

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31 , 2019

8:30 am Worship Service
with Communion

11:00 am Worship Service

“He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: “Follow thou me!” and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.”

*Albert Schweitzer,
The Quest of the Historical Jesus*

Hearing Loops
instructions are located in the Narthex

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

(8:30 am) PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
Adagio and Andante Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)
Lois Gurney, organ

(11:00 am) PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
Meditation from Thais Jules Massenet (1842 - 1912)
Laurie Casseday, cello

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

(11:00 am) CHORAL INTROIT (Hymn 445)
God, How Can We Forgive LEONI
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 Fourth and Fifth Graders
Children: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 53
O God, Who Gives Us Life NOEL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Breanna Sooter
Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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
None Other Lamb Jane Marshall (b. 1924)
Chancel Choir; Laurie Casseday, cello;
Lois Gurney, organ; Ken Mixon, director

(11:00 am) BAPTISM OF PERCY FIELD ROSENBLOOM
Son of Hoyt and Holly Rosenbloom

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Breanna Sooter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Hoff
Stories of Reconciliation: Fonkoze Mabel Valdivia,
Executive Director Fonkoze USA

*HYMN 361 AURELIA
O Christ, the Great Foundation

SCRIPTURE LESSON NT Pages 73 - 77
Luke 15: 1 - 11

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

SERMON “The Joy in Belonging” Steve Goyer

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
(8:30 am) Offertory
You Will Be Found Benj Pasek and Justin Paul
Breanna Sooter, alto; Lois Gurney, organ

(11:00 am) Offertory
Joyance Ron Mallory (b. 1973)
Riverside Handbell Choir; Dave Tuttle, director

*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 Youth

(8:30 am) HOLY COMMUNION
Prelude in F Major J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

*HYMN 774 STUTTGART
There Is Now a New Creation

*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

*CHORAL RESPONSE (Hymn 306) DENNIS
Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Chancel Choir; Ken Mixon, director

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY
Prelude and Fugue in G minor Nicolaus Bruhns (1665 - 1697)

* Please stand if able

We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to our guest cellist from the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, Laurie Casseday, for her accompaniment today.

** 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*.



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Is Haiti Hopeless? **Today**
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.

New Members Class **Today 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.

Summer Screen Time and More **Sunday April 7, Ed Bldg Rm 302/303**
Led by Erin Bailey from The Social Family. Parents and Guardians, come discover positive ways your children can use screen time every day. Make a plan to limit summer screen time and encourage their best ideas.

Online Safety for Grandparents. **Sunday April 14, Ed Bldg Rm 302/303**
Erin Bailey will introduce ways to protect yourself from identity theft and common problems on social media.

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings **Monday April 1, 10:00 am, Bittinger Hall**
All Riverside women are members of Presbyterian Women. PW Circles meet the first Monday of each month. Contact Emily Heeg at (904) 355-4585 x 15 or visit rpcjax.org/learn/presbyterian-women

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



Connect

• **BLAST Survivor Edition for all 5th Graders.** **Today Noon - 2:00 pm**
Join us for lunch and Survivor Games. Which tribe will rise to the top?

• **Youth Group with Dinner** **Today 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
Come for some fun new games, dinner and a very interesting topic: "If you could tell adults one thing..."

• **RPC Youth Plant Sale** **Going on Now!**
Today is the last day to order plants and support our youth! Fill out the pink order form and drop it in the offering plate. Plant pickup is Sunday, April 7

• **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

• **Riversiders Adult Potluck** **Sunday April 7, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**
Riversiders, an all adult church potluck, will be at the home of Cleve and Norma Farnell, 4900 Ortega Blvd. Please contact Emily Heeg at 355-4585 x 15 if child care is needed.

• **Palm Sunday Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt.** **Sunday April 14**
Join us after the 11:00 am worship service for a special Palm Sunday Lunch followed by a Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Reservations for the lunch can be made online at www.rpcjax.org/Sundays or by calling the church office. Suggested cost for the meal is \$8 per adult, \$5 per child or \$25 per family.

• **Goyer Celebration Potluck!** **Sunday April 28, after Worship, Rice Sports Zone**
Join us as we celebrate the 14 years of ministry with Steve and Anita Goyer with an all church picnic/potluck! We are asking last names beginning with A-L bring sides or salads and M-Z bring desserts.

• **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.



Serve

• **The Sanctuary on 8th Street Event / Summer in Sanctuary.** **Today 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

• **Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation & Empowerment (ICARE)** . . . **Monday April 1, 6:30 pm**
Join us at the Nehemiah Assembly'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.

• **Serve at Sulzbacher** **Thursday April 11**
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

• **Pastoral Counseling Services Third Annual 411 Gala - ALOHA!** **Thursday April 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**
"A Celebration of the Healthiest You!" Students/Young Professionals: \$25 Adults: \$65 Friday Musicales, 645 Oak Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204

• **Help Needed for Vacation Bible School (VBS)**
Vacation Bible School is June 3 to 7 from 9:00 am - Noon. Can you volunteer? One day or the whole week. Please contact Emily Heeg at (904) 355-4585 x 15 or emily.heeg@rpcjax.org

• **Sunday Greeters Needed**
We are looking for volunteers to meet our visitors at the doors by making them feel welcome with a sincere greeting and a friendly presence. Please contact Tina at (904) 729-5851 or trgoedtke@att.net

THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School Classes • New Members Class • BLAST for all 5th Graders • Summer in Sanctuary • Joyful Noise Youth Choir - 4 pm • Youth Group
Apr 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW Circle Meetings • New Women's Small Group • Young Women's Adult Small Group • ICARE Nehemiah Assembly
Apr 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Monthly Breakfast Gathering
Apr 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday Morning Study: To Kill a Mockingbird • Contemplative Lenten Service • Monthly Mothers' Lunch
COMING UP ...	
Apr 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riversiders Potluck Dinner
Apr 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Counseling Services Gala

Today's *Holy Grounds* is brought to you by **Patty Knight in loving memory of her mother, Martha Pavelka.** Weekly workers are being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of her parents, Clay and Jo Tousey, by Carol and Vic Hasselblad. The flowers were arranged by Karen Prince.

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
Education & Spiritual Nurture Ministries and Communication Team
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

SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

Jack Adams (son of Bill Adams), Kay Atkins, Roberta Birch, Tina Burrow, Isabel Chambers (Diane Schwalbe's sister), Dale Child, Claudia Coley's father, 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, Betsy Langston, 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, 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.

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 they 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.

Days and Times:

Monday

April 1 ☩ Noon - 1:00 pm

Wednesdays

April 3, 10, 17 ☩ 11:00 am - Noon and 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Thursdays

April 4, 11, 18 ☩ 9:00 - 10:00 am

April 11 ☩ 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Friday

April 19 ☩ 11:00 am - Noon and 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Sundays

April 7 and 14 ☩ Noon - 1:00 pm

April 7 ☩ 9:45 - 10:30 am



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday April 14

8:30 am and 11:00 am - Worship Services
9:30 am - 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 go to <http://rpcjax.org/resources/sign-up-for-emails> and sign up for
Lenten Daily Prayers.



PLANT SALE ORDER FORM

RPC Youth Fundraiser

Plant Pickup
April 7

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Write quantity for each plant. Plants sourced from Loop's Nursery.

__Hydrangea (\$20) __Easter Lily (\$15) __Kalanchoe (\$15) __Reiger Begonia (\$15)

PLEASE PAY FOR PLANTS AT TIME OF ORDER. *Thank you*

Paid by Check # _____ Paid Cash Paid On-Line

(Make checks payable to RPC / Memo Line: Youth Plant Sale)



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