



April 5, 2026

Resurrection of the Lord



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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.riversidepresbyterianchurch.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: riversidepresbyterianchurch.org. The worship service is livestreamed and is available on the church's website: <https://www.youtube.com/@riversidepresbyterianchurch8946>. 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.

Eastertide, or the **Easter Season**, begins on Easter Sunday and continues until Pentecost in the Christian liturgical calendar for a total span of seven weeks. We celebrate Easter more than just Easter Sunday because it is the defining event of Christianity, and so the Church has always observed it for longer than the Day itself. The liturgical color is white or gold, the Pascal candle is kept lit and the worship services end with a special "Alleluia." Scripture lessons during this season are from the New Testament only (except for Easter Sunday), saying what happened after the Resurrection. The Thursday in the sixth week of Easter marks Ascension Day, as Jesus was taken up into heaven.

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 April issue of our newsletter *Down by the Riverside* has been sent out by email last week. 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 July), 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):

Acts 10:34-43; *Psalm 118*:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

✦ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth"* (Colossians 3:1-2).

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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

"Christ Is Risen "

Ruth Elaine Schram (2025)

Diana Amtower, *Piano*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 118:24, Matthew 28:7, Acts 10:39)*

We are witnesses to the resurrection.

The Lord is risen; he is risen indeed!

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

✦ HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Jane Wesson

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Glorious Day"

Passion (2017)

"Resurrecting"

Elevation Worship (2016)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God: We confess we often look for the living among the dead — You send Jesus on ahead of us, but we stay behind, studying the tomb; you reveal to us your heavenly glory, but we set our minds on earthly things.

Forgive us; give us new life! Send us forth to share the Gospel, with our words and deeds proclaiming the life that death cannot destroy, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for we ask in his 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

Pastor Teng

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor Wesson

OFFERTORY

“Hear the Praises We Bring”
Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

Brad Nix (2026)

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Colossians 3:1-4 (New Testament, p. 201)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

✦ HYMN

“Name of All Majesty”

MAJESTAS

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — John 20:1-18 (New Testament, p. 114)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

“An Empty Tomb?!”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

... Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our 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

“He Lives”

ACKLEY

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

“Happy Day”
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Jesus Culture (2008)

SERMON NOTES

Given to the Glory of God and in Honor of ...

the **Glory of Easter** by **Richard & Judy George**

their **grandchildren and great-grandchildren**
by **Bob & Judy Howard**

their first grandchild, **Mikaela Crowe Kamataris**
by **Debbie & Ron Burleigh**

Diana Amtower and the **Chancel Choir** by **Becky Reed**

Mick & Anda Ray, Jerry & Linda Johnson
by **David & Meghan** and **Riley Johnson**

our pastor and staff: **Pastor Bill, Pastor Jane, Diana, Keaton** and the **Praise Band,**
Betsie, Chuck, Karen, Doug by **Anda & Mick Ray**

their daughter and family, **Meghan, David** and **Riley Johnson**
by **Anda & Mick Ray**

all those who make our church a gift to its members and community
by **Anda & Mick Ray**

our hardworking **Elders and Deacons** by **Pam Weiger** and **Carl Plaughter**

her **3 grandchildren** by **Tammy Ivan**

in honor of our **church staff** by **Mary Mullin**

Easter Blessings for the whole **World** by **Penny & Rich Bernard**

all the saints at **Riverside** by **Pastor Bill & Karen Teng**



The **Church Office** is closed tomorrow, April 6, to observe Easter.

First Tuesday Dinner — Our next First Tuesday Dinner will be **Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Our dinner will again be catered by Brano's Italian Grill and the menu will be Chicken Piccata, Penna Florentine, Caesar Salad, Green Beans, bread, and dessert. Cost is \$12.00 a person. Following dinner our program will be presented by Pastor Bill as he shares about the Christian Church in China and a little bit about his own background. Sign up after church in Fellowship Hall, phone the church office, or phone **Betty Peterson** at 406-750-9202. **Please RSVP by today.**

Space Coast Symphony Orchestra's Dvorak's Sunny Bohemia Concert — Riverside Presbyterian Church will host the SCSO's *Dvorak's Sunny Bohemia* Concert on **Sunday, April 25, at 7pm.** Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased on the Space Coast Symphony's website, spacecoastsymphony.org or call **855-525-7276**. **Please note that the church office does not have tickets available for this concert, they must be purchased on the SCSO website.*

