

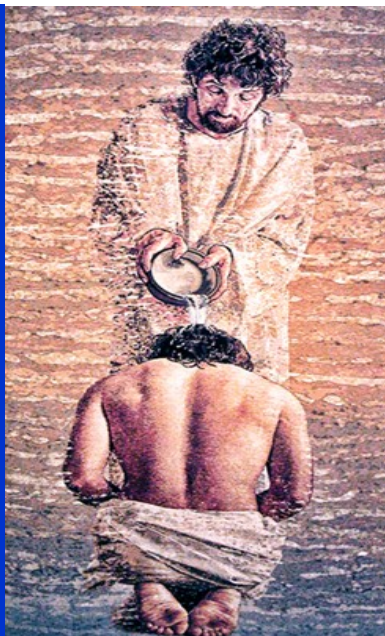
Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

January 8, 20223
Baptism of the Lord

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children 1st
grade and younger after the Mini
Message.

*Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



All are invited to share gifts in the offering plates located at the end of the aisles before worship. The plates will be brought forward prior to the Doxology.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Minuet II from French Suite I* BWV 812 J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 29, Isaiah 42, Amos 5, John 1)

Leader: We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful.

People: We know that the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: We believe that the servant of the Lord will not break a bruised reed.

People: We believe that the servant of the Lord will not quench a dim flame.

Leader: Both these things are true:

People: Our God's righteousness is a mighty stream,

Leader: And our Savior is like a lamb.

People: Through the Holy Spirit, we hold space for all aspects of God.

ALL: Today we worship an unknowable God, who loves us and calls us by name, who came to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ.

*HYMN 128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others. It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.

(Silence is kept.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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 FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in this season of Epiphany you invite us to seek Christ's revelation. In the reading of this Scripture today, give us the eyes to see and ears to hear who Christ is — in the Bible and in the world around us. May this knowledge change us. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9 OT p. 670

SECOND READING Matthew 3:13-17 NT p. 3

SERMON "Who Will Bring Forth Justice to the Nations?"

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 140 *Once in Royal David's City*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Book of Common Worship)

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

LITANY FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The congregation responds with "**Lord, have mercy.**"

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* Thiman/Harris

*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

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.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude & Fugue in G Minor* BWV 558 J.S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

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Liturgy written by Rose Schrott Taylor for The Presbyterian Outlook.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter: Susan Lynch
Liturgist: Jim Marciniak
Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni
Fellowship today is hosted by Sandra Kappmeyer.
Trustees of the Month: Lynda Nadkarni and Henry Vogel

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JANUARY 8, 2023

EXCERPTS FROM PNC'S REPORT TO SESSION

The PNC has adopted a policy that all communications to bodies outside the Committee, including the Session and the congregation, require advance approval of written copy by a vote of the PNC. This report received PNC approval in accordance with the policy. This policy is not intended to limit communications to the PNC, which will be received and given respectful consideration as part of the Committee's discernment work.

At the PNC's regular meeting on 5 December 2022 we voted to submit our completed Ministry Information Form (MIF) to Session for review, along with a request to consider approving the MIF at the 20 Dec 2022 Session meeting. The PNC asks for Session assistance in facilitating prompt review and approval by the Presbytery.

The PNC would welcome **written** communication from anyone wishing to provide input or ask questions and address them to Jim Marciniak jimmarciniak@att.net



2023 PLEDGE DRIVE UNDERWAY— Please prayerfully consider making a pledge for 2023 so we can better forecast and control our budget. Pledge cards are still available online or in the rack across from the office. Or the easiest pledge of all - just email me! A reminder that the proper email for me at RPC is "treasurer@rpcusa.org". Blessings to you in 2023!

WORSHIP AT CALEDONIA SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 AT 2:30 PM—Contact Steve Marcus (847-224-5590) if you can help or for more information.



SUNDAYS WITH TED—12/25 to 1/15/23 — No TED Talks while Doug is away.



OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 16 — The office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Kathy Wynn, mother of Mary Beth Wynn
Lloyd Bradbury
John Lynch
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Edward Hand, brother-in law of Elizabeth Musick



CONFIRMATION CLASS—Confirmation Class will kick off on Sunday, January 22 at 11:00 am. Confirmands and a parent are required to attend. The confirmation class is for all youth who are freshman or older. Please see Lynda or Doug for more information.

GIVE THE GIFT OF TIME THIS YEAR—Make a commitment to give the Gift of Time to your church family in 2023. Consider gifting an hour a month to serve as a **greeter** or **liturgist**. No previous experience is required. Everyone is welcome to serve, instructions are provided and appreciation will be abundant. You could **donate flowers** for the church service or **host fellowship** after Sunday worship. Stop by the signup board outside of the pastor's office after worship today, sign up and share your gift. You may also call the office during the week and request to be signed up.



ANNUAL REPORT REMINDER — All annual reports were due Wednesday, December 21. If you did not hand your report in, please do so as soon as possible. Contact the office if you have any questions or need detailed instructions.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the January-February Upper Room are in the rack outside the office and at the back of the sanctuary.

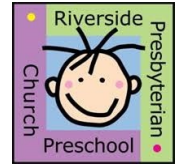


LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS—During this time of year, it's more important than ever to remember those who rely on our Little Food Pantry for added sustenance. Donations are welcome, especially of canned goods with protein such as canned meats, beans, soup with meat, whole meals (like ravioli). Thank you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

YOUTH *Mission*
TRIP

YOUTH MISSION TRIP — Parents of high school students, please fill out the poll so we can find a week to take a trip this summer! <https://forms.gle/sCCy2cnst73M8g9e9>

PRESCHOOL — Preschool enrollment for fall 2023 is now open! YOU can help share the preschool story in person with friends and neighbors and by liking and sharing our preschool Facebook posts at www.facebook.com/rpcpreschool



150th BIRTHDAY— There are still ways you can support the efforts and have a beautiful keepsake! There are lobes of stained glass that have been beautifully framed by Jon Jansky available for a donation of \$150 (small) and \$250 (large). Several are on display in the social hall. For \$25 or more, there are just a few suncatchers available, also in the social hall. And when you donate, please take envelopes off the wall!

SHOP AND SUPPORT THE PRESCHOOL — Purchasing gift cards? Hundreds of retailers have joined RaiseRight, offering gift cards with up to 12% of the profits donated directly back to the preschool in the form of cash. They have sooo many name brands! You can even purchase Mariano's gift cards to do your own grocery shopping and the Preschool will receive 4% back. Download the app or go to www.raiseright.com and use enrollment code 8AFCE1BL55L23



RefugeeOne THANK YOU TO RPC

As we reflect on the past year, we are so grateful for the Riverside Area Refugee Resettlement Team. The way you've continued to walk alongside families and keep the community engaged in this important work has been a gift in so many ways. We're grateful to have you in our corner. Thank you for making Chicagoland a welcoming community for refugees.

—Kelli and the RefugeeOne team

TRUSTEES MEETING — The Trustees meet on Monday, January 9 at 7:30 pm.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

7:30 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

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

2:30 pm Worship at Caledonia

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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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	2023	2024	2025
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Deacons	Nancy Dvorak Elizabeth Musick Marilyn Slanec	Jim Marciniak Steve Marcus Wendy Seifert	Thom DeVries Donna Ulrich Open
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