

Welcome to  
**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

March 3, 2019  
Transfiguration Sunday

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.  
Please silence your cell phone.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade  
and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

\* Indicates please stand in body or spirit.



CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Shout With Joy!*

Patterson

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

You are with us, God of sunrises:

**you awaken us with each bright new day, overflowing with promise.**

You are with us, Inviting God:

**calling us to respond to all the chances to share the spirit of grace and hope.**

You are with us, Glory of God:

**gathering us into the presence of your peace, listening to the deep sighs of our hearts.**

\* HYMN 73

*Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

**The radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment, Shaper of mountaintops, but we dull its luster by living in the shadows. We indulge in fantasy games and watch shows which claim to be 'real,' but we have trouble simply sitting in your presence, in your healing silence. We can become so infatuated with your love for us, we overlook those who hunger for acceptance and hope.**

**Revealer of mystery, forgive us. In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace. In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness lifting the burden of guilt from us. In trust, may we go forth to serve your world, filling it with the light and love of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ.**

(Silent prayers)

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE refrain

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**WE LISTEN**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-35

Luke 9:28-36

MEDITATION

\* HYMN 268

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven*

## WE RESPOND

### INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

*Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee*

J.S. Bach

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE 391 vs 4

*Take My Life*

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and is served by intinction. Please come forward, take a piece of bread (crackers are gluten free), dip it in the chalice and commune. Then return to your seats.

### INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

In time beyond our dreaming ... living creatures of grace and beauty!

**We offer this our thanks and praise.**

In the coming forty days of Lent ... we continue our praise, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Loving and caring God .. And let your justice reach to the ends of the earth.

**So that we come glad to this celebration.**

When our prayers are as dry as a concrete block, and our spirits like dust

**Drench us with a downpour of mercy!**

When we take things for granted and gratitude goes to sleep

**Put a new song on our tongues.**

When life's abrasive pressures fray us, loosening our hold on life around us

**Tell us again about a God who loves and seeks after us. 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

*Come! Behold the Feast of Heaven*

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven  
2 All is read - y, come at - tend Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 All who trust in God be - long Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 As the Lord our God has willed,  
has to mor - tal flesh been given.  
as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend;  
at this ban - quet with this throng,  
here the hun - gry soul is filled;  
Hear the Word of God de - clared:  
come from north, west, south, and east;  
Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;  
here the wea - ry are re - freshed. Al - le - lu - ia!  
"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."  
cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast.  
taste and see: the Lord is good.  
All who share God's feast are blessed. Al - le - lu - ia!

\* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Missa Apostolorum*

Cavazzoni

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

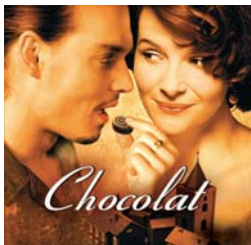
**LENTEN AND EASTER** — Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, March 6. On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Jackson will be at the Riverside train station at 6:30 am for the imposition of ashes. Reverend Jackson will also be in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm and 6:00 pm-7:00 pm for the imposition of ashes.



In Worship throughout the season of Lent, we will follow the way of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, which is Latin for the Way of Sorrow. Traditionally this is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. We are going to look at various stories from Jesus' life where tears and sorrow figured prominently and seek to understand how God through Jesus transforms our lives.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service which will conclude with communion.

Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion. Sunday, April 28, is our annual Jazz Sunday.



**CHOCOLATE FOR LENT** — Using themes from the 2000 Academy Award nominated film *Chocolat*, our next Theology on Tap series invites us to use Lent and chocolate to gain deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. Join us Monday, March 4 at 6:30 in the parlor and we will watch the movie and enjoy pizza together, please RSVP to the office, so we secure enough pizza. Monday, March 18 – Monday, April 15 we will then meet at 7:00 in the parlor for discussion and Chocolate desserts!!

**SPRING FORWARD!** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 9 for Daylight Saving Time!



**DEACONS POTLUCK** — Deb Jansky and the Deacons are hosting a St. Patrick's Day potluck on March 17. Get your green on and join us. Please bring your favorite dish to pass to celebrate the Irish and St Patrick's Day.

