

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 24, 2019

8:30 am Worship Service
with Communion

11:00 am Worship Service

"We witness by being a community of reconciliation, a forgiving community of the forgiven. Those who have felt the liberation of being touched by the grace of One Who Embraces All can take that feeling to the streets."
Desmond Tutu

Hearing Loops instructions are located in the Narthex

(8:30 and 11:00 am) PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
There is a Happy Land George Shearing (1919 - 2011)
I Love Thee, My Lord George Shearing (1919 - 2011)
Lois Gurney, organ

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

(11:00 am) CHORAL INTROIT
Let Everything (Psalm 150 in Gospel Style) Dr. André J. Thomas (b. 1952)
Chancel Choir; Alan Ragan, piano; Lois Gurney, double bass; Ken Mixon, director
*Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.*

Dr. Thomas is a Afro-American composer, Director of Choral Activities, and Professor of Choral Music Education at Florida State University.

GREETING

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has meant this day.
Many: **God moves and wills our way.**
One: How can we help but sing when God is all in all.
Many: **And we are one with everything!**

*HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Carol DiGiusto

(Silent prayer of Confession)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 423)

SARADAY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(11:00 am) ANTHEM

Come Sunday Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington (1899 - 1974)
arr. Alice Parker

Chancel Choir; Debbie Pierson, soloist; Ken Mixon, director

*I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.
I don't mind the gray skies 'cause they're just clouds passing by.
Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty,
God of love, please look down and see my people through.
I believe God is now, was then and always will be.
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.
Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty,
God of love, please look down and see my people through.*

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington was an American composer, pianist, and bandleader of a jazz orchestra, which he led from 1923 until his death in a career spanning over fifty years.

(8:30 am) FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Breanna Sooter
(11:00 am) FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Emily Heeg
All K - 5th grade children are invited to participate in *4th Sunday Light* in the sanctuary basement. Younger children may leave with the nursery staff.

(11:00 am) BASKETBALL RECOGNITION

Bill Hoff

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stories of Reconciliation: CEW Field Days

Bill Hoff

Bud Para

*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45: 4 - 8, 15
Luke 6: 27 - 38

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Turn Off the Scoreboard"

Bill Hoff

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Carol DiGiusto

(8:30 and 11:00 am) DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs arr. Johannes Matthias Michel (b. 1962)
Lois Gurney, organ

*Doxology (Hymn-Tune 229--LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, Whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Carol DiGiusto

(8:30 am) HOLY COMMUNION

Largo

Lois Gurney, organ G. F. Händel (1685 - 1759)

*HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

*CHORAL RESPONSE (Hymn 541)

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Following the Drinking Gourd (excerpt)

Dr. André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

* Please stand if able

** We recycle - please place your used bulletin in one of the baskets by the doors as you exit.

WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First-time visitors, *Welcome!* Please be sure to sign in on the pew pads. Look in your pew rack for the new *Prayer Request & Comment Cards*.
The Mission of the Month is *Meals on Wheels (MOW)*.



Grow Look for all Sunday School Options Listed on Church Door Posters

SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Keys to Triumphant Living: Studies from the Book of EphesiansSundays March 3 - 31
Taught by Janie Jones. This 5-week Bible study is open to all women. One short term women's Bible study is typically offered each fall and spring. Join this group of women as they study the book of Ephesians.

A Witness to the Resurrection: An Intentional Passing Over March 10, 17 and 24
Taught by Rev. Steve Goyer, Rev. Bill Hoff and Rev. Carol DiGiusto. The prospect of facing the end of life gives rise to many important questions. And then there are the final arrangements to be made. It is helpful to have prepared in advance for these inevitabilities. This class will provide an opportunity to consider the decisions that may affect our living well at the end of life and appropriately celebrating the life that is now with God.

Wednesday Morning Study: To Kill a Mockingbird Begins Wednesday March 13, 10:00 am
This 6-week study taught by Steve Goyer will focus on the Christian themes found in Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Be sure to visit our website (www.rpcjax.org) for updates to the calendar.



