

Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2020 ~ First Sunday of Lent

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.

Through the Day: Celebrating God's Presence in Each Moment

God with me lying down,
God with me rising up,
God with me in each ray of light,
Nor I a ray of joy without God,
Nor one ray without God.

Christ with me sleeping,
Christ with me waking,
Christ with me watching.
Every day and night,
Each day and night.

God with me protecting,
The Lord with me directing,
The Spirit with me strengthening,
For ever and for evermore.
Ever and Evermore. Amen.

-Carmina Gadelica, 1, 5



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 *Communion Op. 8*

Louis Vierne

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying,

'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.

* HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

INVITATION TO PRAYER

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Because we live in this modern, tech-driven, twittering age, we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing. We pat ourselves on the back for our ability to learn new computer skills, but have forgotten that life is more than a machine. We have more than we could ever use yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily.

Forgive us, Restorer of life. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to

everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome to the Table all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain. *Silence is kept*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SUNG RESPONSE 702 VERSE 1

Christ Be Beside Me



WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

Children are invited to stay for worship.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 113

Matthew 6:7-13

MEDITATION

* HYMN 821

My Life Flows On



WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer*

Malotte/Deis

* SUNG RESPONSE 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Our Communion liturgy is adapted from an ancient Gallican Liturgy. Gallican liturgy is not a single rite but a family of rites within the Latin Church. Ireland is known to have had a form of this Gallican Liturgy mixed with Celtic customs. Communion is open to all and is served by intinction. Please come forward, by the main aisles, take a piece of bread (crackers are gluten free), dip it in the chalice and commune. Return to your seats by the outer aisle.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (RESPONSIVE)

The Lord be with you,

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, just and fitting...praise him with unceasing voice, saying

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer continues

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 677

The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Irish Blessing*

Bacak

POSTLUDE *Once More, My Soul*

George Shearing

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Doug Harvin

Ushers: Will Vogel and Megan Foran

Communion Servers: Lynda Nadkarni, Frank Gangware, Wendy Seifert and Charlie Juister

Flowers are given in loving memory of my parents, Evelyn and Edward Fetta from Carol O'Meara

Fellowship Time is hosted by Jon and Deb Jansky.

Trustees of the Month: Brad Staubus and Henry Vogel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent & Easter Schedule 2020

- ◆ **Worship**—Join us as we explore Celtic Christian. Many Celtic 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.
- ◆ **Palm Sunday**, April 5 will be filled with the joyous procession of Palms & the Ringers & Singers.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Easter Sunrise Service**, April 12, Sunrise service will be led by the Reverend Doug Asbury followed by a light breakfast.
- ◆ **Easter Worship Service** will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion.
- ◆ **Jazz Sunday**, April 19 will feature Andrew Tecson and his jazz musician colleagues.

VISUAL BLESSINGS—You are invited to take photos of God’s everyday blessings or things that remind you of the holy. Email them to Dale at pastor@rpcusa.org Your pictures will be used on Easter Sunday.



THEOLOGY ON TAP—Hope in the Middle of the Climate Crisis—As news coverage of the climate crisis continues to grow, do you or any of your family members ever feel a sense of despair? Do you feel the problem is so immense and you can't possibly make a difference? Beginning Monday, March 2, we will explore what is happening with the

global climate, how it is impacting us here and now, and we will look at the rise of climate-induced grief. We will also look at sources of good news that can motivate our behavior and we will discover that, yes, we can do something — many things in fact —and as a community of faith, our Creator is calling us to act. Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Please RSVP to the office.

Mission Work @ RPC

LOOSE COIN OFFERING—Today we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER SUNDAY MARCH 8, AFTER WORSHIP — Join the Mission Committee in bringing a dish to share. Invite anyone who would enjoy a free meal and good conversation. All are welcome!

CARERS TRUNK MARCH— Donations are for The Little Food Pantry. Canned soups, meats and vegetables are needed.



MISSION CO-WORKERS—As part of the General Budget we support Jed & Jenny Koball. They assist the Peru Joining Hands Network (JHN). JHN is an initiative of the Presbyterian Hunger Program that addresses root causes of hunger in partnership with networks of churches and non-governmental organizations. Together, Jed and Jenny also host PC(USA) church groups to educate them about the issues being addressed by JHN as well as to involve them through hands-on service in the local efforts of the NGOs and churches of the network.

SPRING FORWARD— Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 7 for Daylight Saving Time!

FIFTH SUNDAY— Q: Why is the only Fifth Sunday on August 30 when we have three other months with a fifth week in 2020?

A: The other three fall on Church holidays — Lent, Epiphany and Advent. What that means for March 29 is that you should expect Lenten worship in the sanctuary at 10 am. That also means ushers, Sunday School teachers, flowers, and coffee hour hosts. You can volunteer for any of them by contacting the office at rpcoffice@rpcusa.org or 708-447-1520.

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!



DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the March-April Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.



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!!

FEBRUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Elder training continued by viewing a video based on the book "Your Iceberg Is Melting", which focused on how to manage change.
- approved engaging Holy Cow Consultants to conduct a "vital signs" survey of RPC
- elected Elizabeth Musick, Dennis Zander and Sandra Kappmeyer as Commissioners to Presbytery
- approved the baptism of Eleanor Victoria Zeman on April 19
- received, with regret, the resignation from membership of the Dluhy family, who have moved to Indiana.
- approved increasing the Preschool tuition from \$220 to \$225 per month.

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session



MARCH CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS—Copies of the March calendar and birthdays are at the back of the sanctuary and in the rack by the office.

Christian Education

2020 SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE—Teachers needed! Please sign up.

March 1	No Class—Communion Sunday
March 8	Jesus Washes Feet—John 13:1-17
March 15	Jesus Breaks the Bread—Mark 14:12-26



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

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 am.

THIS WEEK

Today

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:30 am Women’s Forum

Saturday

7:00 am Scout Pancake Breakfast

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
11:15 am Support & Endowment
Committee Meeting

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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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2020 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2020 Frank Gangware Lynda Nadkarni Dennis Zander	2021 Gwen Heine Allan Halline Matt Lisle	2022 Ben Dickerson Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Lloyd Bradbury Charlie Juister Sally Sloane Jeanne Smith	Deb Jansky Wendy Seifert Joyce Van Cura	Claire Gangware Sylvia Schade Susanne Vogel
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