

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

January 9, 2022 ~ 1st Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                    *Someone's Praying, Lord*                    arr. Behnke

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name! Worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

**P: The voice of the LORD is powerful, the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

\*HYMN #634

*"To God Be The Glory"*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we come before you an overdriven people: we are weary and in need of rest. Forgive us for what we have left undone, and also for that which we should not have done. Forgive us for going too far in thinking of ourselves, and not enough about others, and very little about you. Help us to grow in wisdom, grace and obedience.**

***(Silence is kept).***

All this we ask in Jesus, our Christ.

**Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE

\*The GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

**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.**

MINI MESSAGE

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

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING (unison)

**Gracious God, you are the hope of the world. Light up your people with your Word, energy, and presence, so that we too shine with the radiance of your love and glory. Make yourself known to us so that we may worship and obey you in all things. We ask in and through Christ Jesus, Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-10

OT p. 672

ANTHEM

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

Telemann/Lieberger

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-13

NT p. 2

MEDITATION

“Clear and Present Danger”

### **OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE**

\*HYMN # 154

*“Jesus Entered Egypt”*

The Apostles’ Creed p. 35

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended to hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. 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.**

THE OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #606  
**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 #853 “We Are Marching in the Light of God”  
(marching, praying, singing)

\*BENEDICTION

\*THE CONGREGATION’S RESPONSE v. 5 #610  
*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

POSTLUDE *Someone’s Singing, Lord* arr. Behnke

#### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Greeter:**

**Liturgist:** John Haugland

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Thank you** to Andrea Eckhart for joining today’s Ministry of Music.

**Flowers** today are given in celebration of Jim’s birthday from Alice McLean and family.

**Fellowship** is hosted by Wendy Seifert

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Prelude: *Someone’s Praying, Lord*; arr. Behnke

Anthem: *Alleluia, Alleluia*; Telemann/Lieberger

Postlude: *Someone’s Singing, Lord*; arr. Behnke

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**JANUARY 9, 2022**

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

— The Annual Congregational Meeting is January 23 immediately following worship. The Annual Report will be available on our website under the Resources tab soon. Hard copies will be available in the rack outside the office and at the back of the sanctuary for those who need them.



**THEOLOGY ON TAP** — Save the date—Monday, January 24. More information will be coming soon.



**FAITH FORMATION**— We have a schedule for children and youth through the summer posted on the website and on the bulletin board above the bench by the office. January's dates are the 9<sup>th</sup>

for K-5 kids at 11am where we will meet in the gym for fun and games; 23<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon for Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group where we will go to Pinstripes or a movie tbd; and 30<sup>th</sup> for everyone from 10-noon for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service project.

**FROM OUR TREASURER —  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS  
AND FAITHFUL GIVING IN 2021.**



### **RPC NEEDS YOUR PLEDGE!**

Pledge cards are available in the sanctuary and the office. Or feel free to send me an email or call – I'll take 'em anyway I can get 'em! 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.

**OFFICE CLOSED** —The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 17 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

**MISSION TRIP** —The mission trip to New Orleans through RHINO (Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans - [www.rhinonola.org](http://www.rhinonola.org)) has once again been postponed due to the virus surge.

Doreen Sterba Dezur, our former director of Christian Ed, as she recovers from surgery and undergoes treatment for cancer.

Donna Ulrich  
Joyce Van Cura  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood



Prayers for comfort for friends and family grieving the deaths of Michelle and John Owrey and Marilyn Owrey Hennig. Michelle was a friend and Special Olympics teammate of Tyler Hutcheson.

**SUNDAYS WITH TED** is on break until January 16.



**WORD AND DEED: JANUARY 31** —We will gather at RPC from 10 am– noon to focus on support of refugees together with brothers and sisters in Christ from Ascension Lutheran and Compassion

United Methodist. There will be activities for everyone of all ages and abilities with a shared meal at the end. Watch our Facebook and your email for specific ways you can participate both in person and from home.

There are sign-up sheets for all sorts of fun things to do – such as **donating flowers for the church service**, or **hosting coffee fellowship** after Sunday worship, and for being a **greeter** . We need 1 volunteer to greet for every worship service. It's fun, easy, and very much appreciated!! No previous experience is required. Please stop by the board and sign up.

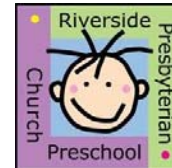


**REMOTE WORSHIP**—Just as the supply chain has affected everything from cleaning products to Christmas gifts, so too, we're awaiting some technology to make live-stream a reality. In the meantime, Sara Vacek is recording and uploading worship to YouTube. Typically you will find it by 11:30 am on our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



**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS**—During this time of year, 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.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**—We are welcoming seven new students over the course of January bringing the total enrolled to 22. January's themes include The Mitten, polar animals and snow.



**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.

**DEVOTIONALS**—Copies of the January-February 2022 Upper Room are available in the sanctuary and office. If you'd like a copy, contact the office to make arrangements to pick up.



**CHURCH MAILBOXES** — The church mailboxes have been reorganized. Staff, Elders, Deacons and Trustees all have mailboxes. The names are on the top of the mailbox. Please take a minute to familiarize

yourself, find your mailbox and regularly check it for important information.

**FACEBOOK USERS** — You can easily help RPC promote its activities and mission. First, if you haven't done so



already, "Like" RPC's Facebook page. Then when you see something in your news feed that interests you or that you'd like others to see, react to it in some way by either liking or loving the post. Or better yet, especially if it's an event RPC is hosting, "Share" the event to your own Facebook page! That automatically lets your friends know what is happening at RPC and hopefully will encourage them to attend and invite others. Events and other posts that are shared spread exponentially through the community.

**THIS WEEK****Today**

10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am Fellowship  
 11:00 am K-5 Faith Formation

**Monday**

10:30 am Staff Meeting  
 5:30 pm Volleyball  
 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum  
 7:00 pm Called Meeting of Session  
 7:00 pm Budget Meeting

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

7:00 am Women's Forum

**Sunday**

10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am Fellowship  
 11:00 am Scout Sunday Planning Meeting

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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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**2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

	2022	2023	2024
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