



June 28, 2026
Fifth 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** will be sent out by email this week. If you wish to have a hard copy, it will be 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 22:1-14; *Psalm 13*; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

✠ Standing for those who are able

People's response in **bold & italic** typeAPPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:23).

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Deacon Bob Yost

GREETINGS & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Jane Wesson

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you . . .***

. . . The grace and peace of the Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

VOLUNTARY

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Marianne Kim (2019)

Diana Amtower, *Piano*

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless God, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless God's holy name!

Bless God, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

God's ways, made known to people long ago, are being revealed to us day by day.

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God calls us to this time of worship that we may know love that never gives up on us.

As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love.

✠ HYMN #619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"10,000 Reasons"

Matt Redman (2011)

"Raise a Hallelujah"

Bethel Music (2019)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise, eternal God: You know all things. You know when our lives are yielded to you as Lord, and when we seek rather to please ourselves. We confess that we have not served you alone, but have followed other voices, and yielded to other masters.

In mercy, forgive us for serving other lords. By Your Spirit, teach us to know You better, and draw us nearer to Yourself; so that, knowing You better we may love You more dearly and serve You more faithfully, whose service is perfect freedom; 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 Wesson

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Let Music Fill This Place”
Chancel Choir/Diana Amtower, *Director*

Joseph Martin (2007)

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 6:12-23 (*New Testament, p. 156*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Jak Burton

✦ HYMN #724

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

ANGEL’S STORY

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Galatians 5:1-10, 13-15 (*New Testament, p. 190*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Wesson

SERMON

“Freedom, Accountability, or Both?”

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 #772

“Live into Hope”

TRURO

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

“Blessed Be Your Name ”
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Matt Redman (2002)



This Sunday’s flowers are given to the glory of God by **Nancy Ragland**, and in loving memory of her parents, **Bob & Joan Hart**, in what would have been their 74th wedding anniversary.

THE DR. VERNON BOUSHELL CONCERT SERIES

Presents

"SPIRIT OF AMERICA"

Space Coast Symphony Winds and Chorus

Aaron Collins, Conductor

3:30 p.m., Sunday, June 28

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SERMON NOTES



Please continue to pray for the **227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)** with plenary sessions currently being held in person in Milwaukee, Wisconsin until July 2. The theme this year is: *“Persevering Toward Wholeness”* from Revelation 22:2. As a member of the Board of Directors of the PC(USA) A Corporation and the newly-formed Presbyterian Life & Witness agency, **Pastor Bill Teng** is attending the entire assembly. *Please pray for the General Assembly and Pastor Teng that all be sensitive to the presence of the Holy Spirit through it all, trusting God’s guidance in its deliberations and decision-making process, that the name of Jesus be lifted up for all to witness; and also for travel mercies!*

To celebrate the **250th birthday of America**, we’re having a picnic-style luncheon after worship in the Fellowship Hall next **Sunday, July 5**. While hamburgers and hot dogs are provided, each family is requested to bring a traditional picnic side dish to share. *Please spread the word and invite a friend or two to come and celebrate!*

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**.



CELEBRATING RIVERSIDE’S 70TH YEAR OF MINISTRY IN 2026

DID YOU KNOW? In the late 90s, kids were playing Pokémon, riding Razor scooters, and playing with Bratz dolls while grown-ups grew addicted to “Everybody Loves Raymond.” Low-carb diets and fruit smoothies were all the rage. And Riverside Presbyterian church was right in the middle of life in Cocoa Beach! Stop by the display tables in Fellowship Hall to see fun facts about church history as we celebrate our 70th year of loving and faithful service in this community.



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: **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; earthquake victims and relief efforts in Venezuela.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 / Evening: Psalms 97; 85; 47 Numbers 22:1-21; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 21:12-22
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 / Evening: Psalms 28; 99 Numbers 22:21-38; Romans 7:1-12; Matthew 21:23-32
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 65; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 125; 91 Numbers 22:41-23:12; Romans 7:13-25; Matthew 21:33-46
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 81; 116 Numbers 23:11-26; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 22:1-14
Friday	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 / Evening: Psalms 6; 20 Numbers 24:1-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 22:15-22
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 / Evening: Psalms 100; 63 Numbers 24:12-25; Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 22:23-40
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 108; 150 / Evening: Psalms 66; 23 Numbers 27:12-23; Acts 19:11-20; Mark 1:14-20

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ Today is the birthday of **John Wesley**, who was born in tiny Epworth, England, to **Rev. Samuel Wesley** and his wife **Susanna**, in 1703. At age five, he was rescued from the upper window of a burning building, “a brand plucked from the burning.” He went on to establish the movement that came to be known as the Methodist denomination. ✦ The English theologian and hymnist, **Frederick W. Faber**, was born in Yorkshire, England, on this day in 1814. He converted from the Anglican to the Roman Catholic Church. An author of some 15 hymns, Faber sought to produce religious music which appealed to Roman Catholics and Protestants alike. Three of his hymns which are still popular are “*Faith of Our Fathers*,” “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*,” and “*My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*.” ✦ American hymnwriter **Eliza E. Hewitt** was born on this day in 1851 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For many years she was Sunday school superintendent of the Northern Home for Friendless Children and an active member of Olivet Presbyterian Church, both in Philadelphia. Many of her hymns were set to music by some of the best-known composers of her time. Though an invalid much of her life, her gospel songs are marked by their cheerfulness: “*More About Jesus*,” “*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*,” “*Singing I Go*,” “*Victory in Jesus*,” etc. ✦ **Westminster Cathedral** was consecrated in London on this day in 1910. ✦ Today is also the birthday of the **Lutheran Church in America**, formed on June 28, 1962, at a meeting in Detroit in which four Lutheran synods merged into a denomination of two million members.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 28 - July 5, 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>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin 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 (Calvin Hall)
	3:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Saturday	<i>Happy 250th Birthday, America!</i>	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>(Please prepare your heart for Holy Communion)</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fourth of July Luncheon (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

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