Connect

- **Each Family Can Pick Up LENT IN A BAG** Beginning Today
LENT IN A BAG was created to support families in providing simple ways to observe the season of Lent at home. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Each bag will be labeled with a family name. The bags are located outside the church offices. There will be extras for others who would like to take a bag home.
- **Celebrating Community Outreach Through Basketball** Today, 10:30 am
Please join us in Bittinger Hall and then in the 11:00 am worship service to show our gratitude to our basketball league volunteers. Several outstanding children will receive recognition for character and sportsmanship at the reception during the Holy Grounds time and the Jeff Morrow Award will be announced.
- **Youth Basket Auction & Chili Cook-Off** Today, 12:00 - 1:30 pm
Please help support our youth by coming to lunch, voting for your favorite chili (or chili cook) and bidding on baskets. Gorgeous plant centerpieces from Loop's nursery will also be for sale! All proceeds go toward lowering summer trip costs for our youth.
- **NO Youth Group**
No Youth Group tonight due to the Youth Basket Auction and Chili Cook-Off
- **Volunteers Needed for CEW Field Days at Neighborhood Schools** March 1, 7 and 8
Eighteen or more play stations are available for all the students as they rotate their way through the games, relays and challenges provided for them. If you are able to spend a few hours during one of these days, please contact Jan Nicholas in the church office. Lunch is provided!
- **Bridge Group Fellowship at the Stevenson's** Saturday March 2, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Please join our "Bridge Group" (which generally includes young to middle-aged adults) at the Stevenson's, 5304 McGirts Blvd. Bring your favorite appetizer, dessert or beverage to share. Email emily.heeg@rpcjax.org if you need church nursery. Members of the church transition committee will also be present at this social for a brief discussion about transition process and will answer questions.
- **Boys BLAST for 5th Graders** Sunday March 3, 12:00 - 2:30 pm
All 5th grade boys are invited for lunch and scavenger hunt. Meet in Bittinger Hall. From there we will head to Wendy's for lunch and then start a scavenger hunt. (BLAST events are designed to help transition 5th graders to the RPC youth program).
- **River City Youth Orchestra Concert** Sunday March 3, 5:00 pm
Join us for the RCYO concert in the sanctuary. Free and open to the public.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** Tuesday March 5, 6:00 pm in Kissling Hall
Join us on Shrove Tuesday for pancakes as we prepare our hearts, minds and bodies for the season of Lent. \$8 / person and no more than \$25 / family. All proceeds support RPC Youth. The youth will be at pancake griddles cooking your pancakes to order!
- **American Guild of Organists Recital** Sunday March 10, 3:00 pm
Join us for the recital by the AOG members in the sanctuary. Free and open to the public.
- **Presbyterian College Choir Concert** Tuesday March 12, 7:00 pm
Join us for the PCC concert in the sanctuary. Free and open to the public.

Today's *Holy Grounds* is brought to you by **Mike and Loretta Cotten in honor of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.**
Weekly sponsors and workers are being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas.

SYMPATHY

to Frank and Kathy Shuke and family on the death of his mother, LaRue M. Shuke, February 17, 2019, in Pennsylvania.

SYMPATHY

to Susan and Bruce Smathers and family on the death of her mother, Mary McClintock Gamble, February 16, 2019. Services will be held March 2, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Titusville FL.

THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School Classes • LENT IN A BAG • Community Basketball League Recognition • Youth Basket Auction & Chili Cook-Off • Joyful Noise Youth Choir - 4 pm
Mar 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEW Field Day at Central Riverside
COMING UP ...	
Mar 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys BLAST for 5th Graders • River City Youth Concert
Mar 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Mar 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday
Mar 7, 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEW Field Days at Fishweir and West Riverside
Mar 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Guild of Organists Recital
Mar 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Training Baseball to Orlando • Presbyterian College Choir Concert

CONGRATULATIONS

to Nathan and Mary Ballentine on the birth of Malcolm Grant Ballentine, February 10, 2019.
Proud grandparents are Jean and John Grant-Dooley.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given in loving memory of Betty and Herdy Ulmer, Jean Ulmer Brinkman, James Ross Marsh, Jr. and Warren Dewitt Jolley, by Frances U. Howey, Elizabeth U. Jolley, Dorothy U. Marsh and Walter H. Brinkman. The flowers were arranged by Diane Schwalbe.

