

Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2019 ~ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints' Day

Ask an usher for audio hearing units

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare for children through preschool is available upstairs.

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



Artist: Joel Whitehead

*Zacchaeus was a wee little man
And a wee little man was he
He climbed up in a sycamore tree
For the Lord he wanted to see*

Traditional Children's Song

WE PREPARE

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Romanza

Vaughan Williams

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We gather in awe

**standing in the presence of the One
who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.**

We gather in faith,

**trusting that the One who has held little children
holds our lives in the heart of God.**

We gather in need,

**seeking the One who longs for justice
to grace each and every person in creation.**

* HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

**Surrounded by so many seductions, Patient God, we find it difficult
to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving when there is
so much persecution and affliction towards the little ones of the world.
Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with
strife and contention.**

**We cry for help, Listening God; forgive us! As we wait for your grace
to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing,
always giving thanks for Jesus Christ. (Silent prayers)**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* SUNG RESPONSE 447

We Are Forgiven

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

Children are invited to stay in worship; activity bags are available.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:137-144

Luke 19:1-10

MEDITATION

* HYMN 326 vs. 1-4

For All the Saints

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Bell

* SUNG RESPONSE 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and is served in the pew.

Please hold the elements and we will commune together.

The outer rings contain juice, the inner rings contain blush wine (crackers are gluten free).

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

God is the heart of life.

And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

Creating God... We give thanks.

We give thanks.

We who hold all such good things in trust, join with others in declaring:

Holy! Holy! Holy! Heaven and earth are holy and good.

Holy is peace.

Holy is truth. Holy is love.

In this season of transition...that sustain us when we are in need.

God loves in us; God cares through us; God laughs in us;

God cries in us, as nowhere else.

Especially we give thanks for...and making us whole.

Together we remember our past. Together we discern our present.

**Together we shape our future. 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.**

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART

* HYMN 506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Burkhardt

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Susan Lynch

Ushers: Deb Pike and Claire Gangware

Communion Servers: Allan Halline, Frank Gangware, Deb Jansky and Steven Teune.

Flowers today are given in honor of Mike Heine's 65th birthday with love from Gwen, Leanne and Alison.

Fellowship Time is hosted by the Chancel Choir.

Trustees of the Month: Patti Perry Halline and Brad Staubus

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THEOLOGY ON TAP— No Theology on Tap Monday, November 4. Join us on November 11 at 6:30 pm.

For the next several weeks we will continue to explore

documentary short films. We will explore a wide range of topics. Some will be uplifting, some humorous, some challenging—all of them will make us think in new ways. Posters for some of the documentaries are in the hallway on the way to the Social Hall. Meals are catered AND COST \$10 per person, so please call the office and make reservations (BYOB).

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10, AFTER WORSHIP —To increase participation in our monthly Community Dinner, we are inviting the community to join us at fellowship time once a month.



We are asking church members to bring a dish to share — with the Mission Committee taking the lead. Please look for new faces at this event —or invite anyone you think would enjoy a free meal and good conversation. All are welcome!

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY DONATION: Canned or individual containers of fruit.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP—Join us at Allan Halline and Patti Perry Halline's home, 257 Bartram Road, Riverside at 7:00 pm on **November 15** for an evening of fun with your church family. Bring an appetizer and a beverage to share.

LOOSE COIN OFFERING — On the first Sunday of the month, we dedicate loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund to feed the hungry.

HUMAN SCENE — is discussing the Book of Luke, Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parlor.

PRESCHOOL NEWS— November will be another fun filled month in Preschool. We will have a visit from the library, we'll learn about leaves, farms, what it means to be thankful and begin preparing for Christmas.

Look for Riverside Foods Shop and Share Days forms in your bulletin coming soon. The Benefit Days benefit the Preschool's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for families who have difficulty paying tuition. Thanks for your support!

CRAFTERS —Do you weave, sew, knit or create other crafts? If so, please consider making something to donate to the RPC table at the Christkindlmarkt, which will be held on Saturday, December 7. Items can be brought to the office the week before the sale. Also, we are in search of pinecones. If you have any we can have or I can come to collect, please contact Sandy Kappmeyer at skappzan@aol.com (585) 662-9082. Contact me with questions.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT —We are collecting Christmas books, sheet music, CDs and DVDs to sell at the market —films, music, novels, short stories, nonfiction, children's books, cookbooks, coffee table books — in short, all media as long as it is associated with Christmas. Please place your donations in the box on the pew outside the office.

CARERS GIVING TREE— The CARERS Committee will meet Thursday, November 14 at 10 am to set up the giving tree. The CARERS Giving Tree will benefit women and children sheltered in the Constance Morris House. The paper ornaments on the tree list Christmas gift items. Take some ornaments, purchase the items and place the unwrapped gifts under the tree. Please bring gifts from Sunday, November 17 until Sunday December 1.

CARERS NEWS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER— This November and December, to stave off the chill of winter for those in need, please fill the CARERS trunk with **hot soups, hot cereals and hot boxed foods.** No breakable containers please. The contributions will be distributed to local food pantries.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the November-December Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.

SAVE THE DATE

November 10, 17 & 24 Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity—A
Stewardship Sermon Series

November 24—Pledge Sunday

December 7 – Christkindlmarkt, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

December 15 – Messiah, 4 pm

December 22 – Children’s Pageant, 10:00 am

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 29 –Fifth Sunday, Worship as Mission at Beds Plus

ENVELOPE USERS — PLEASE NOTE!

If you like using church envelopes to make your pledge or other donations, please let me know! If you were a regular envelope user in 2019, I probably have you down, but I don’t want to leave anyone out. Order goes in this week!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS — Copies of the November calendar and birthdays are at the back of the sanctuary and in the rack outside the office.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will meet Sunday, November 10 at 9:00 am.

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP will meet Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 pm.

REVEREND JACKSON OUT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION — November 4-9. Contact the church office with any pastoral needs.

COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER —Thank you to all who participated in the Companions Journeying Together Christmas card project. 190 cards and stamps were delivered yesterday.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:15 am Worship & Music Meeting
2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Sunday

9:00 am Middle School Youth Group
9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:15 am Free Community Meal

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<https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>

Our Mission Statement:

We gather as a church to:
Celebrate God's presence,
Nurture the Spiritual Life,
Carry the light of Christ into the world,
Serve God by serving others.

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2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

	2019	2020	2021
Elders	Jeanine Buttimer Patti Friend Susan Lynch Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak	Frank Gangware Martha Heine Lynda Nadkarni Dennis Zander	Gwen Heine Allan Halline Matt Lisle Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
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