



July 5, 2026
Sixth 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 tithely.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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; *Psalms* 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"* (Romans 7:24-25a).

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

"Faith"
Diana Amtower, *Piano*

Jim Brickman (2008)

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Matthew 11:28-30; Psalm 145:8-9, 14)*

Jesus says: Come to me, and I will give you rest.

***The LORD is gracious and merciful,
full of compassion, abounding in love.***

Jesus says: My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

***The LORD supports those who are weak,
and lift up those who are falling.***

Let us worship God.

✦ **HYMN #265**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun!"

DUKE STREET

✦ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Pastor Jane Wesson

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Mighty to Save"
"Lead Me to the Cross"

Micheal W. Smith (2010)
Hillsong United (2010)

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 — You gave your law to guide us but we often remain enthralled by evil; we do the very things we claim to hate, and fail to do the things we say we love.

Forgive us, O God. Restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. From sin and death, set us free — free to love and serve you alone, 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

Pastor Teng

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Wesson

OFFERTORY

“Jesus Is”
Jordan Boggs & Madalynn Pearson, *Duet* / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

Leanna Crawford (2023)

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (*New Testament, p. 11*)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✦ HYMN #824

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

MC AFEE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 7:15-25a (*New Testament, p. 157*)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Teng

SERMON

“The Devil Made Me Do It!”

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

✦ HYMN #338

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

“Your Love Never Fails”
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Jesus Culture (2013)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Shirley Lindsay** with praise to our Lord Jesus Christ and in celebration of the birthday of her son **Chili (Jim) Lindsay** and gratitude for the joy he has brought and continues to bring to her family.

A festive graphic for July Birthdays. The title "July Birthdays" is written in a large, bold, blue serif font with a white outline and a drop shadow. The background is white with scattered confetti and various celebratory items: red and white striped balloons, blue balloons with white stars, red and blue gift boxes with bows, and a small firework. The names and birth dates of the celebrants are listed in the center in a black serif font.

Jane Wesson	7/1
Susan White	7/5
Chili Lindsay	7/5
Betty Peterson	7/14
Bea Lewis	7/16
Joyce Klahr	7/17
Debbie Burleigh	7/20
Mary Mullin	7/25
Robert Ward	7/27
Marlin Swanson	7/29
Jeanne Kelley	7/30

SERMON NOTES

To celebrate the **250th birthday of America**, we're having a picnic-style luncheon after worship in the Fellowship Hall today. *All are welcome!*

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.



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**.

One Blood Drive — The OneBlood bus will be at Riverside **next 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!



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

As we continue our journey through Riverside's 70 years of faithfully impacting our community, the Anniversary Committee is excited to bring you the sixth decade of church history. This month, we highlight 2006 – 2016 with a new table display in Fellowship Hall and an article in the July newsletter. We also are inching toward the goal line of our fundraising campaign: “A roof for Ministry; A Cross for the Community.” Stop by Fellowship Hall after worship today and check out the all-new display!



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Cathy Pfeiffer, Paula Yost, Rebecca Burns, Jane Lovett, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Clift Schmitt, Walter & Wanda Scott, Glenn Stout, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo, 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 62; 145 / Evening: Psalms 73; 9
Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27; Romans 8:26-30; Matthew 23:1-12
- Tuesday** Morning: Psalms 12; 146 / Evening: Psalms 36: 7
Numbers 35:1-3, 9-15, 30-34; Romans 8:31-39; Matthew 23:13-26
- Wednesday** Morning: Psalms 96; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 132; 134
Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Romans 9:1-18; Matthew 23:27-39
- Thursday** Morning: Psalms 116; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 26; 130
Deuteronomy 3:18-28; Romans 9:19-33; Matthew 24:1-14
- Friday** Morning: Psalms 84; 148 / Evening: Psalms 25; 40
Deuteronomy 31:7-13, 24–32:4; Romans 10:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31
- Saturday** Morning: Psalms 63; 149 / Evening: Psalms 125; 90
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Romans 10:14-21; Matthew 24:32-51
- Sunday** Morning: Psalms 103; 150 / Evening: Psalms 117;139
Joshua 1:1-18; Acts 21:3-15; Mark 1:21-27

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ **Sir Thomas More**, the devout Roman Catholic Lord Chancellor under **King Henry VIII**, opposed the king when he proclaimed himself as head of the English church. As a result, he was arrested, imprisoned, and condemned to death. On this day in 1535, he wrote his last letter, using a piece of charcoal as “ink.” It was to his daughter, **Margaret**, “Tomorrow long I to go to God; it were a day very meet and convenient for me.” ✦ **William Booth** started a tent meeting in July of 1875, on a Quaker burial ground in East London. He preached every night to the lower classes who lived in the slums. At midnight on July 5, 1865, while returning home, he said, “I have found my destiny!” This is considered the beginning of the **Salvation Army** (originally called The Christian Mission). When he started the Salvation Army, he had little support, and few churches shared his vision. When he died forty-seven years later, 40,000 attended his funeral, and the Salvation Army was working in fifty-eight countries of the world. ✦ On this day in 1925, as seventeen-year-old **Bill Wallace** of Knoxville, Tennessee, sat in a garage working on an old Ford, the Lord spoke to his heart about missions. He later served sacrificially in China for seventeen years as a Southern Baptist medical missionary before being arrested by the Communists and beaten to death in prison. After his death, the Communists sought to bury him in an unmarked grave, but faithful Chinese Christians found his body and laid him to rest under a headstone that said, “For Me to Live Is Christ.”

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 5 - 12, 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>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i> (<i>Please prepare your hearts for Holy Communion</i>)
	11:20 a.m.	Fourth of July Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox 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>Seventh 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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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