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

**OPEN GYM FOR KIDS TODAY**—Supervised free time during coffee fellowship today. When dropping your kids off at the gym, please wait with them until the childcare helpers arrive.

**CARERS TRUNK MARCH** is for BEDS Plus in LaGrange. BEDS Plus provides safe overnight shelter and services for the homeless. Supplies needed: Ground Decaf Coffee, No Tea, Drink mixes - Lemonade, Cider, Cocoa.

**PRESCHOOL RAFFLE AND BOOK FAIR** — The Raffle and Book Fair will run through Wednesday, March 6. 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 Sunday morning, March 3 after church. The Raffle drawing will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 6. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. The raffle basket list is in the office and on the bulletin board.



**URGENT REQUEST: 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. Donations are due by Sunday, March 10.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante. **March 10 — A Storm**

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

**ALL CHURCH WORK DAY** —Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 am—11:00 am.

**TREASURER AWAY**—Ellen will be out of the country looking for Bengal tigers March 3-25. Don't worry, she's already paid the light and heat bills!



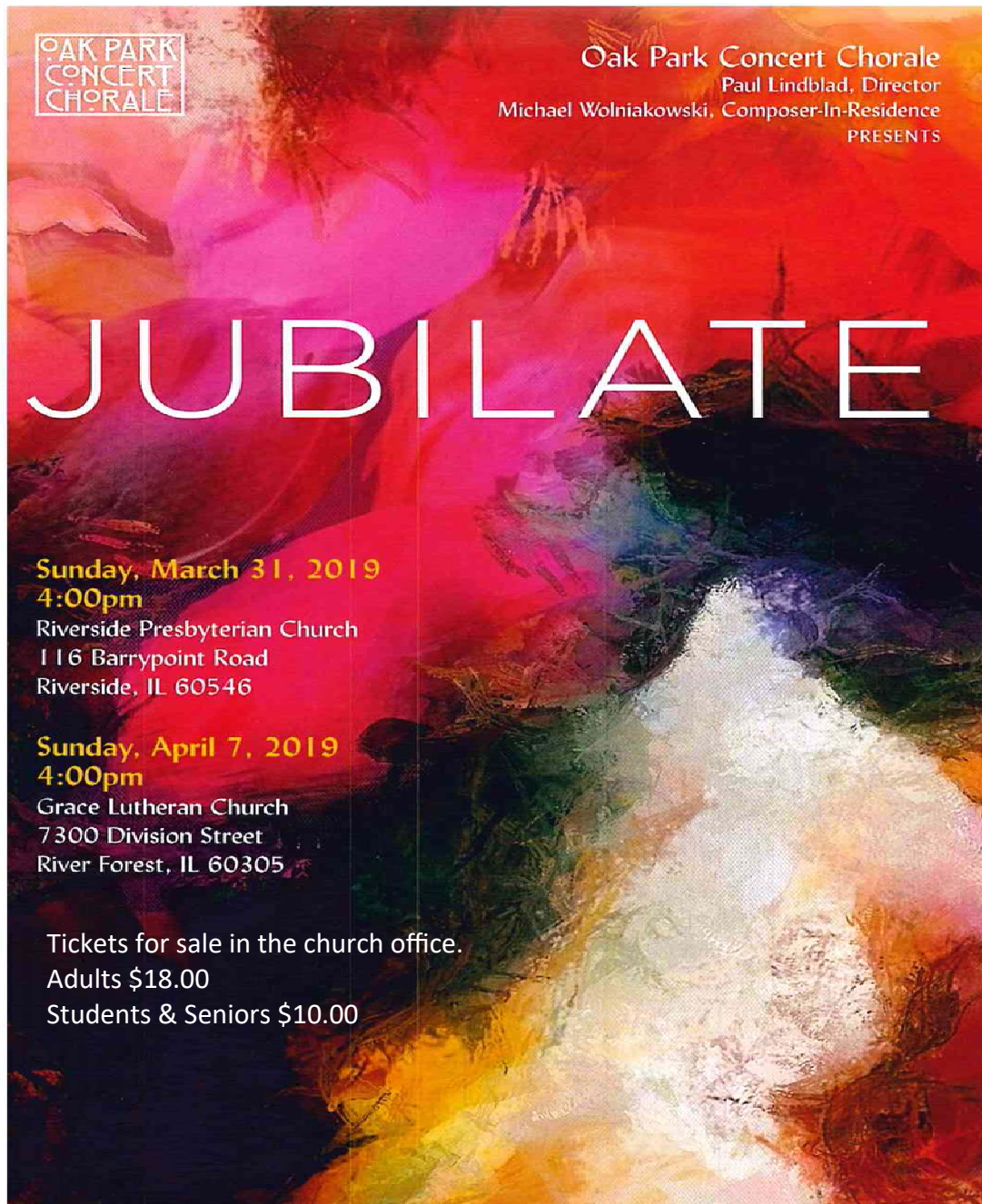
**WORSHIP AT CANTATA TODAY** — Join us in the worship service for the residents at 2 pm today.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY** — It might surprise you how often we have to restock our Little Food Pantry. Even in the bitter cold, needy people walk over for the benefit of our assistance. Remember in this cold weather, cans pop. Please donate vacuum packed or boxed items. We currently need individual packs of **oatmeal, granola bars, soft cereal bars and individual plastic fruit cups**. Thank you for supporting this worthy mission.



