

Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 24, 2019 ~ Thirty-fourth 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.



Stewardship 2019

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 Musical Clocks* Haydn

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
All that we are is a gift from God.
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
All that we have is a gift from God.
The world, and those who live in it;
There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.
For God has founded it on the seas,
Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.
God established it on the rivers.

- * HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World*

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Responsive)
God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you.
Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.
Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.
You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to
learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self.
Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.
You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the
talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

(Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* SUNG RESPONSE 447

We Are Forgiven

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

SUNG RESPONSE 188 vs 1

Jesus Loves Me!

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 24

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

MEDITATION

Giving to God of Our Income

QUESTIONS FOR STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

- What habits have you developed in your giving? How can you further develop your giving as a faithful practice in Christian discipleship?
- What personal story would you most like to tell others about where you have found joy in giving?

* HYMN 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WE RESPOND

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & PRESENT OUR PLEDGE CARDS

ANTHEM *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Hayes

* 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 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Behnke

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Ushers: Claire Gangware and Susan Lynch

Sunday School Teachers: Mary Beth Wynn and Bret Jackson

Flowers are given in memory of Sue D. Strause, beloved Mother and Grandmother of Susan, Michael & Catherine Lynch, in celebration of her birthday.

Fellowship Time is hosted by the Friend family.

Trustees of the Month: Patti Perry and Brad Staubus

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).

SAVE THE DATE

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

November 24—Pledge Sunday

December 7 – Christkindlmarkt, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

December 15 – Messiah, 4 pm

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

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 7:00 pm

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

CHRISTKINDLMARKT —We are collecting Christmas books, 2020 calendars, 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.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY DONATION: Cans or pouches of meat and tuna.



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. Please contact Sandra Kappmeyer at skappzan@aol.com (585) 662-9082 with questions.

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.



CARERS GIVING TREE— The CARERS Giving Tree benefits 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.



HANDEL'S MESSIAH, 277 YEARS OF PERFECTION—Although written in 1741, Handel's Messiah was first performed in 1742. It's a story that grows in perfection year after year, century after century.

Think of Christmas and one thinks of Handel's Messiah. Come on December 15 at 4:00 pm and find out why it has been around for 277 years, and be ready to lift your Christmas spirit.

WASSAIL BOWL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — We need volunteers to help with our traditional Wassail Bowl following the Messiah performance on Sunday, December 15. If you can bring baked goods, or are able to help with set-up, serving or clean-up, contact Deb Jansky at newhorizons002@gmail.com or 708-822-9557.

acaBELLa RINGERS AT HOLIDAY STROLL—RPC's acaBELLa Ringers will ring during Riverside's Holiday Stroll on Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm at First American Bank across from Guthrie Park.



GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL MEMORIALS—are in the rack outside the church office.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS—Due to the timing of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, we will not be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias this year. If you have traditionally given a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, we encourage you to give to the Messiah Memorial. Messiah Memorials will be included in the December 15 Sunday worship bulletin and Messiah program. Please use the included Messiah Memorial form.

ARE YOU MISSING A DISH? — There are dishes and two crockpots piling up in the kitchen that don't belong to RPC. They will be on the piano until Sunday, November 24. Please check to see if any belong to you. They will be donated after November 24.

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

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

2019 PER CAPITA — If you have not already paid your per capita, it is \$34.22 per member. Please consider rounding up or paying an extra per capita for those who find it a difficulty.

REVEREND JACKSON ON VACATION November 27 to December 3. Contact the church office with any pastoral needs.

Dale will be out of town next Sunday. And if you're like me, you may see his absence as a reason to skip worship. (If you've never had that thought, I commend you!) Three reasons to attend on Sunday, 12/1:

- 1) Transformation of our beautiful sanctuary for Advent
- 2) A guest pastor who will uplift and inspire
- 3) Focus and intent of the season

Hope to see you Sunday!

Lynda

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
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

Thanksgiving Day Holiday—Office
Closed

6:30 am Women’s Forum

Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
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

Elders	2019 Jeanine Buttimer Patti Friend Susan Lynch Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak	2020 Frank Gangware Martha Heine Lynda Nadkarni Dennis Zander	2021 Gwen Heine Allan Halline Matt Lisle Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Ellen Hamilton Sandra Kappmeyer Steve Teune	Lloyd Bradbury Charlie Juister Sally Sloane Jeanne Smith	Deb Jansky Serina Ranft Wendy Seifert
Trustees	Cyril Friend Fred Kitch Brad Staubus	Patti Perry Doug Harvin Hank Vogel	Thom DeVries Fred Mitchell