



Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 14, 2021

10:30 am Worship Service

**Welcome to worship at
Riverside Presbyterian Church!**



Weekly Matthew 25 Food for Thought:

"When God stirs up your spirit, He's calling you to action."
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Safety in our Worship Service is Our First Concern

- As recommended by the CDC, we encourage all who are unvaccinated to wear a mask covering nose and mouth when indoors in a public place.
- Worshippers will be seated on every other pew, unless additional seating is needed. Roped off pews may be used for additional seating. If you require socially distanced seating, please call the church office at 904-355-4585 or contact Kathy Para at parakathy@gmail.com, 904-651-1081. Tell us that you are requesting socially distanced seating in worship and give us the date of the service you will be attending. We'll accommodate your request and ensure that we are able to seat you in a socially distanced place.
- Place your offering or notes to our pastors in the black and white offering box at your exit door. You may also give online at rpcjax.org/give or scan the **QR Code** found on the back page with your phone's camera to be linked directly to our Realm online giving portal.
- After the service, please exit quietly through the door closest to your seat.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Melody* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, 1898

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Brian Lays
Stories of Reconciliation: Alternative Gift Market

THREE CHIMES

CHORAL INTROIT *Eric Thiman, 1961*
O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the Lord our God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Who made heaven and earth and all that is, seen and unseen.

One: Blessed be the Father, who knows what we need before we ask.

All: Who holds us as a mother holds her newborn child.

One: Blessed be Jesus Christ, son of Mary, Son of God.

All: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven.

One: Blessed be the Holy Spirit, our comforter and our strength.

All: Who grafts us into Christ and makes us new.

One: Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

* HYMN 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* ASSURANCE

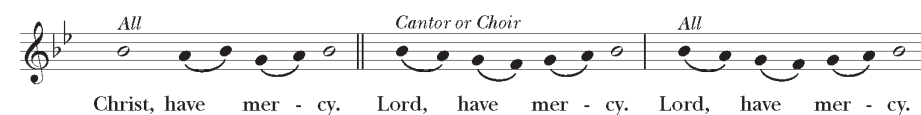
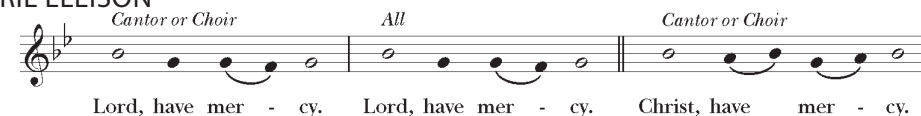
PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sunelle Stander Lays

One: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins together:

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Moment of Silence and personal reflection

KYRIE ELEISON



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me* Philip Wilby, 1992

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; e'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Emily Heeg

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Brian Lays
Baptism of Ellen James Jackson, daughter of Kaitlin (Weaver) and Thomas Jackson

* BAPTISMAL CREED

Little one, for you, Jesus came into the world: For you he lived and showed God's love; For you he suffered the darkness of Calvary, and cried at the last, "It is finished." For you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life; for you he ascended to reign at God's right hand. All this God did for you, little one, though you do not know it yet. And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled: "We love because God first loved us."

From the Reformed Church in France

* HYMN 703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST. CATHERINE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 16
Hebrews 10: 11 - 14; 19 - 25

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *What Stirs You Up?* Brian Lays

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Breanna Sooter

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O For a Closer Walk* Charles Villiers Stanford, 1910

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Breanna Sooter

* HYMN 353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Impromptu No. 1* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, 1911

* Please stand if able

You may leave at your leisure during the Postlude through the door nearest your seat, but please do so quietly out of respect for those choosing to remain.

a movement for reconciliation



WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

New to Riverside? Welcome!

We are delighted you are here and would like to connect with you. Please get a *Welcome Bag* from the table in the narthex, complete the visitor information card and leave it in the offering box in the narthex. We are thrilled you worshiped with us today and hope you found our church welcoming, inspiring, and meaningful. If you have questions, please contact Karla Newton at (904) 571-5687 or knewton1@gmail.com. Thanks again for visiting RPC! We look forward to seeing you again soon. Blessings, Karla Newton, RPC Elder

Happening Today at Riverside Presbyterian Church

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGPOSTPONED - Date to Be Determined

Free Concerts at Riverside: Two Piano Concert Today, 3:00 pm
Join us for our annual two-piano concert featuring pianists Rose Grace and Alan Ragan. This dynamic duo will perform works of composers Amy Beach, Clara Schumann, and Cécile Chaminade on RPC's beautiful Steinway pianos in the Sanctuary.

Combined Middle and High School Youth Group Today, 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Meet at Rice Field. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. Please bring your mask.

Compline Evening Prayer Begins Today Sunday and Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm
This brief (15-minute), lay-led service of prayers, psalms, and scripture at the close of day has been part of Christian worship since the sixth century. Light some candles, check-in with your fellow RPC members, and worship together in this ancient form at the beginning of and halfway through your week. Join via Zoom at us02web.zoom.us/j/83654308311 or go to www.rpcjax.org/sundays for direct link.

