

Riverside Presbyterian Church

September 19, 2021 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Please silence your cell phones.

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



Rev. Dr. Stewart Pattison has been a Pastor for 33 years and a member of the Presbytery Chicago for 28 years. He earned degrees from Fuller, Princeton and Gordon-Conwell Seminaries. Stewart and Bonnie have been married for 33 years. Bonnie is a Calvin scholar and published a book entitled *Poverty in Theology of John Calvin*. They have three grown children. Their daughter and son-in-law (and two granddaughters) speak fluent Arabic and work in the Middle East at a hospital that serves Syrian refugees and Bedouins. Their eldest son served in the Marines for 6 years and is now in the Illinois National Guard and in college with the intention of doing inner-city ministry. Their youngest son just graduated from college and has begun his career as a software engineer. Bonnie and Stewart enjoy traveling, reading books and serving in the church.

WE PREPARE

CHIMING THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *Adagio from Symphony #5* Widor

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Psalm 95:1-6

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!
For the LORD is great, and a great King above all gods.
In God's hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are the Lord's also.
**The sea is the Lord's, for God made it,
and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.**
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
**For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of God's hand.**

* HYMN 507 *Come to the Table of Grace*

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)
Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the desires of our heart rather than the instruction of your Word; Forgive our sins so that we may be made

whole in you. Bring peace and faith where there is anxiety, meekness instead of pride, a servant's heart where there is selfishness. We ask for the Holy Spirit to enable us to hear your word today and obey it. For it is only by the grace of your Holy Spirit that we can see others as you see them, that we can be generous to those in need, that we can do justice and love mercy. Help us to desire your will, above all else, so that you alone may be lifted up and glorified in our lives. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

WE LISTEN

MINI MESSAGE

Children are invited to stay in worship; activity bags are available.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41

MEDITATION

Common Sense and Faith

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all.

Please hold the elements and we will commune together.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

Lord, thank you for your Word,

for the way it reveals your amazing power over all nature,

**Thank you for the hope you bring in the toughest of times,
strengthening us for your purposes.**

Thank you for your great love and care,
**for the knowledge that you are always with us and will never leave
us.**

Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have true life.
We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!

Therefore, we pray as you taught us to pray:

**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 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

* BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord's face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the Lord's countenance be upon you and give you peace.

POSTLUDE *The Trophy* F Couperin/Biggs

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Lynda Nadkarni

Ushers: Reese, Ryan and Tyler Wynn Jackson

Fellowship Time is hosted by Sandy Kappmeyer

Worship Notes

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MISSION AND OUTREACH —

Here's what's new in the Mission and Outreach of RPC....

- Steven Teune, John Haugland and I are meeting with our faith

partners at Ascension Lutheran to prepare for an Afghan family to arrive this fall/early winter through Refuge One. There will be opportunities for us all to support this family and invite others to do so as well.

- BEDS Plus and The Boulevard were both very grateful for the support we provided on our 8/29 5th Sunday. We will be packaging and delivering chicken dinners for The Boulevard on Sunday, October 24 right after worship.

- Our next 5th Sunday is Halloween. We'll be gathering in the afternoon rather than the morning for some warm food and reverse trick-or-treating where the community will be encouraged to drop off items for our food pantry in exchange for a treat from us.

- Preschool is well underway! There's a great deal of energy and enthusiasm from both the students and the staff. Thanks for liking, commenting and sharing our Facebook posts!

- While next summer seems far off, it's not too soon to think about a mission trip! Research is underway!

Thank you for all your support!

Blessings, Lynda

AcaBella Ringers —The AcaBella Ringers are back! Our first rehearsal was Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 pm. We will have several changes with personnel and will need to figure out our positions after this long hiatus. —Sally



SEARCH UPDATE - The Session is acting as the IPNC (Interim Pastor Nominating Committee). Session plans to hire a full time Interim/Transitional Pastor who has the type of training and experience to efficiently guide us through the search process for our next installed pastor. Lisa Aulerich-Marcinak is acting as chair of the IPNC.

Prayers of comfort for family and friends grieving the death of Dave Henderson, son of Ruby Henderson.

Carrie Staubus
Donna Ulrich
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica Wood
Jerry Augutis, friend of Steve Marcus



CALLING ALL PARENTS OF KIDS K-5TH GRADE!

Get ready to rumble on Sunday, October 17 at 11:00 am! We will have food (of course) and fun

while we also get our church on. We will end at noon so you can go on with your day. Through sports, games, drama, and art we'll work through some of the important teachings of the Bible and figure out how they matter today. I like to think of it as "how to be a good human" time. Please let me know how many of your kiddos will attend and whether or not they will bring a friend (because life is more fun when you've got a buddy at your side)!

Lynda Nadkarni ministerofmissionandoutreach@rpcusa.org
or text 708-288-0899

HEY YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE)!

(Hey what?) Want to hang with friends, do cool things like a ropes course, have food and plan a mission trip? I thought you would! Join Remind to get all the details! Just text 81010 with @youth-rpc (Make sure you get the ok from your adult first). Can't wait to see you! Mrs. Nadkarni



BLESSING BAGS

Please take as many Blessing Bags from the basket as you may want to share with those you see in need.

SUNDAYS WITH TED meets in person and via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays to view the TED Talk and discuss it, ending by 7:30 p.m. As conditions improve in the future, we hope to reinstate the gathering for a meal prior to the TED Talk and discussion. For now, plan to join us in person in the RPC parlor, or, if you want to join via Zoom, use the following links:



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=dnNnbHF6cE43TXo3Q3NqSjZUHRFdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 8518 2676, Passcode: 744144, Phone 312-626-6799.

Email Doug Asbury with questions at dougasbury@gmail.com.

Sept. 19— Margaret Heffernan—The dangers of willful blindness

Sept. 26 —Margaret Heffernan—Forget the pecking order at work (not just for the currently employed)

*Programs are subject to change.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the September-October devotionals are available. Contact the office to arrange pick up or delivery.



Have you seen our new grand piano in the sanctuary? It sounds even lovelier than it looks. Session authorized the purchase of this gently used Kawai baby grand from Oak Park Piano for \$14,000. Four generous donors have already offset \$10,000 of the cost. If each of our member families would donate \$50 or more, we would have the piano paid off in no time! Won't you please let the beautiful sound speak to your heart and help out? Any extra funds will be used for the music program in anticipation of the wonderful day when we're able to host the Messiah again.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR RPC KITCHEN — Can you help the RPC "kitchen staff" by donating any of the following items?

- ◆ Can opener
- ◆ Dry ingredients measuring cups
- ◆ 1 cup liquid measuring cup
- ◆ 2 cup liquid measuring cup
- ◆ Measuring spoons





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WORSHIP SERVICE

A beautiful day was had by all.



So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.



Genesis 1:21



2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2021	2022	2023
	Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak
	Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton	Sandra Kappmeyer
	Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft	Jon Jansky
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Deb Jansky	Sylvia Schade	Bridget Juister
	Wendy Seifert	Susanne Vogel	Susan Lynch
	Joyce Van Cura		
Trustees	Thom DeVries	Paula McCracken	Doug Harvin
	Fred Mitchell	Tom Radigan	Henry Vogel
	Mike Heine	Brad Staubus, President	