



September 6, 2026
Fifteenth 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
Mary Mullin

Class of 2028

Martha Williams
Fern Wolle
Bob Yost

The September 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):

Ezekiel 33:7-11; *Psalm* 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

✦ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day"* (Romans 13:12-13a).

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

"Come, Come, Ye Children of God"
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

Henry Purcell (1688)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is here.

Calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast,

Christ is here.

Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers,

Christ is here.

Binding us as one body, sending us out in service,

Christ is here.

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord.

✦ HYMN #610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Jane Wesson

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Come to the Water"
"Way Maker"

Kristin Stanfill (2013)
Leeland (2015)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer: We confess that we remain captivated by sin — We often fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts; we fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors' needs.

Forgive us; liberate us! Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; all 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

Pastor Teng

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Wesson

OFFERTORY

"Merciful God"

Craig Courtney (2024)

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

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 18:15-20 (*New Testament, p. 20*)

Elder Meghan Johnson

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

✦ **HYMN #529**

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

UNION SEMINARY

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 13:8-14 (*New Testament, p. 162*)

Pastor Teng

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

"New and Improved ..."

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 #377**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

✦ **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

✦ **SENDING SONG**

"Happy Day"

Jesus Culture (2008)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Betty Peterson** and in loving memory of her and **Harry's wedding 68 years ago** this week.

70th Anniversary celebration Brunch



Celebrate Riverside
Presbyterian Church's 70th-year
Anniversary

**Sunday
October 4, 2026**

From 11:00am – 1:00pm
(immediately after Worship Service)

Starlite Restaurant

**HILTON GARDEN INN
2080 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL**

Sunday Breakfast Buffet

Cost: \$20 PRE-PAID (gratuity and beverage included)

*Reserve
and
Pay
Online*



Riverside's
website under
"EVENTS"

or

Stop by
Church Office
to Reserve and
Pre-Pay

SERMON NOTES

Labor Day Potluck — Please join us **TODAY** after Worship for a Labor Day Potluck and BBQ in the Fellowship Hall! Riverside will provide the meat. All are Welcome!

As part of our 70th Anniversary celebration, a **New Members Class** is being offered on **Saturday, October 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**, and you'll be received into church membership on October 4, the day of the celebration. If you've been worshipping here at Riverside and would like to consider church membership, please see Pastor Teng or call the church office as soon as possible.

Men's Wednesday Bible Study — The Men's Bible study meets each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in Knox Hall and is studying the book of Proverbs. We invite you to join us for Bible study, fellowship, and breakfast afterwards.

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!



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: **Glenn Stout, Pastor Jane Wesson, Walter & Wanda Scott, Tim Bright, Cathy Pfeiffer, Paula Yost, 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, Indonesia, and Columbia; storm and flood victims and families in our nation.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 / Evening: Psalms 82; 29 Job 32:1-10, 19-33:1, 19-28; Acts 13:44-52; John 10:19-30
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 / Evening: Psalms 102; 133 Job 29:1-20; Acts 14:1-18; John 10:31-42
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 1; 33 Job 29:1; 30:1-2, 16-31; Acts 14:19-28; John 11:1-16
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 97; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 16; 62 Job 29:1; 31:1-23; Acts 15:1-11; John 11:17-29
Friday	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 / Evening: Psalms 142; 65 Job 29:1; 31:24-40; Acts 15:12-21; John 11:30-44
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 / Evening: Psalms 138; 98 Job 38:1-17; Acts 15:22-35; John 11:45-54
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 19; 150 / Evening: Psalms 81; 113 Job 38:1,18-41; Revelation 18:1-8; Matthew 5:21-26

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ **Georg Blaurock**, an Anabaptist leader in Geneva and the first person in the modern era to be baptized upon profession of faith rather than as an infant, was arrested on September 6, 1529, and burned at the stake. ✦ On September 6, 1620, the **Mayflower** set sail from Plymouth to the New World. ✦ On this day in 1651, **Rev. Obadiah Holmes** was whipped at the post in Boston Commons for his Baptist preaching in Puritan New England. ✦ Today is the birthday, in 1711, of **Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg**, the German theologian who was sent to America to help establish Lutheran churches in Pennsylvania. He also frequently traveled across the eastern part of the country from New York to Georgia during a 45-year ministry. He's considered the patriarch of the Lutheran Church in the United States. A larger-than-life statue now stands in Allentown, Pennsylvania, at Muhlenberg College, which is named for him. ✦ America's first missionary, **Adoniram Judson**, 24, was sent to India/Burma by the General Association for the Congregationalists in Massachusetts under the direction of the American Board of Foreign Missions. But during the four-month voyage, as Judson and his wife **Ann** studied the Bible, they became convinced in the importance of believer's baptism. Arriving in India, they were baptized by **Rev. William Ward** in Calcutta on September 6, 1812. When news reached America, Baptists organized the American Baptist Missionary Union for their support. ✦ On this day in 1837, **Oberlin College** in Ohio granted equal status to men and woman, becoming the first college in America to do so. Oberlin was a distinctively Christian school, the purpose of which was "to train teachers and other Christian leaders for the boundless, most-desolate fields of the West."

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 6 - 13, 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>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> (<i>Please prepare your hearts for Holy Communion</i>)
	11:25 a.m.	Labor Day BBQ Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	Labor Day (<i>Office closed</i>)	
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting (Knox 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)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Sixteenth 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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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