

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday in Lent March 10, 2019

8:30 am Worship Service
with Communion

11:00 am Worship Service

*"Tell all the Truth but tell it slant -
Success in Circuit lies
Too bright for our infirm Delight
The Truth's superb surprise."*

EMILY DICKINSON

from The Truth Told Slant
The Power of Metaphor

Hearing Loops
instructions are located in the Narthex

PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
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Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)
Johann Christian Bach (1642-1703)

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

(11:00 am) CHORAL INTROIT

Beautiful Savior

SCHONSTER HER JESU

Chancel Choir; Ken Mixon, director

GREETING

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

First Graders: With eyes to see,
And ears to hear,
With lips to sing,
And hands to help:
Let us worship God with the fullness of our being.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Emily Heeg

Almighty and eternal God, who created the world and saw that it was good, forgive us that we have turned your gardens into deserts. We kneel in confession before you as we remember the hatred that has drowned out the healing words of your peace, the greed that has devoured the cooling waters of your mercy, and the envy that has scorched the fair fields of your love. Grant that, lonely in the wilderness we have made for ourselves, we may find again beside us the one who knew a wilderness before us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen
(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

As Long As I Have Breath

Sue Farrar (1934 - 2004)

Chancel Choir; Katherine Crumrine, soprano; Geoff Gartner, tenor;
Ken Mixon, director

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Bill Hoff

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Heeg

*HYMN 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-14a

"The Message" translation:

¹Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wild. ²For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up he was hungry. ³The Devil, playing on his hunger, gave the first test: "Since you're God's Son, command this stone to turn into a loaf of bread."

⁴Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to really live." ⁵For the second test he led him up and spread out all the kingdoms of the earth on display at once. ⁶Then the Devil said, "They're yours in all their splendor to serve your pleasure. I'm in charge of them all and can turn them over to whomever I wish. ⁷Worship me and they're yours, the whole works." ⁸Jesus refused, again backing his refusal with Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God and only the Lord your God. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness." ⁹For the third test the Devil took him to Jerusalem and put him on top of the Temple. He said, "If you are God's Son, jump. ¹⁰It's written, isn't it, that 'he has placed you in the care of angels to protect you; ¹¹they will catch you; you won't so much as stub your toe on a stone?" ¹²"Yes," said Jesus, "and it's also written, 'Don't you dare tempt the Lord your God.'" ¹³That completed the testing. The Devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity. ¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee powerful in the Spirit.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Practicing Lent: What We Practice, We Become" Steve Goyer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Bill Hoff

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Come to the Waters

George Frideric Handel (1685 - 1759)

Katherine Crumrine, soprano; Brittanie Llorens, alto

*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

Youth

(8:30 am) HOLY COMMUNION

Elegy

César Franck (1822 - 1890)

*HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYDY NOS

*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Who'll Be A Witness For My Lord

Jack Halloran (1916 - 1997)

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

arr. J. G. Walther (1684 - 1748)

* 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 *Children's Enrichment Workshop (CEW) Field Days*.



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

A Witness to the Resurrection: An Intentional Passing Over Today, March 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

- **Community Concerts - Free and Open to the Public**
 - ♦ **American Guild of Organists Recital** *Today at 5:00 pm*
 - ♦ Presbyterian College Choir Concert. March 12 at 7:00 pm
- **Youth Group** **Today 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
Join us for youth group & dinner in the Youth Building (729 Post St.) tonight! "If you were a tropical fruit, what kind of tropical fruit would you be?" Middle and High School will meet separately.
- **RPC Youth Plant Sale** **Going on Now!**
Help support our youth and our effort to lower summer trip costs by ordering gorgeous plants from Loop's Nursery. Order in the church office, the breezeway on Sunday mornings or online at www.rpcjax.org/plantsale Payment is due at time of order & pickup will be Sunday April 7. Contact breanna.sooter@rpcjax.org
- **Spring Training Baseball to Orlando** **March 12 9:00 am - 9:00 pm**
There is 1 ticket left for the baseball game. Contact Jan Nicholas jan.nicholas@rpcjax.org ASAP!
- **Serve at Sulzbacher** **Thursday March 14**
The 2nd Thursday of each month is RPC's day to cook and serve over 400 meals to people experiencing homelessness in Jacksonville. Each month 6-ish volunteers are needed to serve dinner. Cooks are needed at 3:00 pm. Servers at 5:45 pm. Sign up at www.rpcjax.org/sulzbacher
- **Sign Up for Summer Schedule** **Going on Now!**
Time to sign up for summer programs at Riverside. Go online to www.rpcjax.org to register for Reviving Baseball in the Inner City, youth trips, Vacation Bible School and Summer in the City.

THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School Classes • Joyful Noise Youth Choir - 4 pm • American Guild of Organists Recital - 5 pm • Youth Group
Mar 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Training Baseball to Orlando • Presbyterian College Choir Concert - 7 pm
Mar 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday Morning Study: <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Mar 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving at Sulzbacher
COMING UP ...	
Mar 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch & Learn: JAX History Walking Tour

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY
following 11:00 am service
for the purpose of Approving Pastor's and Associate Pastor's 2019 Terms of Call and hearing Financial Report.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS
are given in loving memory of her mother, Carol Swain, by Rebecca Senko. The flowers were arranged by Karen Prince.

DURING LENT
To Kill a Mockingbird
Wednesdays March 13-April 17, 10:00 am in the Library

Mid Week Contemplative Service
Wednesdays beginning March 13, 12:00 -12:30 pm
Join us for a 30 minute contemplative service of prayer, meditation and readings -- an oasis of stillness in the midst of your week.

Lenten Daily Prayers
Please go to <http://rpcjax.org/resources/sign-up-for-emails> if you would like to sign up for Lenten Daily Prayers.

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer
Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Hoff
Parish Associate for Pastoral Care Ministries
Rev. Dr. Carol DiGiusto
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Dr. Lois Gurney
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Emily Heeg
Youth Ministry and Communication Team
Breanna Sooter
Community Life & Community Outreach Ministries
Jan Nicholas
Business, Property & Administration
Jack Higson
RPDS Headmaster
Ben Ketchum

Holy Grounds snacks and beverages in Bittering Hall, 8:30 – 11 am. Upcoming Sundays that are available for sponsoring: April 14, 21, 28, and all the Sundays in May! Contact Jan Nicholas.

SYMPATHY
to Edward and Alison Walton, family and friends, on the death of his father, Frank Edward Walton, Sr., February 23, 2019 in Connecticut. Services were held March 2, 2019.

SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

Jack Adams (son of Bill Adams), Roberta Birch, Tina Burrow, Isabel Chambers (Diane Schwalbe 's sister), Claudia Coley's father, Rebecca Creed, Martha Davis, Chuck & Judy Davidson, Nancy Drought, Jane Estes, Rannie French (Julie Handley's sister), Lockwood Greene (Jane & Jack Lockwood's grandson), 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.)



PNC RECOMMENDATION FORM

The RPC Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations for the *Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC)* which the congregation will elect in late spring. The PNC, in connection with the Presbytery of St. Augustine, will then begin the discernment process of discovering whom God is calling to be our next Pastor. The PNC should be representative of the whole congregation and include prayerful, patient, listening, welcoming individuals who work well on a team and can maintain strict confidentiality. The committee members should also be active members of the church and regular attenders of Sunday worship and activities of the church. The calling process requires many hours of devoted work over a long period of time, possibly more than a year. Many PNC's have meetings every week. If you have recommendations of Riverside members to serve on the PNC, please provide their names on the form below by March 17th. The form can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. You may also contact any member of the Nominating Committee listed on the back. All recommendations are confidential. We welcome your suggestions and would appreciate your prayers.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Place recommendations in the **Offering Plate** or
Mail to the Church Office:

Riverside Presbyterian Church
ATTN: Nominating Committee
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