

*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!*

First Sunday in Lent February 18, 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
Andante Tranquillo; Andante Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 am)
My Lord! What a Morning (Hymn 352) MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING
Chancel Choir

GREETING

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

First Graders: With eyes to see,
And ears to hear,
With lips to sing,
And hands to help:
Let us worship God with the fullness of our being.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**Unison**) (CELTIC PRAYER) Breanna Sooter

**I am bending my knee
in the Eye of the Father, who created me,
in the Eye of the Son, who reconciled me,
in the Eye of the Spirit, who cleansed me.
By your own Anointed One, O God,
bestow upon us fullness in our need.
Give us love towards God, the affection of God, the smile of God,
the wisdom of God, the grace of God, the fear of God,
and the will of God to do on the world of the Three
as angels and saints do in heaven.
Each shade and light, each day and night,
each time in kindness, give us your Spirit. Amen**

(Silent prayer of Confession)

CHORAL 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

ANTHEM (11:00 am)

Plenty Good Room

arr. William Henry Smith (1908 - 1944)
Chancel Choir

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Emily Heeg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jan Nicholas

*HYMN 450
Be Thou My Vision SLANE

SCRIPTURE LESSON
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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Light in the Wilderness?" Steve Goyer

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Solo (8:30 and 11:00 am)
Give Me Jesus arr. Fernando Ortega (b. 1957)
Geoff Gartner, tenor

*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 Breanna Sooter

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 am)
Communion Solo
Aria da Chiesa Georg Muffat (c. 1635 - 1704)

*HYMN 775
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me WALK WITH ME

*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 am)
Guide My Feet (Hymn 741) Chancel Choir GUIDE MY FEET

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY
Grand Chorus in B flat Theodore Dubois (1837 - 1924)

** Please stand if able*

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 *Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless*.

Light in the Wilderness *Riverside's Journey through Lent*

In the season of Lent, we are called by God to look with honesty at the wilderness places in our hearts and lives. We are invited to discover that it is only in the sharing of our human vulnerability that our potential for resurrection is to be found. 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!

*Each morning during Lent, Riverside will email you a Celtic prayer.
These prayers invite our community to journey together through Lent and are a daily reminder about observing Lent as a time to reflect on our personal spiritual journey. An adult Sunday School class, beginning on March 4, will explore Celtic spirituality in greater depths.*

“Service of Reflection” during Lent with Rev. Carol DiGiusto
Wednesdays during Lent beginning February 21
from 6:30 - 7:00 pm in Thompson Parlor

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, February 19, for Presidents' Day.
Opens Tuesday, February 20, at 8:30 am.

THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Youth Group
FEB 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Office Closed



Grow

SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT:

Social Justice Ministry **Today, 9:30 am**
Criminal Justice has been chosen by ICARE (Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation & Empowerment) members as the issue to study this year. Join guest speaker Kristin Powell Executive Director of ICARE and Minnie Smith Woodlawn Presbyterian and ICARE board treasurer will share their experience working for reform.

Look for all Sunday School Options Listed on Church Door Posters

Today's *Holy Grounds* is in honor of the **Herb Underwood Class, by Joe and Elizabeth Meux.**
Weekly sponsors and workers are currently being sought.
Contact Jan Nicholas for available dates.

Women's Getaway with Rev. Sharol Hayner **9:30 am Sat., March 17-10:30 am Sun., March 18**

This Isn't the Way I Thought it Would Be? What Happened God? Stories from Jeremiah
Join us for a relaxing weekend on the river at Marywood Retreat Center (only a short drive away). Rev. Sharol Hayner will lead us in a time of renewal. The cost is \$85 dollars. Saturday registration is \$30. There is scholarship money available if needed. Register on [iRiverside](http://iRiverside.org) or contact Emily Heeg at (904) 355-4585 x 15.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS
are given in loving memory of Ed Schoenberger and their parents, Esther and Earl P. Schoenberger, Sr. and Cathryn and William Cooper, by Carol Schoenberger.
The flowers were arranged by Karen Prince.



Connect

- **Youth Group** **Tonight, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
High School and Middle School Youth Group tonight in the Youth Building, 729 Post St. Dinner provided. Secret Hint: LINT or LENT
- **SAVE THE DATE: Youth Basket Auction and Chili Cook Off** **Sunday, March 4, Noon**
We are looking for people to enter their chili in the cook off and / or to donate a gift basket for the silent auction! Can you donate a basket? Or enter your chili in the Cook Off?? All proceeds from this fundraiser help lower summer trip costs for our youth! Contact breanna.sooter@rpcjax.org
- **Music At Noon: Matthew Phan** **Wednesday, March 7, Noon**
Piano concert by Matthew Phan, a twelve year old pianist studying under Mary Lou Wesley Krosnick. Please note that there will NOT be a lunch after the concert.
- **PLANT SALE**
The RPC Youth Plant Sale is happening now! You can order and pay for your plants online on [iRiverside](http://iRiverside.org). These gorgeous plants are from Loop's Nursery. Hydrangeas are \$20. Kalanchoes, Begonias and Easter Lilies are \$15 each. All of the profits from the Youth Plant Sale go toward lowering summer trip costs for our youth!

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Dr. Steve Goyer
Associate Pastor
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Dr. Carol DiGiusto
Music Ministry
Dr. Lois Gurney
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Serve

Please pray for our RPC delegation in Haiti now through February 21. They are learning more about the work of Fonkoze and how our church can continue to partner with their efforts to end poverty in Haiti.

SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

Sarah Bayley, Roberta Birch, Joyce Bond, Mary Brown, Martha Davis, Nancy Drought, Faith Erath, Robert Erath (son of Faith Erath), Jane Estes, Mel & Peggy Fannin, Winn Hampton (son of Wade Hampton), Jim Hodge, Norma Hooker, Olive Mahoney, Linda Moseley, Missy Parks, Mersida Porcic, Betty Rosenbloom, Vivian Royo (daughter of Faith Erath), Bill Schilling, Mike Small, Rosalie Sziarto, Mildred B. Taylor, Edna Teachey, Denise Teague (daughter of Ann & Lawton Green), Doris Thomas, Bill Tomlinson, Reggie Touchton, Di Tyree, Thelma Vincent, George Ward (Laura Crooks' brother), Judy Wingate, Betty Wyant

Rehab, Assisted, and Nursing Homes

Shirley Ballowe, Mary Bartholomew, Margie de Bauernefeind, Gerald Faircloth, Jack and Betty Hazard, Ralph Hoyt, Warren Jolley, Ruth Lisso, Minerva Mason (Marcy Moody's mother), Velve Moll, Judi Perdue, Dannette Robinson, 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.)