



October 11, 2026
Twentieth 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 October 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 32:1-14; *Psalm* 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near"* (Philippians 4:4-5).

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

"Praise Ye the Father"
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

C.F. Gounod (1976)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 106:1-5*)

Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare his praise?

***Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.***

Remember us, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;

help us when you deliver them;

that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,

that we may glory in your heritage.

Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN #363

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Forever"

Chris Tomlin (2001)

"One Thing Remains"

Jesus Culture (2012)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and mighty God: We have broken faith with you often by fashioning our own solutions to our problems — We have pressed forward with our own plans and wishes, rather than waiting confidently upon you to do that which is for our good and to your glory. In so doing, we have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Just as you forgave your people their sins in days of old, when Moses interceded for them, so forgive us our sins through our heavenly Intercessor, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and Savior; for it is in his name we ask.

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 Meghan Johnson

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Teng

OFFERTORY

"Then Sings My Soul"

Stuart K. Hine/ arr. Mary McDonald (2011)

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

✠DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Philippians 4:1-9 (*New Testament*, p. 198)

Jak Burton

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

✠HYMN#804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

MARION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Exodus 32:1-14 (*Old Testament*, p. 78)

Pastor Teng

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

SERMON

"A Communication Problem?"

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#835

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

CLOSER WALK

✠CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠SENDING SONG

"O Praise Him"

David Crowder Band (2003)

Psalms 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 the 6th anniversary in his Heavenly home.**



We will be start our collection for The Children's Hunger Project October 11 - November, 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 1 oz. individual size



- ◆ Craisins 1 oz., individual boxes
- ◆ Belvita Breakfast Bars, 1.76 oz



- ◆ Teddy Grahams 1 oz. 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, November 15 for a packing day!

Thank you for you continued generosity!

SERMON NOTES

Riverside Annual Charity Concert — Join us next **Sunday, October 18, 3:30 p.m.** for Riverside's annual charity concert featuring Timmy Buffet and the Hurricanes, who are an electrifying Jimmy Buffet tribute band with island vibes. Tickets are \$15 and are available on our website at www.RiversidePC.org (go to 'Event/Event Tickets' to purchase). Proceeds go to support our partners at The Children's Hunger Project.

Annual Trunk-or-Treat — Our annual Trunk-or-Treat is **Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m.** and we need volunteers to pass out candy from decorated car trunks, set up help, hot dog stand volunteers, coolers with ice and water and (if you cannot be there for the event) Halloween candy donations. Please contact Anda Ray or the church office if you would like to participate.

Anchor Youth — Tuesday evenings 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!

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

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: **Clift Schmitt, Nancy Ragland, Christopher Alfinez and Amanda Alfinez** (adult children of Connie & Mark DeYesso), **Glenn Stout, Walter & Wanda Scott, Cathy Pfeiffer, Rebecca Burns, Jane Lovett, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo**; peace for

Ukraine, Iran, and the Middle East; flood and earthquake victims and relief efforts in Nepal/Tibet and Indonesia; storm and flood victims and families in our nation.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 / Evening: Psalms 82; 29 Hosea 6:7–7:7; Acts 22:30–23:11; Luke 6:39-49
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 / Evening: Psalms 102; 133 Hosea 7:8-16; Acts 23:12-24; Luke 7:1-17
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 1; 33 Hosea 8:1-14; Acts 23:23-35; Luke 7:18-35
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 97; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 16; 62 Hosea 9:1-9; Acts 24:1-23; Luke 7:36-50
Friday	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 / Evening: Psalms 142; 65 Hosea 9:10-17; Acts 24:24–25:12; Luke 8:1-15
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 / Evening: Psalms 138; 98 Hosea 10:1-15; Acts 25:13-27; Luke 8:16-25
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 19; 150 / Evening: Psalms 81; 113 Hosea 11:1-11; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 15:21-28

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ When Islamic Arabian armies swept westward during the Dark Ages, threatening to seize the remnants of the old Roman Empire, **Charles Martel** and his Franks met the invaders on October 11, 732, at the plain between Tours and Poitiers. For five days the attacks came in waves. On the sixth day the Arabs cut through the lines only to find themselves surrounded and trapped. The surviving invaders fled, and Europe was saved for Christianity. ✦ On another European battlefield on October 11, 1531, the Swiss Reformer **Ulrich Zwingli** received a fatal wound from a lance to his neck. He is said to have uttered, “What does it matter? The body they can kill, but not the soul.” The enemy cut up his body and burned it, but his heart was later said to have been found unharmed. ✦ **Avis Christiansen** was born in Chicago on this day in 1895. In childhood she was greatly influenced by a godly grandmother who loved hymns; and as a teenager and adult, she was influenced and associated with the Moody Bible Institute. Avis is the author of a number of several popular hymns, including, “*Blessed Redeemer*” and “*It Is Glory Just to Walk with Him.*” ✦ The **Second Vatican Council** convened on this day in 1962. Sixteen documents were eventually adopted. Catholic liturgy was simplified, with permission given to celebrate the rites of the church in the languages of the peoples rather than in Latin. ✦ Toronto-native **Isobel Kuhn**, following training at Moody Bible Institute, sailed for China on October 11, 1928, where she and her soon-to-be husband **John** worked with great results among the Lisu people. The Kuhns left China at the last moment, escaping over a hair-raising route from the Communists in 1950.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 11 - 18, 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>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) Worship & Sacrament Team (Knox Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate (Knox Hall)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox 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 — <i>Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
	3:30 p.m.	Charity Concert (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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