Riverside Presbyterian Church | Prayer Wall



RPC is launching a public community virtual prayer wall to give members and the larger community the opportunity to pray for each other. Go to rpcjax.org/prayer-wall or scan the QR code to the left to submit your prayer request. Double click anywhere on the prayer wall to write your prayer which will appear upon approval. Prayer requests will be displayed on Sunday mornings prior to worship for members to pray through while waiting for worship to start. Previous methods of submitting prayer requests to the church are still in place.

For All Sunday School information, go to www.rpcjax.org/sundays/sunday-school
Children's Worship Bags are available in the narthex

Spiritual Exile and Seeds of Promise a Virtual Workshop with John Philip Newell Saturday, November 20 at 1:00 pm
In his widely acclaimed series *Spiritual Exile & Seeds of Promise*, John Philip Newell explores the yearnings that have led countless numbers of people into an experience of exile from the religious traditions of their inheritance. Cost \$25. Learn more and register at montreat.org/events/spiritual-exile-seeds-of-promise-ep5

Five Points Neighborhood Walk Sunday, November 21, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
The Matthew 25 Task Forces invites you to a "Neighborhood Analysis" Walk in Five Points!! Come join us as we deepen our missional connections in the Riverside neighborhood! We will meet in the Upper Parking Lot after Church and explore Five Points, taking notes of the area's strengths as well as needs, and ending at Mossfire Restaurant for a brief discussion and a Dutch Treat lunch at 12:30. Rides back to the church will be available. All are welcome - Families, Youth, Adults! Register at rpcjax.org/programs/adults

Christmas Under the Oaks at Montgomery Center RSVP by November 20, 2021
Montgomery Center is kicking off a \$1,000,000 capital campaign December 4, 2021. Join us to share memories and celebrate praise in the Christian tradition. Please RSVP by November 20, 2021. Seats are \$75, and tables of 6 are \$500 and come with a promotional opportunity for those who purchase a table. To register, please go to montgomerycentergala.campbrainregistration.com

Alternative Gift Catalog Return Orders to the Church by December 10
Support local and global missions this Advent and Christmas Season! Check your mail for the catalog or download the catalog at www.rpcjax.org/serve/in-our-world

It's Caring Tree Time! Now through Sunday, December 12
Choose gifts online at <https://bit.ly/3bDqdQi> or rpcjax.org/serve/in-our-community OR choose a gift tag from the Caring Tree in the Sanctuary. Bring wrapped gifts with visible tags to the church parking lot drop offs on December 8, 9 or 10 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm or bring them to the Sanctuary before 11:30 am on Sunday, December 12. Contact Jo Pratt-Dannals with any questions at 904-707-5625.

2022 Stewardship Update
As of November 10, 2021, we have received pledges equalling \$777,920.95 towards our 2022 goal of \$1,090,950.

SYMPATHY

to Jenny Parker Brumback, family and friends on the death of her grandmother, Bernice S. Snellenbarger, November 1, 2021. A service was held in Linden, IN on November 8.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of John's parents, Jack and Ina Humes; John's brother, Jim Humes; and Susan's parents, Prentiss and Eula Parker, by John, Susan and Frances Humes. The flowers were arranged by Ann Curley.

SYMPATHY

to family and friends of Faith Erath, on her death November 8, 2021. Service plans are unknown at this time.



MAKING YOUR 2022 PLEDGE ONLINE

To make your 2022 pledge online, scan this QR code with your phone's camera. It will link you directly to our Realm online giving portal. Or type rpcjax.org/pledge into your browser.



Did you know that one of RPC's most vibrant ministries, our basketball league, plays every game, every year, in other church gyms across Jacksonville? With a new family life center, could this be one of our best opportunities to introduce RPC and RPDS to new families?



ONLINE GIVING

To give to RPC online, scan this QR code with your phone's camera. It will link you directly to our Realm online giving portal. Or type rpcjax.org/give into your browser.

SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

Noah Althuis, Kay Armstrong, Sarah Bayley, Roberta Birch, William Boree, The Busch Family (RPDS), Jack Calhoun, Mary Cousar, Judy Davidson, Brenda Dohn, Robert Flynn, Maria and Charles Fuentes, Brian Galbraith, Madelyne Gillis (Ken Mixon's mother-in-law), Tina Goedtke, Wade Hampton, Sr., John Hartman, Ginger Heard (Hilary Shipp's mother), Jennifer Jones (Jennifer Branch's mother), Robert Littell, Jack & Jane Lockwood, Joe & Kathy Lopez, Christine Rosenbloom Lyons, Joe Meux, Tony Morrow, John Ormand (Lisa Taylor's brother), Blake Owens (Judy Wingate's son in law), Janell Palmer, Michael Perry, Mersida Porcic, Earl & Liane Sickels, Art Small, Carolyn Smith, Sara Smith, Mildred Taylor, Suzanne Tomlinson, Don & Lois Ward, George Ward (Laura Crooks' brother)

Rehab, Assisted, Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care (in a facility or at home)

Shirley Ballowe, Margie de Bauernfeind, Liz Dean, Jack Hazard, Betsy Langston, Myra Pattishall, Dannette Robinson, Ruth Wrenshall

In the Armed Forces

Andy Berner, Gray Creed, Carl Crumpler, Reid Hampton, Cole Heeg, Brittanie Llorens, Matt McCullough, Carson McKendree

(If you would like more information on any of those listed, please call the church office at (904) 355-4585 x 0)

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove, ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거듭나니
이 세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.