

*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!*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
Festal Fanfare J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 am)
When Morning Gilds the Skies (Hymn 667) LAUDES DOMINI
Chancel Choir

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP 1 John 4: 16
Pastor: God is love,
People: And those who abide in love abide in God.
All: And God abides in us. Let us worship the God who is love.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 366
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF ADORATION (Unison) Emily Heeg
O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may learn to love our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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)
Thee Will I Love Craig Courtney
Chancel and Celebration Choirs; Penny Cunningham, piano

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Bill Hoff

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Hoff
Stories of Reconciliation: Fonkoze Steven Werlin

*HYMN 693
Though I May Speak GIFT OF LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 4: 7 - 21 NT Pg 230

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

SERMON "The Love Thing" Steve Goyer

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Trio (8:30 am)
Christ is the Vine Marilyn and James Biery
Brittany Llorens, alto; Zachary Polendo, tenor;
Katherine Crumrine, flute

Offertory Anthem (11:00 am)
Christ is the Vine Marilyn and James Biery
Celebration Choir; Penny Cunningham, piano; Katherine Crumrine, flute

*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 Bill Hoff

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 am, see insert)
Thee We Adore, O Hidden Christ arr. David Chewien

*HYMN 300
We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 am)
Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts (Hymn 60) ST. MAGNUS

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY
Presto (from Concerto in G Major, BWV 592) 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 - 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, 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 355-4585 x15.
- Children, Youth and Mental Health** **Today, 9:30 am, Ed Bldg, Library**
Led by Dr. Elise Fallucco who specializes in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at UF Health Jacksonville.
April 29 - Stress in the iGeneration: Recognizing Anxiety and Depression in your 6-18 year old.
- Vision for Haiti - Steven Werlin.** **Today, 9:30 am, Ed Bldg Rm 302/303**
Join us 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.

Look for all Sunday School Options Listed on Church Door Posters

- Young Adult Women's Small Group** **Monday, April 30, 7:30 pm**
For women in their late 20s and early 30s. For more info, contact Jessica Andes, (407) 488-7886.
- Men's Monthly Gathering** **Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 am, Bittering Hall**
Join us for great fellowship and a delicious hot breakfast in Bittering Hall. All men of Riverside are welcome.
- Riverside Presbyterian Women's Circles Meetings** **Monday, May 7**
All women of the church are invited to participate. If you are not currently a member of a Circle but would like to join, contact Carol Gay at 703-4904 for a list of times for each Circle. PW provides an opportunity to support the missions of the church as well as meet and interact with other women of the church.



Connect

- **Youth Group** **Today, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
Youth Group tonight for all 6th-12th graders in the Youth Building! Dinner will be provided.
- **New Knitting Group Organizational Meeting** **Tuesday, May 1, 10:00 am, Library**
The Women of the Church have organized a committee of our members who enjoy knitting. We have some knitting wool to get started making warm knitted items to keep our older friends warm. Anyone who likes to knit, or is interested in participating, is welcome. Questions, contact Eleanor Carswell at 384-1282.
- **Music at Noon** **Tuesday, May 2, 12:00 pm, Sanctuary**
Eda Shlyam will perform "The Forgotten Melodies for Piano: 19th Century Transcriptions" for us in this Community Concert Series. *Please note: there will be NO lunch following the concert.*
- **New Member Reception** **Sunday, May 6, 10:30 - 11:00 am, Holy Grounds**
The First Friends Team of the RPC Deacons will be welcoming our new and newer members at a special Holy Grounds in Bittering Hall. Please join us as we welcome them into our RPC Family!
- **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 UF Natural History Museum. We will then explore the Butterfly Rainforest at our own pace. Cost is \$15 plus \$\$ for lunch at Northwest Grille.
- **Field Days** **May 18 and May 24, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm**
Volunteers are needed for the 15 or more play stations that include games, relays and challenges. Central Riverside Elementary is May 18 and Fishweir Elementary is May 24. If you are able to spend a few hours, please contact Jan Nicholas at the church office. Lunch is provided!

CONGRATULATIONS

to Jenny Parker and Michael Brumback, and Families, on their marriage April 14, 2018.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given in loving memory of her parents, Fred and Norma Kent, and husband, Bill Lockwood, by Norma Lockwood and Family;
and, in loving memory of Darrell A. Moses, by Mildred Taylor and Family and Friends.
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

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • New Member Class • Youth Group
APR 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Adult Women's Small Group
MAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Monthly Gathering • Prayer Shawl Volunteer Meeting
MAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music at Noon
COMING UP ...	
MAY 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Members Reception • Tradition House Open House
MAY 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW Circles Meetings
MAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch & Learn: UF Natural History Museum

Financial Update through March 2018

Pledged Revenue Budgeted: \$461,000
Pledged Revenue Received: \$405,029
Excess or (Shortfall): (\$55,971)

Thank you for your support of our church. We unfortunately have a deficit in our cash flow (over \$55,000). Please help in reducing this deficit, so that our church may touch lives through our ministries and mission.

Today's **Holy Grounds** is brought to you by
The John Lockwood Family,
in Loving Memory of Winkie Booher.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Alice Ruth Gould and Timothy John Grisnik, and Families, on their marriage April 21, 2018.

Pastor

Dr. Steve Goyer
Associate Pastor
Bill Hoff

Parish Associate for Pastoral Care Ministries

Dr. Carol DiGiusto
Music Ministry

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, Nancy Drought, Mel & Peggy Fannin, Winn Hampton (son of Wade Hampton), Allan Knight, Jacque Loomis, Myra Pattishall, Mersida Porcic, Bill Schilling, 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 & Betty Hazard, Jim Hodge, Norma Hooker, Ralph Hoyt, Merle Lear, Ruth Lisso, Olive Mahoney, Minerva Mason (Marcy Moody's mother), Velva Moll, Judi Perdue, Dannette Robinson, Carol Schoenberger, Edna Teachey, Bill & Suzanne Tomlinson, 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.)