**SHARE THE HARVEST**—Oh the weather outside is frightful, but gardening is so delightful! Yes it's winter, but in less than 408 hours, spring will be here. Take time now to look at your outside and see where you could plant a garden for Share the Harvest.

**STEWARDSHIP AUCTION FUNDRAISER**—This year the fall stewardship auction will be held in the spring immediately following worship on Sunday, May 5. A Cinco de Mayo themed meal will be provided. If you would like to donate items for the auction, please contact Ellen Hamilton or the church office. The fall Oktoberfest will be a community-wide event this year.



**OAK PARK  
CONCERT  
CHORALE**

Oak Park Concert Chorale  
Paul Lindblad, Director  
Michael Wolniakowski, Composer-In-Residence  
PRESENTS

# JUBILATE

**Sunday, March 31, 2019**  
**4:00pm**  
Riverside Presbyterian Church  
116 Barrypoint Road  
Riverside, IL 60546

**Sunday, April 7, 2019**  
**4:00pm**  
Grace Lutheran Church  
7300 Division Street  
River Forest, IL 60305

Tickets for sale in the church office.  
Adults \$18.00  
Students & Seniors \$10.00

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Open Gym  
2:00 Caledonia

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday—Ash Wednesday**

6:30 am Disposition of Ashes  
12:00 pm Disposition of Ashes  
6:00 pm Disposition of Ashes

**Thursday**

6:30 am Women’s Forum

**Sunday**

9:00 am Confirmation Class  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:00 am Human Scene  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Outreach Committee  
11:15 am Support and Endowment

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Liturgist:** Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak

**Ushers:** Will and Susanne Vogel

**Communion Servers:** Gwen Heine, Patti Friend, Sandy Kappmeyer and Charlie Juister.

**Andrew Minister:** Cyril Friend

**Trustees of the Month:** Doug Harvin and Fred Mitchell  
**Flowers** are given by Carol O’Meara in memory of her parents, Evelyn and Ed Fetta.

**Coffee Fellowship** is hosted by Marilyn Slanec.

**Thank you** to the Riverside Singers for joining today’s Ministry of Music.

**2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

**Elders**

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

**Deacons**

Ellen Hamilton	Lloyd Bradbury	Deb Jansky
Sandy Kappmeyer	Charlie Juister	Serina Ranft
Steve Teune	Sally Sloane	Wendy Seifert
	Jeanne Smith	

**Trustees**

Susan Deems-Dluhy	Patti Perry	Thom DeVries
Cyril Friend	Doug Harvin	Fred Mitchell
Fred Kitch	Hank Vogel	Connie Nestor
Brad Staubus		

**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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