

Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

February 5, 2023

5th 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

Nimrod from Enigma Variations

Elgar/Bish

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: We are called to the work of Israel, to the work of Jesus.

People: We are called to spread God's love in this world.

Leader: We can do this work, as we are, because of the Holy Spirit.

People: By God's grace, we are salt.

Leader: We purify, we cleanse, we bind, we bring out the best in people.

People: By God's grace, we are light.

Leader: We allow things to be seen as they are. We point to holiness.

People: By God's grace, we follow the commandments and the law.

Leader: We love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.

People: By God's grace, we are salt. We are Light. God transforms us and uses us.

Leader: Let us worship our God, so full of transformative grace.

*HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. (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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

OT p. 688

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:13-20

NT p. 4

SERMON

“Who Is Repairing? Who Is Restoring?”

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of Belhar)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Bell

*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)

Heavenly Parent, we offer you these gifts. Please bless them, just as you bless those who gave them and those who will receive them. May the sharing of these gifts remind us of the connection that holds us all together and the beloved community you call us to form. Amen.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We join together to praise you and give you thanks, saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And now we pray the prayer that Jesus taught:

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Trophy

F Couperin/Biggs

WORSHIP NOTES

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FEBRUARY 5, 2023

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeters: Scouts

Liturgist: Luke Staubus

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers today are given by Debra Myers in celebration of her mom, Ellen Myers birthday.

Fellowship today is hosted by the Troop 24 and Pack 24 Scouts.

Trustees of the Month: John McGlennon and Lynda Nadkarni

SCOUT SUNDAY — Today we host Troop and Pack 24 for Scout Sunday. We recognize and celebrate the longstanding relationship between our church and Scouts. Coffee fellowship is hosted by Troop and Pack 24 today.



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY – February 11 from 9:00 – 11:00 am. There are many small and simple tasks – no special skills required!

CONFIRMATION CLASS is underway, led by Doug Asbury. Please keep the students and their mentors in your prayers as they journey through their faith discernment. They are Reese Jackson & Dennis Zander, Cooper Sahlas & Ben Dickerson, and Luke Staubus & Steven Teune.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — February 12 immediately following worship. The Annual Report is on the RPC website (www.rpcusa.org) under the Resources

tab. Hard copies are in the rack outside the office and at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like a printed copy.

Rudy Nekovar, father of Keri Nekovar
Ellen Myers, mother of Debra Myers
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



FAITH FORMATION — will meet at 11am on the following dates. Some activities are planned, but other dates are open. We would love to have your



child's ideas! They can be shared with Lynda missionandoutreach@rppcusa.org

- 2/12** – junior and senior high youth
- 2/26** – prek – 5th grade children
- 3/19** – all children and youth
- 4/2** – pre-k – 5th grade children
- 4/16** – junior and senior high youth
- 5/21** – all children and youth

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. Please pay yours!



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.

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.

2023 PLEDGE DRIVE UNDERWAY— **If you have not done so already, 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 and at the back of the sanctuary.

LOOSE COIN OFFERING—Today we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund. In lieu of loose coins, indicate Presbytery Hunger Fund in the memo line of a check or online.

WORSHIP AT CANTATA TODAY — The Deacons welcome all members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata at 2 pm today.

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>



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[pwd=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury. **2/5**—Scilla Elworthy on Dare to Question Why We Are So Afraid of Getting Older **2/12**—Angela Lussier—Becoming Who You Are

PRESCHOOL NEWS— New this year is an exploration of ethnic and cultural holiday traditions. We've learned from people who are Mexican, Jewish, Hindu, Swedish, and Chinese. Along with each presentation, the staff guides students in an art project. Does your family have a holiday to share? We'd love to have you for a guest!

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TACO DINNER UPDATE —Fun was had no matter what the age at the taco dinner on Sunday night! The event raised \$5437 to support refugee resettlement. We are less than \$1000 away from our \$8,000 goal to support another family. Leftovers were delivered to Constance Morris House Shelter for Women and Children who are victims of domestic violence. They were very appreciative for a home-cooked meal.



THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship with Communion
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Confirmation Class
2:00 pm Worship at Cantata
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

7:00 am Women's Forum

Saturday

9:00 am All Church Work Day

Sunday

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
11:00 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Faith Formation Gr. 6-12
11:15 am Fellowship
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

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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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