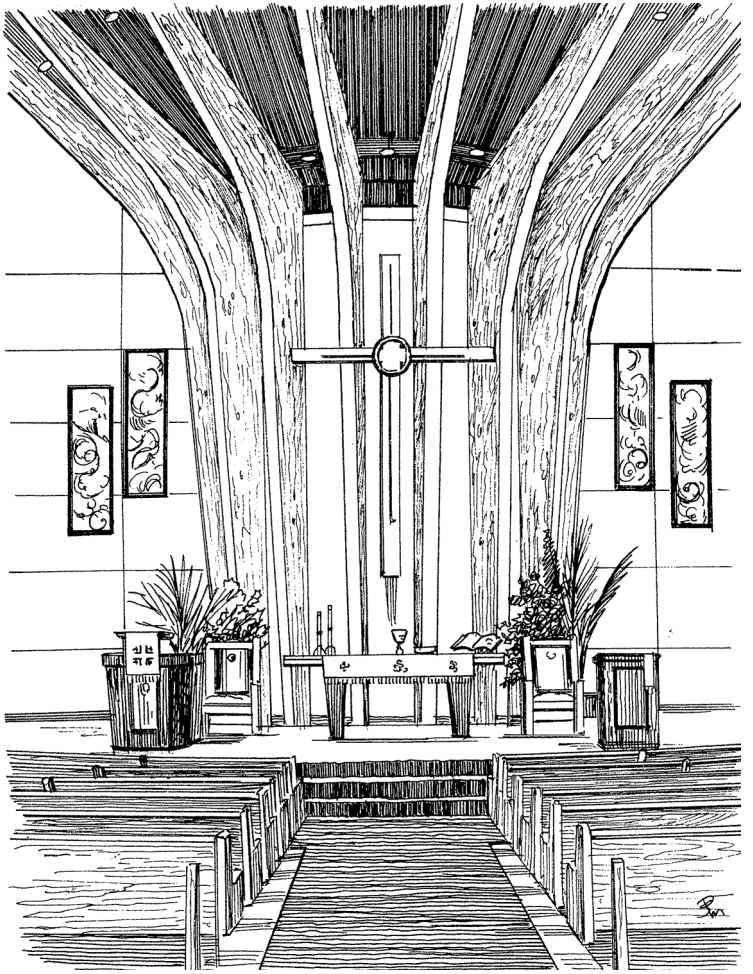
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November 15, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Riverside Presbyterian Church

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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 sent out by e-mail on Friday morning, 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 worshiping 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	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Teri Beeler	Bob Howard	Girard Middleton
Anda Ray	Meghan Johnson	Carl Plaugher (26)
Ann Stone	Paula Yost	Tom White (26)

Diaconate

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Janice Eastes	Jorge Castillo	Martha Williams
Carolyn Hattaway	Mary Mullin	Fern Wolle
Tammy Ivan		Bob Yost

The November 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 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):
Judges 4:1-7; *Psalms 123;* 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

✞Standing for those who are able People's response in ***bold & italic*** type

Approaching the Throne of Grace

Preparing for Worship: *"For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other"* (I Thessalonians 5:9-11a).

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 — *Sinfonietta* — G. F. Handel/*arr.* L. Grant (1971)
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

✞Call to Worship (*from* Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18)
What shall we return to the Lord for all his bounty to us?
We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
We will offer to God a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.
We will pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Let us worship God!

✞**Hymn #4** ***"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*** **GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH**

✞Prayer of adoration

Stirring of the Spirit ***"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*** Michael W. Smith (2001)
"Indescribable" Chris Tomlin (2012)
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Making Our Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God: We confess we are not always ready for your holy realm — You adorn us with the armor of light, but we often hide ourselves in darkness; you trust us with the message of grace, but we often bury that treasure in fear.

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 Teng

Call to Offering

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

✞**Doxology #606** — **OLD HUNDREDTH**

✞Prayer of Dedication

Reading and Hearing God's Word

First Scripture Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (*New Testament, p. 205*) — Jak Burton
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

✞**Hymn#360** ***"Christ Is Coming!"*** — **UNSER HERRSCHER**

Second Scripture Reading — Matthew 25:14-30 (*New Testament, p. 28*) — Pastor Teng
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon — *"Upside-Down Faithfulness!"*

Responding to God's Word

Recognition of Veterans

A Litany for Veterans Day

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: For those who have given their lives for their country that they may rest in God's peace and that their sacrifice may inspire in us who live a commitment to the ideals for which they perished. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For our veterans, whom we have sent to far countries on our behalf, and who for us have often endured fear, trauma, and sorrow that no human should have to face, that they may receive healing of their hearts and a welcome home from their towns, their families, and their churches. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For our men and women serving under orders this day, especially those who may be in situations of danger or captivity, that they may be inspired by the ideal of duty, may conduct themselves with honor, may love country second only to God, and may receive strength equal to every challenge they face. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For families of men and women now on active duty, families of veterans, civilian families who have suffered in time of war, and especially those families whose tables will always have an empty chair. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For our leaders, who have the power to promote peace and justice, or to extinguish life itself from our planet, that any and all decisions relating to the use of armed forces may be preceded by prayer and accompanied by agony. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For ourselves, our congregations and pastors, and all persons of faith, that recognizing the expression in works which must result from an experience of faith, we may be builders of community as well as seekers of salvation, we may seek outer peace as well as inner harmony, and justice for our world as well as fairness for ourselves, to the end that the dwelling of God may be with us, and we shall be God's people, that the former things pass away and war shall be no more. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer. Amen.***

✞**HYMN #8** ***"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*** **MELITA**

✞CHARGE AND BLESSING

✞**SENDING SONG** ***"Open Up the Heavens"*** Vertical Worship (2017)
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **John & Martha Williams.**

SERMON NOTES

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We have kicked off Chris Carson's Cruisers for Kids bike drive

November 1 – December 1

We will be providing bicycles, helmets, and locks for children served by our local Salvation Army, and children in foster care through Friends of Children of Brevard and Family Partnerships of Central Florida, and we need to deliver our bikes to these organizations right around Thanksgiving. Information for you is available in envelopes in the narthex, and hanging on the tree in Fellowship Hall. Once you have filled out your envelope, please put your envelope with donation in the offering plate.



