

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Please excuse our dust as we prepare for the joyous sounds of our new organ, expected to arrive in August 2018. Learn more about the progress of the organ on the display boards in Bittinger Hall.  
Thank you!*

### Fourth Sunday of Easter April 22, 2018

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*

Today's bulletin is printed on plain lower weight paper which is better for our environment. We also offer a digital bulletin for your use and consideration at [www.rpcjax.org](http://www.rpcjax.org)

PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION  
*Introduction and Toccata* Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583 - 1643)

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 am)  
*All Creatures of Our God and King* (Hymn 15) LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
Chancel Choir

INVOCATION

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 19: 1-2

Pastor: The heavens are telling the glory of God:  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
All: Let us give praise and worship God.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 14  
*For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

PRAYER OF ADORATION (Unison) Breanna Sooter  
**Hello, sun in my face. Hello, you who make the morning and spread it over the fields and into the faces of the tulips and the nodding morning glories, and into the windows of, even, the miserable and the crotchety --**

**best preacher that ever was, dear star, that just happens to be where you are in the universe to keep us from ever-darkness, to ease us with warm touching, to hold us in the great hands of light -- good morning, good morning, good morning.**

**Watch, now, how I start the day in happiness, in kindness.**  
*"Why I Wake Early", from the "New and Selected Poems, Vol. Two" by Mary Oliver*

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.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM (11:00 am, see insert)  
*Praise We Sing to Thee* J. Haydn, arr. Morten Luvaas  
Chancel Choir

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Breanna Sooter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jan Nicholas  
Stories of Reconciliation: Pastoral Counseling Services Beth Touchton, Board Chair

\*HYMN 22  
*God of the Sparrow* ROEDER

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 2: 4b-9 OT Pg 2

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

SERMON "Creation Care **Sunday?**" Steve Goyer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00 am) Bill Hoff

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
Offertory Solo (8:30 and 11:00 am)  
*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* arr. Margaret Bonds  
Brittany Llorens, alto

\*Doxology (Hymn-Tune 609--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 Jan Nicholas

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 am, see insert)  
Organ Solo  
*Sicilienne* Maria-Theresia Paradis (1759 - 1824)

\*HYMN 37  
*Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

\*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

\*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 am)  
*Praise Ye the Lord* (Hymn 35, stanza 3) LOBE DEN HERREN

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY  
*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Paul Manz (1919 - 2009)

\* 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 - ask an usher about a **Welcome Bag** for you in the Narthex. Look in your pew rack for the new **Prayer Request & Comment Cards**.  
The Mission of the Month is **Downtown Ecumenical Services Council (DESC)**.



## Grow

### Today's Sunday School Highlights

- New Members Class** . . . . . **Today and April 29, 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](mailto:emily.heeg@rpcjax.org) or 355-4585 x15.
- Learn about Haiti and Fonkoze** . . . . . **Today and April 29, 9:30 am, Ed Bldg, Rm 302/303**  
Rev. Bill Hoff, Virginia Zeigler and Jessica Andes will share their recent experience traveling to Haiti and learning about the work of Fonkoze. On Sunday, April 29, Steven Werlin, author of "To Fool the Rain" and Fonkoze's communication and learning officer, will speak.
- Children, Youth and Mental Health** . . . . . **Today and April 29, 9:30 am, Ed Bldg, Library**  
*Led by Dr. Elise Fallucco who specializes in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at UF Health Jacksonville.*  
April 22 - The Challenges of Parenting a Preschooler: When do you and/or your child need help? April 29 - Stress in the iGeneration: Recognizing Anxiety and Depression in your 6-18 year old.

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

### Coming Next Weekend

**Vision for Haiti - Steven Werlin** . . . . . **Friday, April 27 and Sunday, April 29**  
Join us for a fantastic weekend as Steven Werlin, author and Fonkoze's Communication and Learning Officer shares with us about his experience with Haiti's ultra-poor and their steps to end poverty. Meet Steven in person and hear his thoughtful report from the field. Friday, April 27 in the Spirituality Center at St. Vincent's, 6:30-8:00 pm. Please RSVP for the reception by calling the church office (904) 355-4585 or emailing [office@rpcjax.org](mailto:office@rpcjax.org) On Sunday, April 29, during 9:30 am Sunday School class, Room 302/303.



