

Riverside Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2019 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



THE PHARISEE, THE TAX COLLECTOR, AND THE REFORMATION

The moral of this story is so clear it's hard to miss: Don't think too highly of yourself like this hypocritical Pharisee; rather, be like the self-abasing tax collector.

Or, to make it even simpler, we can boil the point of this parable down to two words: "be humble." David Lose

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 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* arr. Patterson

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

This is the day the Lord has made:

a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

This is the time God has given us:

a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

This is the life to which God calls us:

a life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

- * HYMN 38 *To Bless the Earth*

- * INVITATION TO PRAYER

- * PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help.

Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector — humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ. (Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* SUNG RESPONSE 447

We Are Forgiven

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

RIVERSIDE RINGERS

Amazing Grace

Children kindergarten—fifth grade are invited to Sunday School

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 67

Luke 18:9-14

MEDITATION

* HYMN 424

Out of the Depths

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

The Beatitudes

Evans

* SUNG RESPONSE 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Bish

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Allan Halline

Ushers: Cyril and Patti Friend

Sunday School Teachers: Mary Beth Wynn and Amy Dickerson

Flowers today are given in honor of Eugene Pouliot on his birthday, November 1, with love from Pat Meschi.

Fellowship Time is hosted by the Deacons.

Trustees of the Month: Fred Mitchell and Doug Harvin

Thank you to the Riverside Ringers & Singers for joining today's Ministry of Music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THEOLOGY ON TAP— 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).

TIME CHANGE — Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday, November 2. You can make up for that hour of sleep you lost in the spring!



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

SHARE THE HARVEST Gardeners — Crops are coming in, and the need has never been greater. Please bring the bounty of your garden to church on Sunday or Monday morning. Please put fresh produce in the social hall refrigerator. THANK YOU!

CARERS CORNER OCTOBER— This autumn the CARERS trunk is ready and waiting for donations of nonperishable foods. Remember - NO glass jars or flimsy plastic cups. They're breakable. The contributions will be distributed to local food pantries.

COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER is a prison ministry which consists of sending Christmas cards to prisoners. There are packs of 10 cards located on a table by the CARERS trunk. Please take one or more packs and follow the GUIDELINES listed with the cards. Deadline is Sunday, October 27.

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

PRESCHOOL NEWS— Preschool has gotten off to a great start! We have been apple picking at a neighbor's apple tree. This month we will also visit the Brookfield Zoo to hear from a zoo keeper about our adopted Zebra, Mypa, practice fire safety with a Riverside firefighter, and sing Halloween songs to residents at Cantata.

For our Enrichment Program this month we are exploring squirrels and acorns. We visited the library to look at squirrel and acorn books, have gone on acorn hunts and observed squirrels.

CRAFTERS —Do you weave, sew, knit or create other crafts? If so, please consider making something to donate to the RPC table at the Christkindmarkt, 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.

SPECTACLE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3 —Bring your used eyeglasses to church on Sunday, November 3 and place them in the special Lions Club collection boxes. The Lions Club will have the eyeglasses refurbished and provide them to people in need.

GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS — Our new hymnals are in the sanctuary! You can support the music ministry by sponsoring one (or more) in honor or in memory of a friend or family member. What a nice way to thank someone for their dedication to RPC! Forms are available outside the office or you may email Lynda Nadkarni at lmn@floros.org for online ordering/payment instructions.



Connie Kelly will turn an old hymnal into a beautiful work of Art for a \$10 donation to the hymnal project. You can contact her at consueloak@sbcglobal.net or 708-772-1767.

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

2020 CHURCH TRIP June 12-June 24, 2020 — We are traveling to Turkey and Greece. For more information, talk to Reverend Jackson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DONATIONS— At this time, Sunday School no longer needs oatmeal containers or any other donations. Thank you.

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!



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!

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.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship—Ringers & Singers

10:15 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

11:15 am Mission Committee

3:00 pm The Boulevard

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

Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:15 am Worship & Music

2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

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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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2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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| | Susan Lynch | Lynda Nadkarni | Matt Lisle |
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