Let's make some Christmas wishes come true for local children in need!



Announcements

One Blood Drive — The OneBlood bus is here at Riverside **today until 2:00 p.m.** Walk-ins are always welcome. Please consider donating blood after church. *Each donation changes lives!*

Community Thanksgiving Service — First United Methodist Church, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, and Cocoa Beach Community Church are having a joint service for the Community on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Stocking Collection — We are partnering again with the Salvation Army to fill Christmas Stockings for children in our community. You can pick up a stocking to fill in the Fellowship Hall. **Deadline is December 13th.**

Ladies Christmas Tea — Our annual Ladies Christmas Tea will be on **Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.** in our own Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be available starting November 1 and are $25 each. Bring a decorative ornament to exchange. If you would like to purchase a ticket please see Paula Yost.

Gift Card Collection — Riverside has begun collecting gift cards for the students at Roosevelt Elementary. We are asking for gift cards in $10 increments, from Publix or Walmart. Please give gift cards to a Deacon or to the Church office**. Deadline is December 15.**

Nametags — Even if you've been worshiping here at Riverside for a long time, sometimes you'd still catch yourself thinking, "I know that face, but what's his/her name?" Well, there's a solution for that: Have everyone wear a nametag. Every Sunday! If you already have a nametag on the board in the Narthex, please wear it. If you'd like to have one made for you, please tell one of the ushers, and one will be ready for you the following Sunday.

PASTOR'S CLASS

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.
(October 5 - November 16)

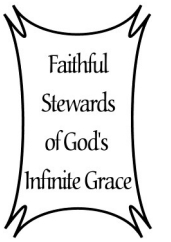
Living and interacting in a Post-Christian and pluralistic society is not exactly easy for Christians. There are just so many social issues that we face each day which require the "right" decision. How are we supposed to make these decisions? Does the Bible address these issues?

Come and explore these contemporary social issues in a 7-week series**.** Since each topic is independent of each other, please feel free to drop in on any day, It meets on **Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Knox Hall**. See **Pastor Teng** for any questions.

The Christian Perspectives on Contemporary Social Issues

November 16 Bioethics
23 Homosexuality/ Same-Sex Marriage

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).



2027 STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

A packet of stewardship information is available for all in the Narthex.

Thanks to all who have already sent in their Faith Promise Card. If you are still prayerfully considering what God has put on your heart to give to the 2027 Operating/Ministry budget, please feel free to put it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you for your continuing faithfulness!



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Rev. Roy Sharp, Linda Lee Torgler, Walter Scott, Pastor Jane Wesson, Mark DeYesso, Clift Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Cathy Pfeiffer, Rebecca Burns, Jane Lovett**, **Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Roxanne Stout;** and peace for Ukraine, Iran, and the Middle East.

Daily Lectionary Readings for This Week

Monday	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 / Evening: Psalms 85; 47 Habakkuk 2:1-4, 9-20; James 2:14-26; Luke 16:19-31
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 / Evening: Psalms 28; 99 Habakkuk 3:1-10 (11-15) 16-18; James 3:1-12; Luke 17:1-10
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 65; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 125; 91 Malachi 1:1, 6-14; James 3:13–4:12; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 81; 116 Malachi 2:1-16; James 4:13–5:6; Luke 17:20-37
Friday	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 / Evening: Psalms 6; 20 Malachi 3:1-12; James 5:7-12; Luke 18:1-18
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 / Evening: Psalms 100; 63 Malachi 3:13–4:6; James 5:13-20; Luke 18:9-14
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 108; 150 / Evening: Psalms 66; 23 Zechariah 9:9-16; 1 Peter 3:13-22; Matthew 21:1-13

What Happened on This Day in Christian History

✞ The melancholy British poet and hymnist, **William Cowper**, was born on this day in 1731. He and his pastor in Olney, **John Newton**, produced the famous *Olney Hymns*, and Cowper is the author of *"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"* and *"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood."* ✞ On November 15, 1824, **Peter Cartwright**, the Methodist frontier preacher, and his wife **Frances**, arrived from Kentucky at their new and permanent home in Illinois, to "get entirely clear of the evil of slavery." They met tragedy *en route*, however, when a faulty tree near their campfire toppled over and crushed their young daughter, **Cynthia**. ✞ A group from the University of Oxford met in Town Hall on November 15, 1838, to plan a memorial to three great English martyrs. The work was completed in 1841, and the inscription reads: "To the glory of God and in grateful commemoration of His servants, **Thomas Cranmer**, **Nicholas Ridley**, **Hugh Latimer** … who, near this spot, yielded their bodies to be burned, bearing witness to the sacred truths which they had affirmed …." The actual site of the burning is marked by an iron cross set in the pavement. ✞ **Oswald Chambers**, the Scottish minister who came to Christ under the ministry of **Charles Spurgeon** and who is best known for his devotional *My Utmost for His Highest* (which was complied from his sermons after his death), died on this day in 1917, while serving as a chaplain with British troops in Egypt during World War I, as the result of a ruptured appendix.

This Week at Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 15 - 22, 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 — *Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*
	11:15 a.m.	Called Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m.	CHP Packing Party (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	HRR Circle (Knox Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Session (Knox 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 — *Christ the King Sunday*
	11:15 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)

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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