary by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and sent to Burma in 1812. After three years there, he completed a grammar of the Burmese language, and later a translation of the entire Bible into Burmese in 1834. He died in 1850 while aboard a ship, trying to recoup his failing health, and was buried at sea. ✦ Today is the birthday, in 1813, of **Christian Henry Bateman**, best known for his enduring hymn, *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing."* ✦ **Cyrus Field**, a devout Christian businessman, worked hard to connect America and Europe by the first transoceanic telegraph cable. The effort had repeatedly failed, but Field believed that God wanted him to keep trying and to succeed. On August 9, 1866, aboard the Great Eastern, he found and repaired the break in the cable, and the two continents were linked. ✦ Scottish Presbyterian missionary **Robert Moffat** died on this day in 1883 at the age of 88. he first arrived in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1827 under the London Missionary Society and worked among various tribes, not returning to England again until 1839-43. While on furlough, Moffat inspired **David Livingstone** to go to Africa. After arriving on the field, Livingstone married Moffat's daughter. Returning to Africa himself, Moffat completed a translation of the Bible into the Sechvana language in 1859.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 9 - 16, 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>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
		Worship & Sacrament Team Meeting (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	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>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
		Packing for the Children's Hunger Project

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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