

Welcome to  
**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

October 22, 2023

Please silence your cell phones.

\* Please stand in body or Spirit. **Bold** indicates congregational response.



**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

PRELUDE

*Sicilienne*

Paradis/Bish

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

There is no God like our God—  
who gives strength to the weak,  
**but breaks the power of the mighty;**  
who gives food to the famished,  
**but makes those already full work for their bread;**  
who raises the poor from the dust,  
**but humbles the proud and arrogant.**

There is no God like our God!

**Let us worship the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God who answers prayer,

We are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our  
time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN #800            *Sometimes a Light Surprises*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(inspired by Psalm 139, John 1:43-51, 1 Samuel 3)

How foolish we are to think we can hide our failings from you, Seeing God. We treat our bodies as trash cans for junk food, not as sanctuaries for your Spirit. We get drunk on the seductions of our society, while barely sipping at your living water.

**Forgive us, Holy God.**

Your grace mends our brokenness,

**making us whole;**

your compassion removes our sin,

**making us new;**

your voice speaks tenderly to us,

**silencing our pride,**

your Love is made human

**in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.** (Silence is kept.)

\*SUNG RESPONSE *God Is So Good*

*God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (inspired by Psalm 139)

In front of us, behind us, to our right, to our left: look! God is there!

In our past, beside us today, waiting in the future: look! God is there!

in the shadows, in the light: look! God is there!

**From the top of the mountains, to the bottom of the seas;**

**in the morning, in the evening, in every moment: God is with us!**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please greet those around you with a sign of Christ's peace.)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT            *Children PreK-5th grade are invited to Sunday School at this time and will be brought to fellowship in the social hall after. Younger children may go to childcare.*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING	1 Samuel 1:4-28	OT p. 244-245
SECOND READING	1 Samuel 2:1-2, 8	OT p. 245-246
SERMON	"Hannah's Prayer"	

## OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

\*HYMN 819 *Be still, My Soul*

### CONFIRMATION CLASS COMMISSIONING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**In life and death we belong to God.**

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

In sovereign love God created the world good,  
acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation,  
and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified,  
and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

**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.

**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!"**

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

Scripture praises the “work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” We give now not for the flash or the fame but in quiet, steadfast hope that every dollar might serve to build up the body of Christ in this congregation, and the beloved community in the world. Your offerings matter. Make them with confidence.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY *E'en so Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Manz

\*SUNG RESPONSE

*Praise Him*

*Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him!  
Jesus, blessed Savior, he's worthy to be praised.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

Lord, we dedicate our all to you; not just the money that we no longer call ours (whether it's sitting in the plate or whizzing along digital paths), but our thoughts, our plans, our time, our dreams, our days. It's all yours, God. It always was. Help us to rejoice in that. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

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

*I'm So Glad*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude & Fugue on "A Mighty Fortress"* Luther/Behnke

## WORSHIP NOTES

Assurance of Forgiveness written by Thom Shuman. Call for the Offering written by Carol Holbrook Prickett for The Presbyterian Outlook.

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Greeter:** Dennis Zander

**Liturgist:** Sandra Kappmeyer

**Children's Moment:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Flowers** are given with fond memories of Fred Shuppara from Virginia Yang & Alex Shuppara

**Fellowship** today is hosted by Debra Myers.

**Trustee of the Month:** Henry Vogel



To sign up for the weekly emailed announcements, contact the church office, [rpcoffice@rpcusa.org](mailto:rpcoffice@rpcusa.org) or 708-447-1520

Dear RPC,

As the leaves on the trees are starting to turn color and drop, I am reminded that fall is a time for letting go. And it is also a time for turning inward and going deeper. . . How will we continue to grow over the winter months? Beginning Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, I will be offering a class on Christian Spirituality at 9am on Sundays in the parlor. It will be a drop-in format, with a different tradition highlighted during each of the 12 sessions. All ages are welcome to join in for learning and practice. Come when you can, leave when you must. The first session will be on [The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers.](#)

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mark

Donna Ulrich, John Lynch, Lloyd Bradbury,  
Jack Smith, Greg Reichle  
Larry Buttimer and Mary Harris, brother-in-law and stepmom of Jeanine Buttimer

Prayers of comfort and peace for friends and family grieving the deaths of Gloria and Loren Daily.



**MEMBERSHIP/NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will meet today at 11:30 am in the social hall. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

**RIVER KIDS** — Hannah prays for a child in Sunday School today. What does it mean when we make a promise? Can they be broken? Ask the kids K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade what they think!

