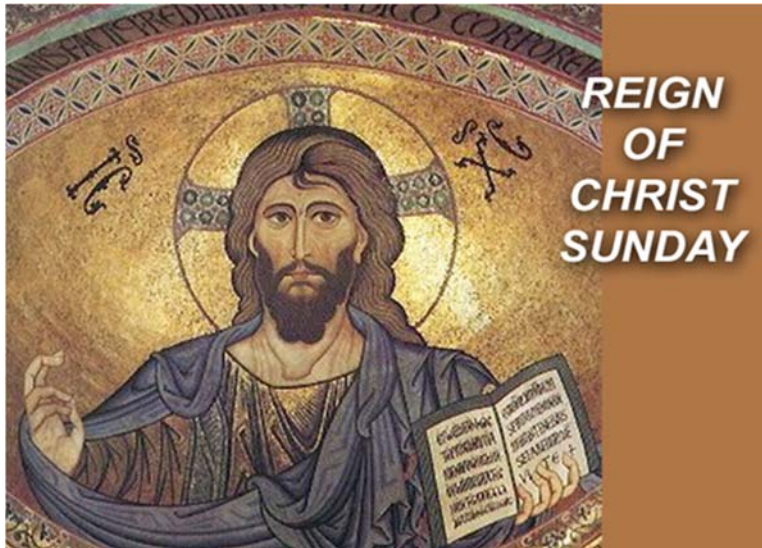


Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 20, 2022 ~ Reign of Christ Sunday

Welcome! We are glad you are here! Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger after the Mini Message.

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Martial Air

Purcell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46, NRVUE)

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

P: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

P: The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter. God utters his voice; the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

L: Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

P: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

L: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

A: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*HYMN 108 (v. 1,2,4,6) *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have sinned by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, minds, or strength. We have not loved our neighbors as we have loved ourselves. Forgive us and help us to change ourselves for the better. Set us on the path to your peace, to the glory of your holy name, Amen.

(Silence is kept.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us greet one another with these words.

*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.

MINI MESSAGE

Children first grade and younger may go to childcare. Please see the Greeter.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, grant us ears to hear your personality, words and will in today's scripture. Grant us eyes to see you and ourselves in these holy texts. Feed us for the journey ahead and grant us grace to love and serve your purposes. All this we ask, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST READING	Jeremiah 23:1-4	OT p. 725
ANTHEM	<i>Go Into the World</i>	Sleeth
SECOND READING	Colossians 1:15-23	NT p. 200
SERMON	"First Place"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 372 *O for a World*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Hymnal p. 35

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 & OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise God, praise Christ, praise Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #494 v. 1,2,4 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #540 *Farewell, Good Friends!*

Shalom, chaverim!

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends!

Shalom, shalom!

Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.

Shalom, chaverim! Shalom, chaverot!

Shalom, shalom!

Lehitraot, lehitraot, shalom, shalom.

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Mouret

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Martial Air*; Purcell

Anthem: *Go Into the World*; Sleeth

Postlude: *Rondeau*; Mouret

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter: Elizabeth Musick

Liturgist: Steven Teune

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers today are given by Susan Lynch.

Fellowship Please join us for a potluck lunch in the social hall.

Trustees of the Month: John McGlennon and Henry Vogel



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NOVEMBER 20, 2022



2023 PLEDGE DRIVE UNDERWAY— Check your email or mailboxes. You should have received a letter from the 2023 Stewardship Committee. Your gifts are critical to sustain the faithful mission and ministry of our congregation. Our message to you is "***Pray daily for energy, enthusiasm, love.*** Pray for RPC to continue to recover from the pandemic, and return to being a vital, thriving community of joy-filled servants of Jesus Christ." When you have had a chance to thoughtfully consider our request, we ask that you make a pledge to support RPC in 2023. You can do so either on our website (look for our new pledge card online) or asking the office for a pledge card. We will celebrate Pledge Sunday on November 27th so that we have adequate time to consider our resources for budgeting in the coming year. Glory to God, who can do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us. (Ephesians 3:20)