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

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SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

Jack Adams (son of Bill Adams), Roberta Birch, Tina Burrow, Isabel Chambers (Diane Schwalbe 's sister), Claudia Coley's father, Davis Collier, Martha Davis, Chuck & Judy Davidson, Nancy Drought, Jane Estes, Rannie French (Julie Handley's sister), Mary Gamble (Susan Smather's mother), Lockwood Greene (Jane & Jack Lockwood's grandson), Jack Lockwood, Winn Hampton (son of Wade Hampton), Doug Hutchins (Denise Brennan's father), Allan Knight, Angela Knight, Cheryl Lane (Michael's wife), Joan Madison, Joe Meux, Gunnar Miller (Betsy Miller's husband), Mark Mueller (Jane Ellen Pollock's son), John Ormand (Lisa Taylor's brother), Mersida Porcic, Bill Schilling, Carol Schoenberger, Mae & Norm Singletary (Carol Proctor's parents), Mildred Taylor, Cristy Turner (Anita Jones' niece)

Rehab, Assisted, Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care

Shirley Ballowe, Mary Brown, Margie de Bauernfeind, Gerald Faircloth, Peggy Fannin, Jack & Betty Hazard, Jim Hodge, Norma Hooker, Olive Mahoney, Minerva Mason (Marcy Moody's mother), Velva Moll, Beverly Overly (Rob's mother), Myra Pattishall, Judi Perdue, Dannette Robinson, Bill & Suzanne Tomlinson, Bunny Wilkinson, Ruth Wrenshall

In the Armed Forces

Noah Althuis, Andy Berner, Dave Brosche, Brandon Campbell, Gray Creed, Carl Crumpler, Reginald Hicks, Matt McCullough, Carson McKendree, Chris Rattigan
(If you would like more information on any of those listed, please call the church office at 355-4585.)

Lent: A Spiritual Journey

Riverside's Journey through Lent

We are called by God to look with honesty at the wilderness places in our hearts and lives. We may discover that it is only in the sharing of our human vulnerability that our potential for resurrection is to be found. This is our spiritual journey in the season of Lent. In Christ, we keep alive the rumor that somewhere there is singing, somewhere people dance, and even in the darkest places, the Light glows. Observe the six weeks of Lent with intention and in community at Riverside.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner **Tuesday, March 5**

6:00 pm Kissling Hall

Ash Wednesday Services **Wednesday, March 6**

12:00 pmAsh Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm Pizza Dinner in Bittinger Hall
6:00 pmAsh Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday launching Christian disciples on a spiritual journey toward the great celebration of Christ's Resurrection. We will have two services with a light pizza dinner Bittinger Hall preceding the evening service. Both services will be compact and feature Taize' songs, reading and the imposition of ashes. Children are encouraged to participate along with adults. Childcare provided at the 6:00 pm service.

DURING LENT

To Kill a Mockingbird

Wednesdays March 13-April 17, 10:00 am in the Thompson Parlor

Led by Rev. Steve Goyer, this study will focus on the Christian themes found in Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Mid Week Contemplative Service **Wednesdays 12:00 -12:30 pm**

Each Wednesday during Lent, beginning on Wednesday, March 13, Riverside will have a 30 minute contemplative service of prayer, meditation and readings. Come to this oasis of stillness as a Lenten spiritual practice in the midst of your week and bring a friend or co-worker.

Stations of the Cross **Beginning on Monday April 1**

The Stations of the Cross are a 14 step devotion that commemorates Jesus' last day on earth as a man. Participants take a mini pilgrimage as the move from station to station recalling and meditating on specific events from Christ's last day. Specific and simple instructions are given at each station. Everyone, including children, are invited to participate.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday April 14

8:30 am and 11:00 am - Worship Services
9:30 pm - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 pm - Palm Sunday Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday April 18

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Good Friday April 19

12:00 pm - Good Friday Service of Healing and Remembrance

Easter Sunday April 21

8:30 and 11:00 am - Worship Services
9:30 am - Sunday School for all ages

During Sunday School, children's classes will go outside to place flowers on the cross (in courtyard on Park St.) There will also be a craft station, water and lemonade. All ages are welcomed to join us for this casual gathering before worship.



Sign up for Lenten Daily Prayers

Riverside Presbyterian Church is sending out daily prayers during the season of Lent. If you would like to receive these daily prayers, please click on the link below and sign up for Lenten Daily Prayers. [Click here to sign up for daily prayers.](#)