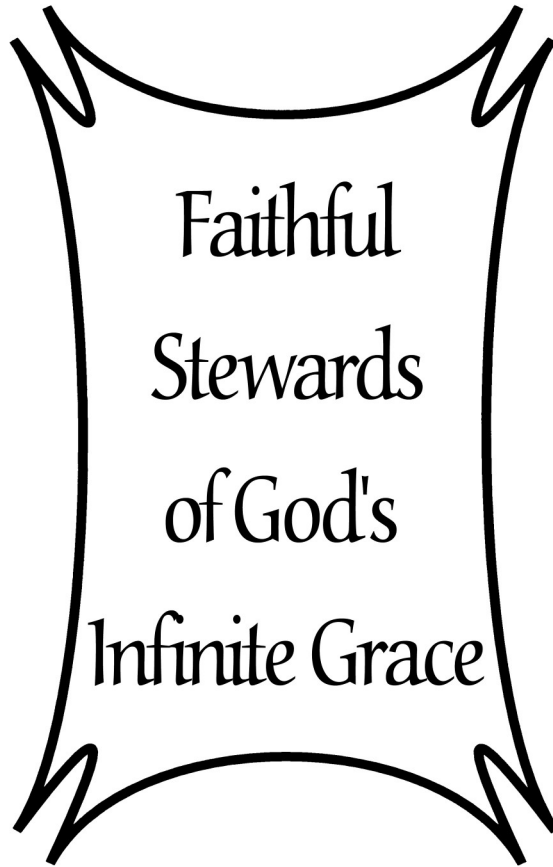




October 25, 2026

Twenty-Second 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 sent out by e-mail on Friday morning, 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):

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; *Psalms* 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

✦ Standing for those who are able

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"* (Matthew 22:37-39).

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.***

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Romans 5*)

In the name of Jesus, I have Good News for you!

Let all the people receive this Word!

We have proof of God's unconditional love for us:

While we were still sinning, Christ died for us.

Rarely will anyone die for a good, deserving person:

But Jesus died for us then and lives for us now. Hallelujah!

Let us worship God!

✦ SONG

"Raise a Hallelujah"

Bethel Music (2019)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ SONG

"Reckless Love"

Corey Asbury (2017)

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God: We confess we are not always ready for your holy realm — You offer us your law of love, but we often disobey the simplest command; you offer us your gospel of grace, but we disregard this greatest gift.

Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

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 Susan White

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Graves into Gardens"
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

The Worship Initiative (2020)

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Elder Tom White

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (*New Testament*, p. 203)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pam Weiger

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (*Old Testament*, p. 191)
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"A Glimpse into the Future"

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.

✦ SONG

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Bethel Music (2013)

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

"This Is Amazing Grace"
Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

Bethel Music (2013)



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Gail Marshall** and in loving memory of **Joe Marshall**, from the **Marshall Family**.





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

We will be observing **All Saints' Day** next Sunday, **November 1** — If you have a loved one or friend who has died in the Lord since **November 2025** and would like to remember them, please contact the church office as soon as possible to have their name included in the Necrology to be mentioned during the All Saints litany in worship.

Called Congregational Meeting — Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held immediately after worship on **Sunday, November 8**, for the sole purpose of electing elders and deacons. All Riverside members are welcomed to attend. After which all are invited to **Pie Sunday** in the Fellowship Hall.

Ladies Christmas Tea — Our annual Ladies Christmas Tea will be on **Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.** in our own Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be available starting November 1 and are \$25 each. Bring a decorative ornament to exchange. If you would like to purchase a ticket please see Paula Yost.

Nametags — Even if you've been worshipping here at Riverside for a long time, sometimes you'd still catch yourself thinking, "I know that face, but what's his/her name?" Well, there's a solution for that: Have everyone wear a nametag. Every Sunday! If you already have a nametag on the board in the Narthex, please wear it. If you'd like to have one made for you, please tell one of the ushers, and one will be ready for you the following Sunday.

WEAR A NAME TAG



SHOW YOUR WELCOME

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. 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

"Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace"

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God"

(1 Peter 4:10).

2027 STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

October 18 – November 8, 2026

A packet of stewardship information is available for all in the Narthex.

Please read the information carefully and prayerfully as you consider what God has put on your heart to serve and give to the various ministries here at Riverside in 2027.

Please bring back the enclosed Faith Promise Card and Talent Survey on

Stewardship Sunday, November 8.



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Mark DeYesso, Cliff Schmitt, Nancy Ragland, Glenn Stout, Walter & Wanda Scott, Cathy Pfeiffer, Rebecca Burns, Jane Lovett, Bill Cheney, Linda Harris, Roxanne Stout**; peace for Ukraine, Iran, and the Middle East; flood and earthquake victims and relief efforts in Nepal/Tibet and Indonesia; hurricane, storm, and flood victims and families in our nation.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 / Evening: Psalms 85; 47 Micah 2:1-13; Revelation 7:1-8; Luke 9:51-62
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 / Evening: Psalms 28; 99 Micah 3:1-8; Revelation 7:9-17; Luke 10:1-16
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 65; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 125; 91 Micah 3:9-4:5, Revelation 8:1-13; Luke 10:17-24
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 36; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 80; 27 Micah 5:1-4, 10-15; Revelation 9:1-12; Luke 10:25-37
Friday	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 / Evening: Psalms 6; 20 Micah 6:1-8; Revelation 9:13-21; Luke 10:38-42
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 / Evening: Psalms 100; 63 Micah 7:1-7; Revelation 10:1-11; Luke 11:1-13
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 108; 150 / Evening: Psalms 66; 23 Jonah 1:1-17a; 1 Corinthians 10:15-24; Matthew 18:15-20

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ **Henry II** ascended to the throne of England on this day in 1154. He is chiefly remembered for his participation in the assassination of his former friend, **Thomas Becket**, whom he named Archbishop of Canterbury. ✦ As copies of **William Tyndale's** English translation of the New Testament began to appear in England, civil and church authorities became alarmed. On October 25, 1526, **Bishop Tonstall** warned all London booksellers against the importation and sales of "Lutheran" works. He also issued an injunction to all his archbishops, which said: "Certain children of iniquity, maintainers of Luther's sect, blinded by extreme wickedness, declining from the way of truth and the orthodox faith, have with crafty trickery translated the holy gospel of God into our vulgar English tongue." ✦ On Sunday morning, October 25, 1787, **William Wilberforce** sat at his desk thinking of his conversion to Christ, he decided to pour his energy into a crusade to abolish slavery in the British Empire. He wrote in his journal on that day, "Almighty God has set before me two great objectives, the abolition of the slave trade and the reformation of manners," by which he meant public morality. ✦ Today is the birthday of a one-handed French winemaker named **Palcide Cappeau**, who was also an occasional politician and mayor of the town of Roquemaure. He is best remembered, however, for writing the words of the Christmas carol, "*O Holy Night*." He was born on October 25, 1808. ✦ **Jonathan Goforth**, pioneer missionary to China, was ordained on October 25, 1885. ✦ On October 25, 1890, the Door of Hope was opened by **Emma Whittemore**. She was a wealthy New Yorker, who, following her conversion, developed an intense burden for abused and orphaned girls on the streets of New York City. Within four years, the Door of Hope had helped over 300 girls, and by the time of Emma's death in 1931, there were ninety-seven homes operating in seven countries.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 25 - November 1, 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>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Anchor Youth (Calvin 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 (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	Daylight Saving Time Ends (<i>set clocks back one hour</i>)	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>All Saints' Day</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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