

Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

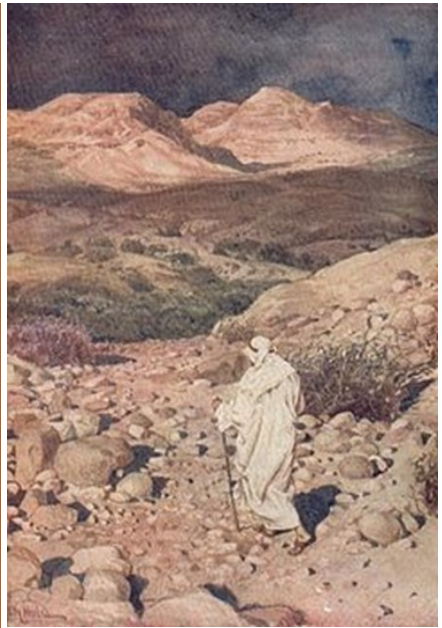
February 26, 2023

1st Sunday in Lent

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

Shout with Joy!

Patterson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 4:1-11)

Leader: For forty days and forty nights

People: our Savior fasted in the wilderness.

Leader: Tempted to turn from God, tempted to turn to power and
privilege

People: our Savior resisted.

Leader: Let us follow Jesus through the wilderness this Lent, examining our temptations, resisting them and returning to God.

People: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess the neglect of our faith. We confess all that we place above you, making idols of money, earthly power, and even food. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us. Amen.

(Silence is kept.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, 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 grace, help us seek you and the message you intend for us today. Let us not be distracted by worldly pursuits or pleasures. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.

FIRST READING	Genesis 2:15-17, Genesis 3:1-7	OT p. 2
SECOND READING	Matthew 4:1-11	NT p. 3
SERMON	"Who Takes Care of You?"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* Rutter

*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)

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing and the destitute. 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 #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Jeu

DuMage

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to the Riverside Ringers & Singers for joining our Ministry of Music today.

Greeter: Wendy Seifert

Liturgist: Sandra Kappmeyer

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers today are given in honor of my sister, Sally Kaiser's birthday, from her adoring little brother, Fred Kitch.

Fellowship today is hosted by the Staubus Family.

Trustees of the Month: John McGlennon and Lynda Nadkarni

WORSHIP NOTES

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Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.



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FEBRUARY 26, 2023

MEMBERSHIP Info Session

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION GATHERING—Want to learn more about being a member of RPC? Grab your coffee and treats and come across the hall to the Westminster Room on **Sunday, March 5** for a brief information session. Please let the office know if childcare is desired.

MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS — The Mission and Outreach committee voted to donate \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief's efforts to aid earthquake recovery in Turkey and Syria. We urge all our members to make a contribution as well, as immediate aid is desperately needed. You can contribute either by check specifically directed toward giving aid, or by contributing online where an option to select Turkey & Syria Earthquake Relief has been specifically indicated. <https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/bulletin-insert-ST-earthquake/>



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

- 3/19** – all children and youth
- 4/2** – pre-k – 5th grade children (Easter egg hunt)
- 4/16** – junior and senior high youth
- 5/21** – all children and youth

Faith Formation for ages PreK – 5th grade meets after worship today, February 26. We will experience a Bible story through creative play and a craft.

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! **Informational meeting on March 12 at noon.** One adult should attend with their youth. Questions—contact Lynda missionandoutreach@rppcusa.org



David Schade
Sara Wert
Bret Jackson
Rudy Nekovar, father of Keri Herrera
Ellen Myers, mother of Debra Myers
Lloyd Bradbury
John Lynch
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood



Alice Ann Hand and Edward Hand, sister and brother-in-law of Liz Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Prayers of peace and comfort to family and friends grieving the death of Daniel Christensen, former RPC member.



CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS DESIRED — For the safety of our children, two people are in childcare each week. Keri Herrera has worked in the childcare room for nearly 20 years and is an expert. She needs a second person and is looking for volunteers. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or by emailing the office at rpcoffice@rpcusa.org.

2023 PLEDGE DRIVE UNDERWAY— If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider making a pledge for 2023.

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=MUUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=MUUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury **2/26**— Emily Baxter —We Are All Criminals **3/5** — Virginia Warren—Lawyers Are Trained To Break The Law



PRESCHOOL NEWS— Did you know that we have several second-generation preschool families? It's a wonderful testament to the 53 years of "catching 'em being good" and instilling a love of learning that is our hallmark. Enrollment is now open for the fall. Please share the news of our wonderful preschool with people you know!



TROOP 24/PACK 24 SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Saturday, March 4, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. CURBSIDE PICK-UP or DINE IN. Tickets are \$6 if purchased in advance, \$7 on the day of the breakfast – available from scouts and the church office. When buying your ticket, consider purchasing an extra ticket or two for community members who use our food pantry. We will make them available for pick up the week of the breakfast. Thank you for your support!

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!

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — We recently received a very generous donation from the Township of Riverside in the form of gift cards so food can be purchased for the pantry. Sara and Marta Vacek have been shopping, spending about \$200 per week to keep the pantry stocked. (Thank you Sara and Marta!) Sara said, “ I’m amazed at how quickly the supplies are depleted.” It really is eye opening when you work directly with the pantry to see how many people are supported by this mission of the church.



WORSHIP AT CANTATA — Sunday, March 5, 2:30 pm. The Deacons welcome all members to join in the worship service at Cantata next Sunday.

RPC NEWS — Have you noticed the new wind break door? It is a temporary enclosure designed to minimize the wind and cold coming into the building during the cold weather months. The addition should help keep heating costs steadier for the office/classroom portion of the building. We will be storing it in the warmer weather. Questions? Talk with a Trustee!



THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship Ringers & Singers
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Faith Formation prek-5
11:00 am Congregational Life Mtg.
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

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

Saturday

7:00 am Scout Pancake Breakfast

Sunday

10:00 am Worship—Baptism
11:00 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Fellowship
2:30 pm Worship at Cantata
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

Elders	2023 Lisa Aulerich Marciniak Jon Jansky Sandra Kappmeyer	2024 Susan Lynch Carrie Staubus Mary Beth Wynn	2025 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 Paula McCracken
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