HOLY COW! WE NEED YOUR OPINIONS! As part of its information gathering to find a new pastor, the PNC has engaged Holy Cow! Consulting to conduct a survey of the congregation (the Congregational Assessment Tool) to insure that we gain clarity about who we are at RPC, what we are being called to do, and how well we are doing it. We will be emailing or snail mailing the survey to the entire congregation (not just one per household). Please take some quiet time, as soon as your schedule permits, and thoughtfully answer the questions, which are primarily multiple choice. It is SO important that we have as close to 100% participation as possible. WATCH FOR IT!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RPC —What a party it was! Especially hearing the recollections, both poignant and funny, of our long-timers! A brief history of the last 25 years has been published and is available in the rack outside the office. It's not too late to continue the celebration and support the next 150 years. Suncatchers are available for \$25 each and there are two different types of stained glass lobes from the rose window for \$200/\$250 on display in the social hall.

Frank Svestka, Jr.
Lloyd Bradbury
John Lynch
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Prayers of comfort and peace for family and friends grieving the death of
Joyce Van Cura.



MESSIAH 2022 — What do these three words have in common? Happiness, Holidays, and Handel. If you want to add all three H words into your life, come to RPC on December 11 at 4:00 pm. Be ready to be amazed. It is guaranteed to lift your spirit.

SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m. We will meet via Zoom.

Here is the link you can click on order to join our session, as well as the passcode you will be asked to type in when the box opens requesting it: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676>



[pwd=MUUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury. **11/20**—Lee Mun Wah—Curiosity is the Gateway to the Heart **11/27**—Ash Beckham—When To Take a Stand—and When To Let it Go



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IN WORSHIP —

Sunday, December 18 we'll have a rehearsal at 9:00 am and then the pageant during worship at 10:00 am. There are parts for children and youth of all ages! No special talent or memorization of lines necessary. Don't want to act, but want to participate in other ways? Musicians, greeters, and sign holders are also desired. Please let Lynda Nadkarni know if your child can participate. missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS — While Thanksgiving isn't yet here, it's not too early to think about Advent. Two calendars were emailed to the congregation. One, titled Beyond Sunday, is specifically geared towards families. The other, takes on a new look at Advent as it is 40 days long to mirror Lent. If you would like a printed copy, contact the church office.





PRESCHOOL —One of the best things about the preschool is seeing the students create lasting friendships. This week, we held a Feast of Friends where everyone brought small servings of their favorite food. We shared why we are thankful for each other too. Next week is fall break and when we return on November 28 we'll be full steam ahead for the holidays!

REFUGEE UPDATE — On a recent warm day, one of our mentors brought the AlHaffar family out to the burbs for a day at the zoo. We're so thankful to have a dozen people dedicated to mentoring them in so many ways. In addition to excursions, mentors accompany them to medical appointments to help understand the systems, to school conferences, to get state ids and drivers licenses, etc. On Tuesday, we're going to kick off fundraising for our next family! You can contribute on our website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4AB/campaign/C-12W40>



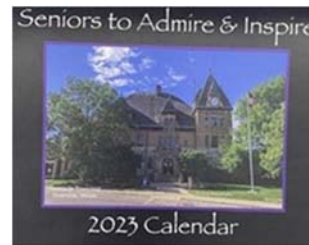
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND MARKETPLACE

—Saturday, December 3 from 8:30 – 12:30. The marketplace will have a dozen different vendors plus a wrapping station. Everything from personalized items and t-shirts to jewelry and candles. Stop on

by and shop! If you know a child who would like breakfast with Santa, they can sign up for the meal and photo session at <https://tinyurl.com/rpcpreschoolfundraiser>

CALENDAR TO SUPPORT AGING CARE CONNECTIONS

Our very own Nancy Dvorak has created a calendar featuring seniors from the area including Harriet Kweton and Liz Musick. All proceeds from the calendar will support Aging Care Connections. It may be purchased at the Library or Township Hall for \$10.



WORSHIP AT CALEDONIA (The Scottish Home) Today, November 20 at 2:30 pm. We are looking for volunteers who enjoy brightening someone's day. Contact Steve Marcus for more information.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Potluck Fellowship
2:30 pm Worship at Caledonia
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum

Wednesday

No Choirs Today

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
7:00 am Women’s Forum

Sunday

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
1:00 pm The Boulevard
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

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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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