

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 21, 2021 ~ Reign of Christ

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

PRELUDE *Rejoice Greatly* Geschke  
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)  
Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.**  
Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.  
**For God is the king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm.**

\* HYMN 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)  
**Lord, we confess that we are not whole people. We also confess that  
you alone can make us whole. We pray therefore, that this morning, we  
would stretch out our hands towards you and find wholeness to forgive  
each other and find the desire to reach out to others in loving kindness.**  
*Silence is kept*

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

\* HYMN 581 *Glory Be to the Father*  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was  
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen,  
Amen.**

## WE LISTEN

### MINI MESSAGE

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

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 3:1-6

### MEDITATION

*A Very Simple Question*

## WE RESPOND

### INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \* HYMN 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### 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 336

*We Gather Together*

#### \* BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Timbrel & Dance*

McChesney

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Liturgist:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Usher:** Steve Marcus

**Flowers** are given in loving memory of Sue Strause, loved mother and grandmother of Susan, Michael and Catherine Lynch.

**Fellowship Time** is our community meal.

### Worship Notes

Prelude: *Rejoice Greatly*; Geschke

Postlude: *Timbrel & Dance*; McChesney

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### GETTING TO KNOW MARY JO DEAN

"I was born in 1967. I was aware of division, hostility, and death very, very early in my life. I can remember a young Dan Rather in combat fatigues making the daily report of the number of war dead, women burning their bras and wanting equal pay for equal work, and gay men holding hands "out in New York and California". Instinctively understanding those actions as demands for dignity and fairness, I could see from my own grandpa's reactions, those demands weren't to be easily met. The church I pray for will wrestle for blessing, seek truth and be vigilant in remaining honest, will proclaim in word and deed God's love & forgiveness, and it will always make room in the fellowship of its heart to love one more person and so exhibit heaven."

Above are more statements from Pastor Mary Jo's application that led your Interim Pastor Nominating Committee to choose her to lead RPC during the next couple of years. Pastor Mary Jo will begin her ministry by leading worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have a celebration brunch right after worship on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please join in the welcome!

Donna Ulrich  
Joyce Van Cura  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood

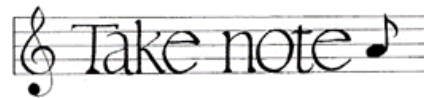
Prayers for peace and comfort for family and friends grieving the death of Georgia Kanatas, mother-in-law of preschool teacher, Joan Kanatas.

Prayers for peace and comfort for family and friends grieving the death of Jerry Augutis, friend of Steve Marcus.



**PASTOR MARY JO IS COMING SOON**—As you know, we will be starting Advent with our new pastor, Mary Jo Dean. She is asking for prayers for Light Memorial Presbyterian Church, the pastorate she is leaving in Sidney, Nebraska.

**CHOIR NEWS**—It's been a very long time, but I can't imagine another Advent/Christmas season at RPC without music.



Our first rehearsal was Wednesday,

November 17 at 7:00 pm. Singers new and old are welcome to join us! The bell choir is playing on Sunday November 21, so our first Sunday singing will be the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th. It just seems right. Looking forward to times of fellowship and music-making once again! - Sally



**SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS** — Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in hybrid form. You are invited to arrive at 9:00, enter through the south door to the sanctuary and come down the hall to the library for discussion of the morning's scripture. Those who wish to join remotely may do so by logging on at 9:00 a.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/RPCworship>

**SUNDAYS WITH TED** meets in person in the upstairs RPC parlor 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. <https://tinyurl.com/sundayswithted> Email Doug Asbury with questions at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com).



\*Programs are subject to change.

**Nov. 21**—Tom Chi—Everything is connected.

**Nov. 28** —Anjali Kumar—My failed mission to find God-and what I found instead.

## RPC IS A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

The Matthew 25 churches, more than 1,000 strong, are churches in the PCUSA who

are committed to one or more of these actions: **Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

**Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color. **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

To learn more about how other churches are responding to the call, join the [Matthew 25 Facebook Page](#). Share your ideas about how we might respond with Matt Lisle or Lynda Nadkarni.



