Second Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
Allegro and Menuetto-Vivace (from Sonatina, K439B)  W. A. Mozart (1759 - 1791)  
David Tuttle, euphonium; Lois Gurney, piano

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)
(11:00 am) CHORAL INTROIT (Hymn 816)  IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE  WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT  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  adapted from Psalm 27
Pastor: We shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
People: Wait for the LORD; be strong.
All: Let our hearts take courage; wait for the LORD!
Let us worship the LORD!

* PROCESIONAL HYMN 49
The God of Abraham Praise  LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  (Unison)
O God, as we make this Lenten journey we seek to draw closer to you and closer to your desire that all shall love and all shall be loved. Yet we know we have fallen short. We hurry through the day without attending to those whom we love and whom we have yet to love. We seek to be reconciling people. Yet we know that far too often we are caught-up in the name calling, the anger and the frustration. Forgive us. Open our ears and eyes to hear and see your ways for our lives in these days. Open our hearts and spirits to do your love in this world.
(Silent prayer of Confession)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 423)
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 YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY  arr. Susan Byler
Chancel Choir; Ken Mixon, director

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN  Steve Goyer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  Jan Nicholas
Stories of Reconciliation: Community Outreach and Van Driver  Hans Huntsinger

*HYMN 412  GOD, REVEAL YOUR PRESENCE  ARNSBERG

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON  “The Fox, The Hen and The Snakes”  Carol DiGiusto

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER  Steve Goyer

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory  Larghetto (from Sonatina, K439B)  W. A. Mozart (1759 - 1791)  David Tuttle, euphonium; Lois Gurney, piano

*Doxology  (Hymn 606-Tune 607--OLD HUNDREDTH)  PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication  Jan Nicholas
(8:30 am) HOLY COMMUNION  What Wondrous Love Is This  arr. Paul Manz (1919 - 2009)

*HYMN 450  BE THOU MY VISION  SLANE

*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise  (PH 539)

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY  Vivace  J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

* 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) Volunteers.

Sunday School Highlights
A Witness to the Resurrection: An Intentional Passing Over ………… Today and March 24, Rm 302/303
Taught by: Dr. Steve Goyer, Rev. Bill Hoff and Rev. Carol DiGiusto.

Is Haiti Hopeless? ………………………………………………………………………………………… March 31
Not according to Fonkoze, which is providing the tools for women to lift their families out of poverty in the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. Mabel Valdivia, Executive Director of Fonkoze USA, will be sharing stories of hope and visions of the future.

Memory CareGivers Support Group …………………… Monday March 18 in Thompson Parlor, 1:30 pm
Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of Riverside Presbyterian Church, this group will meet at the Apartments on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. The group will be studying, ‘God’s Promise: I am With You,’ led by Jeannette Hoffman and Wendy Mueller. Both men and women are invited.

Young Women’s Adult Small Group ……………………………………………………………………….. Monday March 18, 7:30 pm
A biweekly meeting for women in their 20s and 30s. Join them as they build spiritual friendships and a deeper connection to God. Interested? Contact group leader, Jessica Andes, at 407-488-7886.

4th Sunday Light: A Worship Experience for Children ……………………………………………………….. Sunday March 31
Riverside is offering a new opportunity for children (K-5th grade) to engage in worship. Each 4th Sunday of the month, children are invited to leave the 11:00 am worship service after Faith Sharing with Children and gather in the sanctuary basement with Emily Heeg and Katie Cherwine for a time of prayer, scripture reading and singing with a focus on helping children understand worshiping in community.

New Members Class ……………………………………………………………………………………………… Sunday, March 31 and April 7, 9:30 am
Anyone interested in learning more about Riverside Presbyterian Church is welcome to come. The class will meet in Rev. Goyer’s office. Questions? Contact emily.heeg@rpcjax.org or 904-355-4585 x15.

Connect
• NO Youth Group due to Spring Break
• RPC Plant Sale ……………………………………………………………………………………………… Going on Now!

RPC Summer Programs ………………………………………………………………………………………….. Sign Up Now!
It’s time to sign up for Vacation Bible School, Summer in the City, Reviving Baseball in the Inner-city and RPC Youth Trips! For VBS and SIC: www.rpcjax.org/learn/children 
For RBI: www.rpcjax.org/rbi
For Youth Trips: www.rpcjax.org/learn/youth

The Sanctuary on 8th Street Event / Summer in Sanctuary ……………………………………………… Sunday March 31, 2:00 pm
2032 San Marco Blvd. Summer in Sanctuary is a solo show by performance poet, playwright, actor and public radio host Al Letson. To benefit the Sanctuary on 8th Street. Adults $25/Students $10. www.eventbrite.com/o/18637026318

ICARE - Nehemiah Assembly ……………………………………………………………………………………. Monday April 1, 6:30 pm
Join us at the ICARE’s citizen-led meeting with community leaders. Over 1,500 people of faith will gather to lobby for justice and obtain specific pledges from decision-makers. Abyssinia Baptist Church, 10325 Interstate Center Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32218. Call church office to carpool.

Iona Pilgrimage Tour …………………………………………………………………………………………….. September 6 - 15, 2019
Join us on our 2019 trip as we travel through Scotland visiting Presbyterian Heritage sites & concluding our trip on Iona. Reservation deposits are due now. Contact carol.digiusto@rpcjax.org with questions.

During Lent
To Kill a Mockingbird
Wednesdays March 13-April 17, 1:30-12:30 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
Go to www.rpcjax.org/resources/sign-up-for-emails to sign up for Lenten Daily Prayers.

This Week
Today
• Sunday School Classes
• Joyful Noise Youth Chor - 4 pm
• NO Youth Group

Mar 18
• Memory CareGivers Support Group

Mar 20
• Wednesday Morning Study:
To Kill a Mockingbird

Mar 31
• 4th Sunday Light
• New Members Class
• Summer in Sanctuary

Apr 1
• ICARE Nehemiah Assembly

Today’s Holy Grounds is brought to you by Jan Carr -- celebrating 5 generations! Weekly sponsors and workers are being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas.

Congratulations
To Bryan and Sarah Roberts on the birth of their son, Nathan Bohanon Roberts, March 6, 2019 in Columbia SC. Proud grandparents are Pam and Ron Roberts.

The Chancel Flowers
are given in loving memory of Martha C. Pavlica, by The Pavlica Family. The flowers were arranged by Debra McEachin.

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

Associate Pastor
Rev. Bill Hoff

Parish Associate for Pastoral Care Ministries
Rev. Dr. Carol DiGiusto

Music Ministry
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 Higgins

RPS Headmaster
Ben Ketchum

Service Through Prayer
Jack Adams (son of Bill Adams), Kay Atkins, 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), Wynn Hampton (son of Wade Hampton), Doug Hutchins (Denise Brennan’s father), Allan Knight, Angela Knight, Cheryl Lane (Michael’s wife), Joan Madison, Joe Mews, 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, Crissy Turner (Anita Jones’ niece)

Rehab, Assisted, Nursing Homes and Long Term Care
Shirley Ballowe, Mary Brown, Margie de Bauerenfeind, Gerald Faircloth, Peggy Fannin, Jane & Betty Hazard, Jim Hodge, Norma Hooker, Olive Mahoney, Minerva Mason (Marcy Moody’s mother), Velva Moll, Beverly Overly (Rob’s mother), Myra Pattishall, Judy Perdue, Dannette Robinson, Bill & Suzanne Tomlinson, Bunny Wilkinson, Ruth Wrenshall

In the Armed Forces
Noah Althaus, 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.)
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:

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

Riverside Presbyterian Church
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