

Welcome to  
**Riverside**  
**Presbyterian Church**

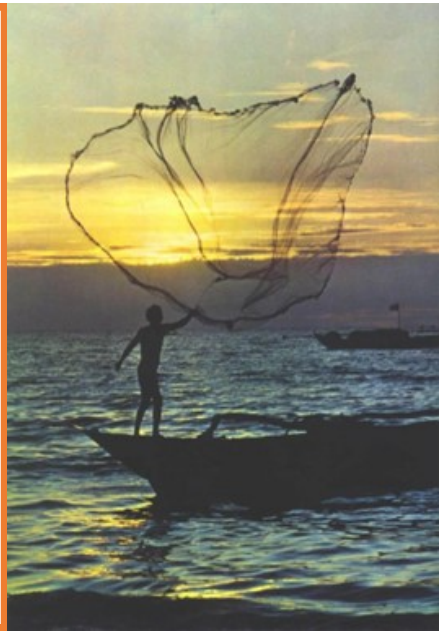
January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children  
through 1st grade 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                      *Siciliano from Flute Sonata* in Eb major                      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 (Psalm 27:1)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in Worship.

\*HYMN #269

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.**

(Silence is kept.)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*THE GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

**Glorify 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 (unison)

**God of epiphanies, you reveal yourself to us in diverse and numerous ways. Free us the distractions that turn our focus away from you and your Word. Open us to the truth you reveal to us today. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

OT p. 638

SECOND READING

Matthew 4:12-23

NT p. 3

SERMON

“So It Begins”

## OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

\*HYMN # 300

*We Are One in the Spirit*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Book of Common Worship)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**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!"**

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

*Lift High the Cross*

arr. Schalk

\*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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS (unison)

**Holy God, we present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ's ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER (Silence is kept.)

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 #298      *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *The Rejoicing*                      Händel/Biggs

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

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Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Thank you to** Rev. Glauber Ribeiro for leading us in worship today. Glauber is a member-at-large of the Chicago Presbytery of the PCUSA, works as a Systems Architect for Experian, and plays music for fun.

**Greeter:** Elizabeth Musick

**Liturgist:** Marilyn Slanec

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Flowers** today are given in honor of my beloved Uncle Fred Lehman's 100th birthday, from Joyce Dobrzanski.

**Fellowship** today is hosted by Ellen Hamilton

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



# Newsletter

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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**JANUARY 22, 2023**

**TACO DINNER TO SUPPORT REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT - SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm!**— We're excited to partner with Ascension Lutheran and host the Taco Dinner next Sunday. 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!

**per  
capita**

**PER CAPITA** — The 2023 per capita is \$36.50/member. We are required to pay per capita for each member to the Presbytery whether members donate or not, so every unpaid per capita hits our bottom line.

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

### **YOUTH MISSION TRIP — JULY 23-29**

All students going into their freshman year – just graduated their senior year are invited to attend. Spread the word because friends are welcome too! Specifics about location and cost coming in the next few weeks.



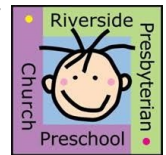
**YOUTH** *Mission*  
TRIP

Rudy Nekovar, father of Keri Nekovar  
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



**SCOUT SUNDAY** — Sunday, February 5 is our annual Scout Sunday! We hope to see many Scouts of all ages in worship! There are ways you can participate as greeters, through the gift of music, and by assisting with fellowship. Contact Carrie Staubus at [carrie@staubus.net](mailto:carrie@staubus.net) to volunteer your (or your child's) time!

**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](https://www.facebook.com/rpcpreschool)

**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). The few remaining are on display in the social hall.

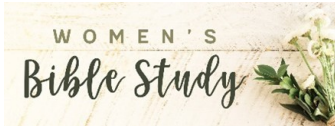
**SHOP AND SUPPORT THE PRESCHOOL** — Purchasing gift cards? Hundreds of retailers have joined RaiseRight, offering gift cards with up to 12% of the profits donated directly back to the preschool in the form of cash. They have sooo many name brands! You can even purchase Mariano's gift cards to do your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

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS**—I saw a 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 RPC in 2023. Consider gifting an hour a month to serve as a greeter or liturgist. No experience required. Donate flowers or host fellowship. It's easy! Stop by the signup board outside the pastor's office today and share your gift!

**TRUSTEES THANKS!** - It was great to have so many members assist with the work day last Saturday! Many hands do make work lighter. A special word of appreciation to Stuart Marciniak for the VERY thorough cleaning of the kitchen. It has not looked (or smelled) that nice in years. The trustees now have a running list of small, easy projects and monthly monitoring of things like lightbulbs that can be done at any time, not just on work days. John McGlennon or Lynda Nadkarni can help you access the list if you have time to spare.



The **WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, January 25 at 10:30 am in the library. We will discuss Lesson 5 of the book "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol M. Bechtel. If you cannot attend

in person, here is the log in information: <https://zoom.us/j/98513169535pwd=SU9RZDJ2Vm42QkRzTmJHOUtmMHcvQT09>  
Meeting ID: 985 1316 9535, Passcode: 899045, Dial by your location 1(312) 626-6799

**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.



**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=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](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. **1/22**—Joyce Hawkes on "Biophysicist Discovers New Life After Death"  
**1/29** — No TED Talk today due to taco dinner. **2/5**—Scilla Elworthy on "Dare to Question Why We Are So Afraid of Getting Older".

## THIS WEEK

### Today

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Confirmation Class  
11:00 am Congregational Life Mtg  
1:30 pm The Boulevard  
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

### Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

### Wednesday

10:30 am Women's Bible Study  
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—5th Sunday  
11:00 am Confirmation Class  
4:00 pm Taco Dinner

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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

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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