



September 20, 2026
Seventeenth 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. 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):

Exodus 16:2-15; *Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45*; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ ... standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel"* (Philippians 1:27).

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

Impromptu
Diana Amtower, Organ

Franz Schubert (1827)

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 24:1-4a, 5)

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it;

for it is God who has founded it on the seas,

and established it on the rivers.

Who will ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

they will receive blessing from the LORD,

and help from the God of their deliverance.

✦ **HYMN #664**

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

✦ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"I Will Follow"

Chris Tomlin (2010)

"Great Are You Lord"

All Sons & Daughters (2014)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, Leader

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer: We confess we often remain captivated by sin — You shower your blessing upon us, yet we continue to complain; you give us more than we deserve, yet we resent your goodness to others.

Forgive us, O God, and liberate us. Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, and set free to worship and serve you in 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 Teng

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Here I Am, Lord"

Daniel Schutte (1981)/arr. Jack Schrader (1995)

Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Exodus 16:2-15 (*Old Testament*, p. 62)

Jak Burton

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

✦ **HYMN #634**

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Philippians 1:21-30 (*New Testament*, p. 196)

Pastor Teng

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

SERMON

"Decisions! Decisions!"

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 #65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

✦ **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

✦ **SENDING SONG**

"Yes, I Will"

Vertical Worship (2019)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Marilyn Grigsby**
and in loving memory of **Brian Grigsby**
for what would have been their 64th wedding anniversary.

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

One Blood Drive — One Blood Drive Bus will be at **Riverside today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Please consider giving blood. *It saves lives!*

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.

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!*



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 in a class beginning on **Monday, October 5, at 1:00 p.m. in Knox Hall**. Please see **Pastor Teng** for any questions.

The Christian Perspectives on Contemporary Social Issues

October	5	Pluralism
	12	Economics
	19	War
	26	Capital Punishment
November	2	Addiction/Substance Abuse
	9	Bioethics
	16	Homosexuality/Same-Sex Marriage



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, Cliff 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 57; 145 / Evening: Psalms 85; 47 Esther 4:4-17; Acts 18:1-11; Luke (1:1-4) 3:1-14
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 / Evening: Psalms 28; 99 Esther 5:1-14; Acts 18:12-28; Luke 3:15-22
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 65; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 125; 91 Esther 6:1-14; Acts 19:1-10; Luke 4:1-13
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 81; 116 Esther 7:1-10; Acts 19:11-20; Luke 4:14-30
Friday	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 / Evening: Psalms 6; 20 Ester 8:1-8, 15-17; Acts 19:21-41; Luke 4:31-37
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 / Evening: Psalms 100; 63 Esther 9:1-32; Acts 20:1-16; Luke 4:38-44
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 108; 150 / Evening: Psalms 66; 23 Hosea 1:1-2:1; James 3:1-13; Matthew 13:44-52

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ In the sixteenth century, French Protestants, under persecution in their homeland, migrated abroad, a number of them coming to the New World and settling in what is now Florida. On September of 1565, the Spanish captain **Pedro Menendez** landed in Florida with nearly 3,000 men, and on the 20th, Menendez and his troops massacred the Protestant immigrants. He later reported to the king, "I had their hands tied behind their backs and themselves put to the sword." ✦ **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**, English Baptist pastor known throughout the world as the "Prince of Preachers," and his wife, **Susannah**, had twin boys: **Charles** and **Thomas** were born on this day in 1856. He later baptized both boys on their eighteenth birthday, and both became preachers. Thomas later succeeded his father as pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, after Charles was there for 38 years. ✦ On this day in 1871, the English missionary to Melanesia, **John Coleridge Patteson**, went ashore Nukapu Island to preach the gospel. He was seized by natives and clubbed to death. The next day, grieving friends buried him at sea. ✦ Today marks the death in New York City of music publisher, **Will Lamartine Thompson**, who became ill during a tour of Europe and rushed home in hopes of recovery. He is remembered for his spontaneous gift of writing hymns on the spot. "No matter where I am," he wrote, "at home, at the store, or traveling, if an idea or theme comes to me that I deem worthy of a song, I jot it down in verse. In this way I never lose it." He's the author of the words and melodies for "*Jesus Is All the World to Me*," "*There's a Great Day Coming*," and the invitational hymn, "*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*."

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20 - 27, 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>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) Stewardship & Finance Team (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Session (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>Eighteenth 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

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