

<p>Welcome to</p> <p><b>Riverside</b></p> <p><b>Presbyterian Church</b></p> <p>January 15, 2023</p> <p>2nd Sunday After Epiphany</p> <p>Please silence your cell phones.</p> <p>Childcare is available for children through 1st grade after the Mini Message.</p> <p>*Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.</p>	
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**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                      *Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren*                      Buxtehude

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 John 1)  
Leader: To all searching for grace and truth,  
**People: Come and see!**

Leader: To all searching for meaning and purpose,

**People: Come and see!**

Leader: To all searching for abundant life,

**People: Come and see!**

Leader: Let us worship together.

\*HYMN #260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, We confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us...**

- ◆ **for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,**
- ◆ **for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,**
- ◆ **for the times we have hoarded our abundance,**
- ◆ **for the times we have turned away from your children in need.**

**Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Amen. (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

**God of wisdom, by the power of your Holy Spirit, invite us into your Word. Give us ears to hear, wisdom to understand, and courage to answer your call to us today. Amen.**

FIRST READING	Isaiah 49:1-7	OT p. 679
SECOND READING	Luke 8:16-18	NT p. 67
SERMON	"No Dimmer Switch Needed"	

### **OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE**

\*HYMN # 79            *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Book of Common Worship)

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM                            *Beautiful Savior*                            arr. Smith

\*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 (unison)

**Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received. Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May all the gifts we bring bear witness to you and to Jesus the Christ, as light to the world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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 #268      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Royal Firework Music*      Händel/Biggs

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

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Liturgy written by Rose Schrott Taylor for The Presbyterian Outlook.

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

**Thank you to** Rev. Dr. Jorge Morales for filling our pulpit this morning.

**Greeter:** Lisa Marciniak

**Liturgist:** Steven Teune

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Fellowship** today is hosted by Connie Kelly and Lynda Nadkarni

**Trustees of the Month:** Lynda Nadkarni and Henry Vogel



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**JANUARY 15, 2023**

**TODAY WE WELCOME REV. DR. JORGE MORALES** —Rev. Dr. Morales is the former Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ (retired June 2018). Prior to that, he was Illinois Conference, Associate Conference Minister for Stewardship and New Church Development. For ten years he served as Senior Pastor at the First Congregational Church of Chicago. Additionally, Pastor Morales has contributed to the establishment and founding of a number of church and community based institutions.

He holds a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from McCormick Theological Seminary. In 1973-75, while a student at McCormick he helped establish and later coordinated the Hispanic Ministries Program. His spouse, Martha M. Mendoza is the Christian Education, Youth Ministry Director at the First Congregational Church of Elmhurst. They live in Elmhurst IL. and have four children.

### **TACO DINNER TO SUPPORT REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT —**

We're excited to partner with Ascension Lutheran and host the Taco Dinner on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm!** Here's how you can help:

- ◆ Sign-up for a shift
- ◆ Promote the event by sharing the flyer
- ◆ Promote the event by sharing Facebook posts
- ◆ Sell tickets (see Lynda or the office to get them)



**IT'S TACO  
TIME**



**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 Ellen at RPC is "[treasurer@rpcusa.org](mailto:treasurer@rpcusa.org)". Blessings to you in 2023!

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

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



### **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 December 5, 2022 we voted to submit our completed Ministry Information Form (MIF) to Session for review. The MIF was approved at the December 20, 2022 Session meeting.

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

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



**SUNDAYS WITH TED—1/15/23** — No TED Talk while Doug is away



**PRESCHOOL** — We love Music with Dr. Sally and all of our other visitors! Would you like to share a talent, read a story, or run around the gym? Let Lynda know what day works for you!

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](http://www.facebook.com/rpcpreschool)

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**—Confirmation Class will kick off on Sunday, January 22 at 11:00 am. in the Parlor.

**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>



**150<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](http://www.raiseright.com) and use enrollment code 8AFCE1BL55L23

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS**—I met this couple outside of the Berwyn Fruit Market, asking for a ride to the Beds Plus shelter in Brookfield. We first stopped by RPC for supplies. They eagerly gulped down the fresh milk, ate a zucchini, and pocketed apples, granola and bread. Your work makes a difference. Thank you, Doug Harvin



**GIVE THE GIFT OF TIME THIS YEAR**—Make a commitment to give the Gift of Time to your church family in 2023. Consider gifting a 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.

**SESSION MEETING** — Session will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 pm.



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**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
2:30 pm Worship at Caledonia

**Monday**

Office Closed—Martin Luther King  
5:30 pm Volleyball

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men’s Forum  
7:30 pm Session Meeting

**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  
11:00 am Confirmation Class  
11:00 am Congregational Life Mtg  
1:30 pm The Boulevard

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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 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

	2023	2024	2025
Elders	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak Jon Jansky Sandra Kappmeyer	Susan Lynch Carrie Staubus Mary Beth Wynn	Betsy Gardner Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Nancy Dvorak Elizabeth Musick Marilyn Slanec	Jim Marciniak Steve Marcus Wendy Seifert	Thom DeVries Donna Ulrich Open
Trustees	Doug Harvin Henry Vogel Open	John McGlennon Lynda Nadkarni Open	Deb Jansky Tom Radigan Open