

Riverside Presbyterian Church

February 16, 2020 ~ Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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.



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

The New Commonwealth

Vaughan Williams

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Sisters and brothers, we meet to worship a loving God!

We meet to worship a God with high standards!

We meet in the name of God who knows our deepest hearts!

We meet in the presence of a God who loves us!

* HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

INVITATION TO PRAYER

God calls us to a radically different way of life, and yet we avoid God's hard ways. Let us come before God confessing our sin.

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Almighty God, we confess we are often more interested in fulfilling the letter of your law than in living according to its spirit, and that we end up failing to do either.

We love neither you nor our brothers and sisters.

We live selfish lives.

Forgive us, we pray,

and move us with the teachings and example of Christ.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE (Responsive)

Hear the good news! This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted. Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sins, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good, Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

SUNG RESPONSE 447

We Are Forgiven

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

Children through fifth grade may leave for Sunday School

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Amos 5:21-24

Matthew 5:21-26

MEDITATION

Killing With Words

* HYMN 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

arr. Harris

* SUNG RESPONSE 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept the gifts we offer, O God, as we go seeking reconciliation with our brothers and sisters. In them we seek to love you with our hearts, souls, and minds. May the reconciliation we pursue reflect our love of neighbor. Unite us with one another in your ministry of reconciliation. Amen

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.

WE DEPART

* HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Salve 1st tono por de la sol re 17th c
Sebastián Aguilera de Heredia

WELCOME REV. GARNETT FOSTER—Garnett Foster retired to Chicago after serving for 10 years as Director of Field Education and Ministry Placement at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Prior to that she served as pastor of a multi-cultural congregation in urban New Jersey and Washington DC.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Wendy Seifert

Ushers: Claire Gangware and Nancy Dvorak

Flowers are given in loving memory of my brother-in-law, Steve Langer, by Paula McCracken.

Fellowship Time is hosted by Sara Vacek and family.

Trustees of the Month: Patti Perry and Fred Mitchell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 1619 Project

THEOLOGY ON TAP meets Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. We are reading essays from the 1619 Project which recognizes the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery. Please see Dale for a copy of the readings.



During Lent we explore the wisdom of Celtic Spirituality. Celtic Christian spirituality refers to a set of practices and beliefs in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales that developed in the early fifth century during the development of the monastic tradition. Many of these practices have roots in desert spirituality; Celtic monks considered the teachings of the desert mothers and fathers essential wisdom. Celtic pre-Christian culture, dating back to 500 B.C.E., permeated the land, and these beliefs also strongly influenced Celtic spiritual practices. As a result, much of Celtic Christianity can be characterized by a strongly incarnational theology: The natural world, in particular, reveals the creator. Matter is infused with the divine presence and offers glimpses of the world behind the surface of things.

2020 PER CAPITA is \$36.00 per member. Please consider rounding up or paying an extra per capita for those who find it a difficulty.

Mission Work @ RPC



CARERS TRUNK— In February and March, the CARERS Trunk donations are for The Little Food Pantry. Please give non-perishable foods. Canned soups, meats and vegetables are needed.

HOMELESS KITS—are available outside the sanctuary, please take several and hand out as needed.

MISSION COMMITTEE meets next Sunday, February 23 at 11:15 am following worship.



SAVE THE DATE – Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 7 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 if purchased in advance – available from scouts and the church office. Thank you for your support!

PRESCHOOL NEWS—We are now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are available outside the church office for both the morning and enrichment classes.



PRESCHOOL RAFFLE AND BOOK FAIR —The Raffle and Book Fair will run from Thursday, March 5 through Wednesday, March 11. We have many fabulous baskets!! The Book Fair will be open and the raffle baskets will be on display at the Riverside Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 7 during the Scout Pancake Breakfast and Sunday morning, March 8 after church. The Raffle drawing will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 11. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. The raffle basket list will be in the office and on the bulletin board. Thanks for your continued support!!

Companions Journeying Together MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT— Each year we supply packets of pretty writing materials to imprisoned women and juveniles so they have something nice to send their mother or children on Mother's Day. Once again we ask your help. Materials needed: postage stamps, stationery (not white), note cards: blank, Mother's Day, Thinking of You, gallon zip lock bags, donations to help cover delivery costs. Please make checks payable to: Companions, Journeying Together, Inc. Do not send cards, envelopes or stationery that has anything glued, pasted or taped on it or stickers attached. Please place in the hallway near the CARERS trunk. Donations are due by Sunday, March 1.

FIFTH SUNDAY Worship as Mission—For 2020 we are planning one Sunday in the calendar year that will be dedicated to worshipping through our service to others. Sunday, August 30 is our Fifth Sunday Mission Day. Mark you calendars and plan to join us on that day.

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE —Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Jackson will be at the Riverside train station at 6:30 am for the imposition of ashes. Reverend Jackson will also be in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm and 6:00 pm-6:30 pm for the imposition of ashes.

On Maundy Thursday, April 9, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service focused on the Stations of the Cross. Our service will conclude with communion in the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — meets **Wednesday, February 26** at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome. Come for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "*Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. The purpose of Lesson Six is to understand God's desire for deep and faithful relationships in the human family and how behavior that has no boundaries can devastate people and communities. Led by Elizabeth Musick.

Christian Education



2020 SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE—

Teachers needed! Please sign up outside the Christian Education Office.

February 16	No Class — Three-day weekend
February 23	Jesus Teaches — Matthew 5:1-9
March 1	No Class — Communion Sunday
March 8	Jesus Washes Feet —John 13:1-17

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets next Sunday, February 23 at 9:00 am.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
2:00 pm Worship at Caledonia

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball
6:30 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum
7:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg.

Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:00 pm Session Meeting
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 Fellowship
11:15 am Mission Committee Mtg
concerns.

Reverend Jackson Vacation
February 11-17

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Sermons available at
<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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