



July 26, 2026
Ninth 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 Mullen

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. 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 29:15-28; *Psalm* 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

✦ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39).

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

Diana Amtower

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

We yearn to be in the presence of the Holy One:

to linger in the house of prayer,

to walk beside still streams,

to behold the radiance of creation,

to sing as matches our joy,

to offer our sacrifice of service,

to dwell all our days enfolded in the love of God,

and to praise God with our deeds and melodies.

✦ HYMN #35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Enter the Gates"

Bryan & Katie Torwalt (2016)

"The More I Seek You"

Kari Jobe (2016)

Psalms 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 — We often devote ourselves to small things while you work for a greater purpose; we distract ourselves with grand designs while you surprise us with hidden wonders.

Forgive us, O God. Restore and reorder our lives by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may know your will, seek your way, and share your work, all 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

Elder Anda Ray

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"What an Awesome God"

Phil Wickham (2025)

Jordan Boggs & Lily Bolster, *Duet* / Diana Amtower, *Piano*

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (*New Testament, p. 14*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Elder Sue White

✦ HYMN #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 8:26-39 (*New Testament, p. 158*)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"Inseparable Love!"

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 #840

"When Peace Like a River"

VILLE DU HAVRE

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

"Great Things"

Phil Wickham (2018)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Nancy Ragland**
and in loving memory of her husband **Charlie** on his 85th birthday.



We will be start our collection for The Children's Hunger Project July 12 - August 9, 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 1oz. individual size
- ♦ Craisins 1oz., individual boxes
- ♦ Belvita Breakfast Bars, 1.76 oz
- ♦ Teddy Grahams 1oz. 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, August 16 for a packing day!

Thank you for you continued generosity!

SERMON NOTES

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**.

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!

Men’s Wednesday Bible Study — The Men’s Bible study meets each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in Knox Hall. The men will be taking a 6-week break for the Summer, but will resume again to continue our study on Proverbs on September 2. We invite you to join us once we resume for Bible study, fellowship, and breakfast afterwards.



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

During our sixth decade of service, hurricane damage caused Cocoa Beach to tear down the iconic “Glass Building” and necessitated the need for Riverside to tear down the chapel. As we look back, we are compelled to move forward to preserve and strengthen our mission of service. We are grateful to everyone who has helped honor the legacy and vision by contributing to our special fundraising campaign to provide

“A Roof for Ministry; A Cross for the Community.”



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Tim Bright, Girard Middleton, Diana Amtower, Cathy Pfeiffer, Paula Yost, Rebecca Burns, Jane Lovett, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Clift Schmitt, 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 57; 145 / Evening: Psalms 85; 47 Joshua 24:16-33; Romans 16:1-16; Matthew 27:24-31
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 / Evening: Psalms 28; 99 Judges 2:1-5, 11-23; Romans 16:17-27; Matthew 27:32-44
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 65; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 125; 91 Judges 3:12-30; Acts 1:1-14; Matthew 27:45-54
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 81; 116 Judges 4:4-23; Acts 1:15-26; Matthew 27:55-66
Friday	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 / Evening: Psalms 6; 20 Judges 5:1-18; Acts 2:1-21; Matthew 28:1-10
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 / Evening: Psalms 100; 63 Judges 5:19-31; Acts 2:22-36; Matthew 28:11-20
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 108; 150 / Evening: Psalms 66; 23 Judges 6:1-24; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Mark 3:20-30

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ On July 26, 1603, **King James VI** of Scotland became **James I** of England. He is the king who authorized the English translation of the Bible that commonly bears his name. ✦ In 1789, the Christian statesman, **William Wilberforce**, first spoke against slavery in the House of Commons. He lectured on the subject, wrote books, posted billboards, and lobbied leaders for years. Finally in 1807, after nearly twenty years of work, Wilberforce sat bent in his chair, head in his hands, weeping, as the parliament outlawed the trading of slaves in the British Empire. Wilberforce pressed on for another twenty years for complete emancipation of all slaves in the British Empire. On July 26, 1833, the "Bill for the Abolition of Slavery" passed in the House of Commons. News was rushed to the bedfast Wilberforce who raised himself on one elbow, smiled quietly, and said, "Thank God that I have lived to witness [this] day." He died three days later, his life's work finished. ✦ July 26, 1826, marks the death of **Jessie Seymour Irvine**, composer of the hymn tune CRIMOND, the melody for the popular hymn, "*The Lord's My Shepherd*," taken from the Scottish Psalter (1650) version of Psalm 23. ✦ **William Jennings Bryan**, a leader of the Fundamentalists in the Presbyterian Church and an American political figure and orator, died on this day in 1925. ✦ Today marks the death, in 1933, of the African-American preacher, **Charles Albert Tindley**, who became pastor of the church where he once served as janitor, the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. His great song, "*I'll Overcome Some Day*" serves as the basis of the Civil Rights anthem, "*We Shall Overcome*." His other popular gospel songs include the classics "*Nothing Between*," "*Stand by Me*," and "*We'll Understand It Better By and By*."

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 26 - August 2, 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>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
Wednesday	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)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> (<i>Please prepare your heart for Holy Communion</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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