



October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

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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
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 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):

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; *Psalms* 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

✠ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13-14).

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.***

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19:14; Matthew 21:42; Philippians 3:7)

What can compare to the gift of Christ's grace?

Everything else we regard as nothing.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

The Lord is our rock and redeemer.

Let us worship God!

✠ PROCESSIONAL

"Highland Cathedral"

Ulrich Roever/Michael Korb (1982)

Micah Adams, *Bagpipe*

✠ HYMN #321

"The Church Is One Foundation"

AURELIA

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Jane Wesson

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Made Alive"

Citizen (2013)

"Your Love Never Fails"

Jesus Culture (2008)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God: We confess that we are not ready for your holy realm — You gave us the gift of your law, but we do not always keep your commandments; you sent your Son to save us, but we sent him to his death.

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 Wesson

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Teng

OFFERTORY

"Together We Rise (Tuko Pamoja)"
Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

Victor Johnson (2026)

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Wesson

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Philippians 3:4b-14 (*New Testament, p. 198*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

✦ **HYMN #846**

"Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 21:33-46 (*N.T., p. 24*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"Don't Miss the Point!"

SEALING THE WORD - HOLY COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

INSTITUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & 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.

INVITATION TO PARTAKE

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

"The More I Seek You"

Kari Jobe (2016)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

✦ **SONG #765 (sung twice)**

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

ARGENTINA

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ **SENDING SONG**

"Down by the Riverside"

Jimmy Davis (1951)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

✦ RECESSIONAL

"Amazing Grace"
Micah Adams, *Bagpipe*

Columbian Harmony (1829)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of **Riverside Presbyterian Church's 70th Anniversary.**

Our bagpiper today is **Micah Adams**, originally from Mayking, Kentucky. Micah studied under Roderick W. MacDonald at Sarasota Military Academy and has been performing since 2004. An accomplished piper, he competes in both band and solo categories at Highland Games throughout the country. Micah is also known online as the "Big Blue Bagpiper." We are delighted to welcome Micah and grateful for the special music he brings to Riverside today.



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 in a class beginning tomorrow on **Monday, October 5, at 1:00 p.m. in Knox Hall.** Please 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

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7072167751?pwd=WFMzRGdVWmhLUVA0S1FubVgvTncwdz09>

SERMON NOTES

As Riverside celebrates our 70th Anniversary today, we give thanks to God for all those who have contributed much to the success of this year-long celebration as they served on the Anniversary Planning Team: **Anda Ray** (Leader), **Marilyn Grigsby**, **Judy George**, **Coleen Bowman**, and **Pam Weiger**!

First Tuesday Dinner — Today is the last day to sign up for the First Tuesday Dinner, **Tuesday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m.** Brano's Italian Grill will cater and after dinner we will learn about Teen Missions from our won Paula & Bob Yost. \$12 per person.

Riverside Annual Charity Concert — Join us **October 18, 2026 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 and are available on our website at www.RiversidePC.org, go to 'Event/Event Tickets' to purchase. Proceeds go to support our partners at The Children's Hunger Project.

Warm Clothing Collection — We will be collecting clean and gently used clothing for our homeless community in our area starting **October 11**. 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.



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!



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Nancy Ragland, Bill Anderson, Glenn Stout, Walter & Wanda Scott, Tim Bright, Cathy Pfeiffer, Rebecca Burns, Jane Lovett, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Clift Schmitt, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo;** peace for Ukraine, Iran, and the Middle East; flood and earthquake victims and relief efforts in Nepal/Tibet and Indonesia; storm and flood victims and families in our nation.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 / Evening: Psalms 82; 29 Hosea 6:7–7:7; Acts 22:30–23:11; Luke 6:39-49
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 / Evening: Psalms 102; 133 Hosea 7:8-16; Acts 23:12-24; Luke 7:1-17
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 1; 33 Hosea 8:1-14; Acts 23:23-35; Luke 7:18-35
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 97; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 16; 62 Hosea 9:1-9; Acts 24:1-23; Luke 7:36-50
Friday	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 / Evening: Psalms 142; 65 Hosea 9:10-17; Acts 24:24–25:12; Luke 8:1-15
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 / Evening: Psalms 138; 98 Hosea 10:1-15; Acts 25:13-27; Luke 8:16-25
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 19; 150 / Evening: Psalms 81; 113 Hosea 5:8–6:6; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16; Matthew 14:1-12

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ **Madame Guyon** grew up in the seventeenth century in an aristocratic French family and married into more wealth. When she was twenty, she found assurance of salvation, but her life was dominated by all that was worldly and external. On October 4, 1670, at age 22, she was stricken with smallpox. “When I was so far recovered as to be able to sit up in my bed,” she wrote, “I ordered a mirror to be brought, and indulged my curiosity so far as to view myself in it. I was no longer what I once was. It was then that I saw my heavenly Father had not been unfaithful in His work, but had ordered the sacrifice in all reality.” She went on to become one of the most beloved and quoted of the French mystics. ✦ **Miles Coverdale**, rector of St. Magnus Church near London Bridge, is best known as the translator and publisher of the English Bible. Visitors today can read a memorial plaque on the east wall of his church: ... *he spent many years of his life preparing a translation of the Scriptures*. On this day in 1535, the first complete printed English version of the Bible was published under his direction. ✦ The early American “hellfire and brimstone” frontier preacher, **Peter Cartwright**, who helped start the Second Great Awakening and personally baptized over 12,000 people, was ordained on this day in 1808. His autobiography is a classic in American church history. ✦ Today is the birthday, in 1880, of **Homer Rodeheaver**, one of the best-loved song leaders in the Christian world who traveled widely with evangelist **Billy Sunday**, and who also became an influential publisher of gospel music. ✦ **Catherine Booth**, the “Mother of the Salvation Army,” died at age 61 in Clacton-on-Sea at Crossley House on October 4, 1890, in the arms of her husband, **William Booth**, and surrounded by her family .

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 4 - 11, 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>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> World Communion Sunday/70th Anniversary Celebration (<i>Please prepare your heart for Holy Communion</i>)
	11:30 a.m.	Brunch Fellowship (Starlite Restaurant)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	First Tuesday Dinner (Fellowship 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 (Sanctuary)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Twentieth 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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