**VOLLEYBALL IN THE GYM** — The Riverside Parks and Rec department has arranged to use the church gym on Tuesday nights, 6:30-10:30pm for a women’s volleyball league. At this point it looks as though the registration is already full, but others (including men and teenagers!) are welcome and encouraged to join in our free drop-in volleyball opportunity on Mondays, 5:30-8pm. That group, led by church member Diane Chaney, is in need of new players this season. Text her at (708) 204-9500.

**CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING** — This year we have four young people who are participating in a joint confirmation program with the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange: Avery Long, Ryan Jackson, Elly Dickerson, and Sophie Dickerson. The group will be commissioned and presented with bibles today during worship. Mentors from our congregation will be selected in the new year, and the program will conclude in May on Pentecost Sunday.

**COMPOSTING** — The Green Team is working on some on-site composting at the church for vegetable waste from the little free food pantry. Meanwhile, Riverside’s solid waste provider, Flood Brothers, encourages residents to include food waste in yard debris bins, where it will also be composted. Here is a link to their info sheet on how to do this: <https://www.riverside.il.us/documentcenter/view/5218>

**TREASURER/BOOKKEEPER WANTED** — Our excellent long-time Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton, has decided not to continue in her volunteer position for 2024. The finance committee is looking to possibly split the job into two – a bookkeeper who tracks expenses and a treasurer who cuts checks. If you are interested in helping with one or both of these essential church functions, please contact Elder Mary Beth Wynn.

**MISSING:** Shoes that are partners for the 27 single shoes we have collected. If you have donated shoes, and think there might be a solo one somewhere in the closet or under the bed, please drop it off at church. As always, if there is anyone you know well enough to ask for their cast-offs, please ask. We're collecting until October 31st. If you need them to be picked up, call the office.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY** — Item of the month is **canned vegetables**. Any variety. Consider buying a case of 12!

**SUNDAYS WITH TED & FRIENDS** —6:00 p.m. In person and via Zoom. Contact Doug Asbury for more information at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com).

**10/22** - How Israel Was Created **10/29**—Are the Palestinians Wrong About Everything? (An average Israeli perspective)

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT**—We've got the money, we've got the goods, now we need to get packed and organized! Needed are boxes (save the ones you get Amazon order in please!), newspaper, and some people to help check off the list and stage items by the back door for loading the truck. Let Lynda know if you can do any of those things!

**PRESCHOOL** — The preschoolers will have an indoor costume parade at 8:45 am. Desired are church members to view and hand out treats (we provide them) as the kids walk by. Let Lynda know if you would like to participate. Those who did last year loved it and so did the kids!

**FIFTH SUNDAY — October 29 — Hoffman Dam River Rats River Clean-Up** Worship at 10 am. Join the River Rats before or after worship. Refreshments welcome, bring to clean-up site. Meet in the forest preserve area east of the Barrypoint Bridge and the Hofmann Tower. Bring your neighbors and friends and aluminum cans to raise money for future cleanups and events. Bags and pokersticks provided. Wear long pants, sleeves and sturdy shoes. Contact Steve Marcus for more information 847-224-5590.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL-HIGH SCHOOL STRONGHOLD RETREAT**—November 10, 7 pm –November 12, 11 am at Stronghold. A weekend designed for middle school and high school youth filled with games, activities, groups, worship, food and more! Cost: Youth and Adult leaders \$125. Register by November 6. Additional information and registrations at: [www.blackhawkpresbytery.org](http://www.blackhawkpresbytery.org)

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** will meet Wednesday, October 25 at 10:15 am in the library. Contact Elizabeth Musick for more information.

**BISHOPS & BAGELS CHESS TOURNAMENT** – Sunday, November 19, 11:30 am at RPC. Come for a casual chess tournament with free admission and free bagels! All ages and skill levels welcome. Time control: each player will have 10 minutes per game for 3 rounds. Boards/clocks are provided. Contact: [TheRiversideChessClub@gmail.com](mailto:TheRiversideChessClub@gmail.com) or register at: [bit.ly/bishopsbagels](http://bit.ly/bishopsbagels)

**Gloria Lindquist Daily**, passed away on October 9. She was a long-time member of RPC, from her birth in 1931 until she moved away from Riverside in 1985. She was baptized and confirmed in the church; married there (as were her mother and daughter); and served on many boards, including as a Deacon and an Elder. She and her husband, Loren Daily (who died on August 15), have plans to be interred in the columbarium.

## THIS WEEK

### Today

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:30 am Membership/Nominating  
Committee Meeting

11:00 am Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

### Monday

5:15 pm Volleyball

### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

### Wednesday

10:15 am Women's Bible Study

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Saturday

7:45 am Feed My Starving Children

### Sunday

10:00 am Worship - 5th Sunday

11:00 am Fellowship

5:30 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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[Youtube.com](http://Youtube.com)

Riverside Presbyterian, IL

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