CHP 3rd Annual Car Show — The 3rd Annual Car Show has been rescheduled for **Saturday, May 2, 10am – 2pm.** It is \$25 to register a vehicle and all proceeds go to The Children's Hunger Project. Come out and enjoy classic cars, food trucks, raffles, DJ, games, and awards. If you would like to bring a donated food item for CHP, you can find a list of needed items at www.thechildrenhungerproject.org/food-donations. Riverside also has a list of needed items located in the Narthex. We look forward to seeing you there!



CELEBRATING RIVERSIDE'S 70TH YEAR OF MINISTRY IN 2026

April finds us celebrating the third decade of our church's 70 years of service in Cocoa Beach.

Stop by the display table in Fellowship Hall for a look at what Riverside was up to from 1976-1985. You'll also find lots of space history as the church grew alongside the Space Shuttle Program during this decade. And be on the lookout for special events honoring our rich history!



Riverside's Session has joyfully approved an exciting new proposal by Robbie Ward to launch a weekly youth group "**Anchor Youth**" on **Tuesday nights in Calvin Hall**. The vision is simple and welcoming: a safe, relaxed, and inviting place for youth in our community to gather. 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: **Joe Fanning, Susan White, Fern Wolle, Paula Yost, Rebecca Burns, Betty Gould, Judy Howard, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Clift Schmitt, Glenn Stout, Travis Vick, Roxanne Stout, Jorge & Coleen Castillo, Doug Furls, Dale Ringerwole**; peace for Ukraine, Iran, Cuba, and the Middle East.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 / Evening: Psalms 124; 115 Exodus 12:14-27; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 / Evening: Psalms 66; 116 Exodus 12:28-39; 1 Corinthians 15:12-28; Mark 16:9-20
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 9; 118 Exodus 12:40-51; 1 Corinthians 15:29-41; Matthew 28:1-16
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 68; 113 Exodus 13:3-10; 1 Corinthians 15:41-50; Matthew 28:16-20
Friday	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 / Evening: Psalms 49; 138 Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; Luke 24:1-12
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 / Evening: Psalms 23; 114 Exodus 13:17-14:4; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10; Mark 12:18-27
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 93; 150 / Evening: Psalms 136; 117 Exodus 14:5-22; 1 John 1:1-7; John 14:1-7

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ On April 5, 1524, Swiss Reformer **Ulrich Zwingli** married **Anna Reinhart**, breaking the ban (as Luther also did) on celibacy among members of the priesthood or clergy.

✦ **Hans Nielsen Hague**, 25, had grown up in rural Norway and was a skilled cabinetmaker, blacksmith, and beekeeper. On April 5, 1796, as he worked outdoors singing hymns, he was caught in a dramatic experience. He felt the Holy Spirit flowing through him like a warm river. Running home, he shared the experience with his family, and then he set out to tell others about Christ. He traveled for eight years and 10,000 miles throughout Norway on foot, ski, and horse. Today he is known as the "Father of Scandinavian Pietism." ✦ Today marks the death in 1811 of **Robert Raikes**, English philanthropist and founder of the Sunday school movement. ✦ **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, born in 1906 to a distinguished neurologist, studied theology and taught in Berlin as a young man and quickly became one of Germany's most respected Lutheran clergymen. As the Nazis gained power, Bonhoeffer criticized the abuses of the Hitler regime, insisting that the church may criticize any unjust action of the state and assist victims of the injustice. After working in America and Britain, Bonhoeffer was called back to Germany in 1935 to direct a preacher's seminary in the remote village of Finkenwalde, and after it was closed by the police he continued his work underground. In April 1943, the Gestapo took Bonhoeffer into custody, and on April 5, 1945, Hitler ordered his execution. Four days later, Bonhoeffer, 39, went to the gallows — April 9, 1945. He left behind several powerful books including *The Cost of Discipleship*, published in 1937.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 5 - 12, 2026

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Monday - Thursday

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Resurrection of the Lord</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	(Church Office Closed for Easter)	
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	First Tuesday Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall)
	3:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		Christian Education Team (Zoom)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
		Worship & Sacrament Team (Knox 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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