## RPC 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Have you seen our growing display about that 150th anniversary? Do you have any artifacts to contribute? It's going to be fun to celebrate the history of RPC beginning with the opening of the

time capsule from our 125th anniversary. It will be during fellowship on December 19. RPC was founded on December 15, 1872. We are working on an event or activity for each month of our 150th year culminating in December 2022. See Lynda Nadkarni if you have any ideas or want to lend a hand.



**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS**—Fresh produce from Aldi's in Lyons has again become available, now that the store remodeling and parking lot paving are completed. Also, we continue to get bread from Jimmy John's almost every night. Thanks to Steve and Gale Teune and other local gardeners who have

been sharing their abundance with us from time to time! Canned food (especially meat products), other shelf-stable foods, and monetary donations are always needed and welcome. Thank you!

**A PLEA FOR PARTICIPANTS** — If you attend in-person worship please consider helping by offering to usher. If you attend fellowship, please consider taking a turn to provide cookies or another light snack that goes well with coffee or tea. Please let the office know if you can serve in either role.

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT** — RPC and Ascension expanded the efforts to include people from outside the churches for the purposes of supporting refugee families. The group of about 150 people continues to expand every day! You can join at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/riversiderefugeeresettlement>. We have almost all the items we need for the refugee family apartment and half the funding! As co-sponsors we agree to providing 6 month living expenses for the family. You can support those efforts at <https://www.classy.org/campaign/co-sponsorship-riverside/c368545>. When we are matched with a family, there will be more known needs – food, cleaning supplies, clothing – and assistance for a move-in and set-up day. Questions? See Lynda or email [missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org).

**DINE AND DECK THE HALLS ON NOVEMBER 21** — Sunday is another community meal sponsored by the Mission Committee. We are requesting people bring a breakfast casserole to share. We will dine together from 11:00 – 12:00 and then decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Please let Lynda know if you can participate! [missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org)



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IN WORSHIP** — December 12 as part of worship, we will have a good old-fashioned pageant. At 9 am, we will fit for costumes and do a run through. Then have a break and a snack before the 10 am service. We hope children of all ages will participate! Secure your role at [missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org).

**BUDDY'S PLACE THANKS RPC** — Buddy's Place is a bit over half way through our 8 Week Session and we are full of gratitude to be able to meet at the Riverside Presbyterian Church. We have parents and their children who gather each week in their small groups to remember their loved one and have the space to share their stories, memories, be supported and support another. The children LOVE the rooms and the wonderful murals. Thank you for including Buddy's Place in your mission work and community outreach.



We are very appreciative of your generosity. For more information about Buddy's Place, a bereavement program of Pillars Community Health, visit <https://pillarscommunityhealth.org/services/behavioral-health-and-support-services/buddys-place-grief-support/>



**JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS** —The next get together for the Jr/Sr High Youth Group will be after worship, during fellowship on Sunday, December 5th. We'll meet for food, games and conversation, including floating initial ideas for next summer's mission trip. Any high school student wanting to attend the summer mission trip will need to participate in events, including fundraisers, during the year. Part of our conversation will be about what your

participation might look like.

**GRADES K-5 FAITH FORMATION** —Join us during fellowship on November 21st when we will snack, talk and do a Thanksgiving project sure to please your mom. Contact Sandra Kappmeyer to let us know you're coming so we're sure to have enough supplies. You can reach her by email at [skappzan@aol.com](mailto:skappzan@aol.com), by leaving a phone message or text at (585) 662-9082 or by using the Remind App. If you haven't downloaded and linked that to the church, Mrs. Nadkarni can help with that. She can be reached at [missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org)



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

<b>2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP</b>			
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	Susanne Vogel	Bridget Juister
	Wendy Seifert		Susan Lynch
	Joyce Van Cura		
Trustees	Thom DeVries	Paula McCracken	Doug Harvin
	Fred Mitchell	Tom Radigan	Henry Vogel
	Mike Heine	Brad Staubus, President	