

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

* HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned

When we make no room for Christ, and fail to welcome him into our lives,

When we seek to cut down those who might rise above us,

When we sing sweet sentiments over Christ's birth, and fail to rejoice over his everyday presence.

We turn to you, O Christ, and ask to cast out our sin and be born in us today.

(Silence is kept).

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* 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 HEAR GOD'S WORD

Setting the Stage

Christmas Duet arr. David Burndrett

Devin and Jaden Zander

The Journey

O'Holy Night by Adam

Norah Lougachi

The Birth

Go Tell It On the Mountain arr. Boytim

Avery and James Long
Olive and Cooper Sahlas

Now What?!

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

* HYMN 134

Joy to the World

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.

THE OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY 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 DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

BENEDICTION

***THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE** *Make of My Heart a Stable*
This week we sing "LOVE"

8 C C₃ Am F2 C Dm
 Make of my heart a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy
 Make of my life a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy
 Make of our church a sta-ble, a house for the Ho-ly, a warm and stur-dy

14 Em Am7 F2 G C
 place for hope/peace/joy/love to live and grow.
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POSTLUDE *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow* arr. Vandall

PARTICIPANTS IN THE PAGEANT

Chloe Floros (Mary), Camden Notarnicola (baby Jesus), Mary Beth Wynn (Elizabeth), Steve Marcus (Zachariah), Mabel McClain and Elly Dickerson (Angels), Owen Leander (Joseph), Andy Staubus, Drake Sahlas, Gavin Vogel (Wisemen), Luke Staubus and Sophie Dickerson (Shepherds), James McClain (pig), Charles and Eleanor Zeman (sheep), Ryan Jackson and Claire Staubus (Narrators)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Advent Wreath Lighters: The Staubus Family
Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton
Ushers: The Staubus Family
Flowers today are given by the Sahlas family.
Fellowship Time today is hosted by Sandra Kappmeyer.

Worship Notes

Prelude: *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*; arr. Manz ©Morningstar
 Postlude: *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*; arr. Vandall © Alfred
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DECEMBER 12, 2021



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IN WORSHIP — December 12 as part of worship, we will have a good old-fashioned pageant. We hope to see you.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING — There will be a Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 19 following Worship for the purpose of electing church officers.

Elders: Class of 2024: Mary Beth Wynn, Carrie Staubus, 1 Needed

Deacons: Class of 2024: Wendy Seifert, Jim Marciniak, Steve Marcus; Class of 2023: Nancy Dvorak (unexpired term of Jeanine Buttimer); Class of 2022: Thom DeVries (unexpired term of Claire Gangware), Steven Teune (unexpired term of Sylvia Schade)

Trustees: Class of 2024: Will Vogel, Lynda Nadkarni, John McGlennon; Class of 2023: Replacement needed for Frank Gangware

Nominating Committee Members-at-Large: Mary Ann Sadilek, Susan Zander, Deb Jansky

Called Congregational Meeting



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP — We will have a Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols featuring the acaBELLa Ringers and Chancel Choir at 4 pm.

REMOTE WORSHIP—Just as the supply chain has affected everything from cleaning products to Christmas gifts, so too, we're awaiting some technology to make live-stream a reality. In the meantime, Sara Vacek is recording and uploading worship to YouTube. Typically you will find it by 11:30 am on our channel which is a link on the website.



**FROM OUR TREASURER —
IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....**

It's December, so it's time to talk about the "state of the union" – that is the 2021 budget and 2022 pledging.



2021

You will soon be receiving an update of your offerings through the end of November. Included in the update will be some suggestions for how you can help us balance the 2021 budget.

2022

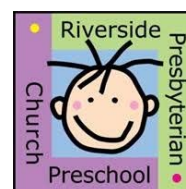
Pledge cards are available in the sanctuary and the office for 2022. In making your pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing the amount by some fraction of the gifts you made to the Capital Campaign over the last 3 years. This is a relatively painless way of assuring the sustainability of our church missions and ministries as we face the challenges of the current and post-COVID era.

Virginia Yang
Donna Ulrich
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica Wood



NEED A RIDE/GIVE A RIDE—We're putting together a list of those who might like transportation to worship and those who might provide it. If you are either, please call or email the office.

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — The preschool Christmas Program is Friday, December 17 at 9:00 am. All are invited to watch and to a reception afterward in the social hall.



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS—With the Christmas and New Year's holidays coming up, it's more important than ever to remember those who rely on our Little Food Pantry for added sustenance. Donations are welcome, especially of canned goods with protein such as canned meats, beans, soup with meat, whole meals (like ravioli). Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.



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.

*Programs are subject to change.

Dec. 12 —Abraham Verghese - The Great Lie that tells the truth

Dec. 19 —Roman Krznaric - How to start an empathy revolution

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT—We're about a month away from moving a family into an apartment. To get our ducks in a row, we need to know who can help before, during and after the move. Please fill out the survey on the Resettlement FaceBook page. Also, feel free to share with friends. Because everything is better with a buddy. Questions? Lynda – missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org – 708-288-0899

November 28 - December 19, 2021

Christmas Joy

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Rev. Stewart Pattison is a recent recipient of a gift from this offering. You can see his testimonial about it on our Facebook page. Your contribution may be made online or with a note on the memo line of your check. Thank you for supporting church workers and future leaders!

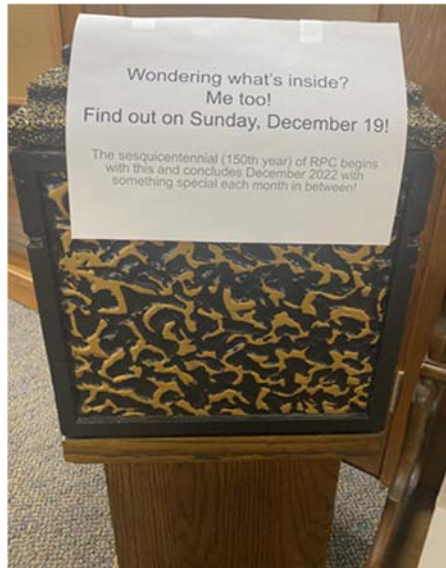
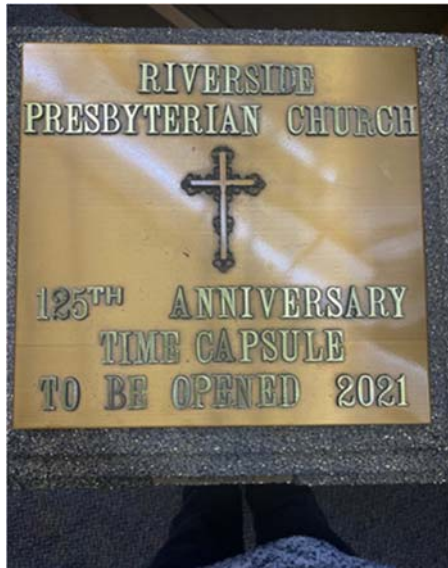
DISTRICT 96 THANKS RPC —The Mission Committee purchased \$1000 worth of gift cards for Aldi in \$25 increments which were provided to the social work team for District 96.

The Hauser social workers collaborated with the elementary schools to make sure any families who may face food instability during the week of Thanksgiving and/or Winter Break receive support. Breaks are hard on families who rely on the free lunch program for daily sustenance for their children.

Mission Committee
IN ACTION

RPC 150th ANNIVERSARY & TIME CAPSULE OPENING DECEMBER 19

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.



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	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	