## Connect

- **Creation Care Sunday - Take the Wildlife Challenge!** **Today**  
Make your own yard a little more "native Florida". Here's our challenge: Replace a little area of your "manicured lawn" with native plants which provide the best food and habitat. Send before and after photos to [lisaow@gmail.com](mailto:lisaow@gmail.com) so we can display your progress on the tv outside the church office. Do it for the wildlife. Do it for all of us!
- **Pre-Trip Meeting for ASP Mission Trip** **Today, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, Bittinger Hall**  
Pre-Trip Meeting for Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip for youth participants, their parents and all adult participants.
- **Youth Group** **Today, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**  
Youth Group tonight for all 6th-12th graders in the Youth Building! Dinner will be a build-your-own quesadilla bar.
- **ICARE - Nehemiah Assembly** **Monday, April 23, 6:30 - 9:00 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.
- **Great Underwear Challenge!** **Tuesday, April 24, 6:00 pm**  
Please bring new underwear and socks during the month of April to the basket in Bittinger Hall or donate online at [www.greatunderwearchallenge.com](http://www.greatunderwearchallenge.com) Our collection will be presented to Captain Underwear and Princess Pantaloons at the Great Underwear Celebration at Avondale's Mellow Mushroom.
- **May Lunch & Learn: Gainesville Natural History Museum** **Thursday, May 10, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**  
Join us on a special 60 minute tour that highlights selected sections of of UF Natural History Museum. We will then explore the Butterfly Rainforest at our own pace. Cost is \$15 plus \$\$ for lunch at Northwest Grille.

### THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given in loving memory of Jennie S. Chalmers and Henry Loomis, by Jacqueline Loomis, Charley, Robert and Heidi, Lisa and David, Peggy Sue and Johnny Williams, and grandchildren.  
The flowers were arranged by Kay Armstrong.

#### Time to Sign Up for Summer Programs at RPC!!

Vacation Bible School . . . . . June 4 - 8  
Summer in the City . . . . . June 4 - 8  
Reviving Baseball in the Inner City . . . . . June 18 - 21  
Reviving Baseball in the Inner City . . . . . June 25 - 28  
Youth Summer Trips . . . . . Varying Dates

**Go to iRiverside to learn more and register!**

If you are using a pew envelope for your offering and wish this to be recorded as part of your pledge, **please make sure you include your first and last name.**  
Thank you!

## THIS WEEK

<b>TODAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creation Care Sunday</li> <li>Sunday School</li> <li>New Member Class</li> <li>Pre-Trip Meeting for ASP Mission Trip</li> <li>Youth Group</li> </ul>
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<b>APR 27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision for Haiti - Spirituality Center, St. Vincent's</li> </ul>
<b>COMING UP ...</b>	
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Today's **Holy Grounds** is brought to you by **Susie Morrow, in loving memory of Sara, Ed, and Jeff Morrow.**

### SYMPATHY

to Lawton and Ann Green, Cindy Thompson, and family on the death of their daughter, and Cindy's sister, Denise Teague, April 11, 2018, of complications from cancer.  
No arrangement details are known at this time.

### Pastor

Dr. Steve Goyer  
**Associate Pastor**  
Bill Hoff

### Parish Associate for Pastoral Care Ministries

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

Roberta Birch, Claudia Coley's father, Donna Cotton, Martha Davis, Chuck Davidson, Mel & Peggy Fannin, Winn Hampton (son of Wade Hampton), Emily Heeg, Allan Knight, Jacque Loomis, Myra Pattishall, Mersida Porcic, Bill Schilling, Carol Schoenberger, Lindsey Speckman, Bill Tomlinson, George Ward (Laura Crooks' brother), Bunny Wilkinson

### Rehab, Assisted, Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care

Shirley Ballowe, Margie de Bauernfeind, Mary Brown, Gerald Faircloth, Thalia Hawkins, Jack and Betty Hazard, Jim Hodge, Norma Hooker, Ralph Hoyt, Merle Lear, Ruth Lisso, Olive Mahoney, Minerva Mason (Marcy Moody's mother), Velve Moll, Judi Perdue, Dannette Robinson, Edna Teachey, Thelma Vincent, Ruth Wrenshall, Betty Wyant

### 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.)*