

*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!*

Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 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

O Lamb of God, unblemished

J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends of the Groom

Psalm 25:1 - 11

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Confession Scenes
(Silent prayer of Confession)

Friends of the Groom

CHORAL RESPONSE (Hymn 423)

**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.**

SARADAY

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM (11:00 am)
Soon Ah Will Be Done

William L. Dawson (1899 - 1990)

Chancel Choir

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

"The Tale of the Three Trees"

Friends of the Groom

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Hoff

*HYMN 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:27 - 38

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Parable of the Lighthouse"

Friends of the Groom

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

The Lord's Prayer Dialogue

Friends of the Groom

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory (8:30 and 11:00 am)

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee

Johann Walter (1496 - 1570)

*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

Steve Goyer

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 am)

O Lamb of God, unblemished

Johann Pachelbel (1635 - 1706)

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 am)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (Hymn 700)
Chancel Choir

I'M GONNA LIVE

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee

Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897)

** Please stand if able*

*We wish to extend our gratitude and appreciation to our guests for leading today's worship services,
Friends of the Groom;
Peter DeWitt, organist; and,
Ken Mixon, Chancel Choir director.*

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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN LENT

5:15 - 6:00 pm Children's Choir
5:45 - 6:30 pm Dinner
6:20 - 7:00 pm Children and Youth Program
(Children are experiencing engaging and active prayer stations each week)

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

THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Youth Group
FEB 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarnished Angels • Memory Care Support Group
FEB 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarnished Angels
FEB 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study • Wednesday Night Fellowship • Home Sweet Home • Lenten Service of Reflection
MAR 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch & Learn: Baseball!!



Grow

SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT:

Adult Sunday School during Lent **Begins Sunday, March 4, 9:30 am**

A special Lenten Sunday School class, taught by Rev. Bill Hoff. "Light in the Wilderness: A New Journey into Celtic Spirituality" where we will explore the powerful, sometimes dangerous perspective of Celtic Spirituality as a pathway to the Light of Christ.

Look for all Sunday School Options Listed on Church Door Posters

Young Adult Women's Small Group **Monday, February 26, 7:30 pm**

For women in their late 20s and early 30s. For more info, contact Jessica Andes, (407) 488-7886.

Home Sweet Home led by Vicky Watkins **Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Meets on the last Wednesday Night of each month to explore the issue of poverty with an emphasis on affordable housing in Jacksonville. Guest speaker is Jim Gilmore, a partner with Infinity Global Solutions LLC, who works to develop a broad range of community solutions.

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.

Today's *Holy Grounds* is in Honor of the **Basketball Players and Coaches, by Riverside Presbyterian Basketball League**. Weekly sponsors and workers are currently being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas for available dates.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given in loving memory of Betty and Herdy Ulmer, Jean Ulmer Brinkman, and James Ross Marsh, Jr., by Frances U. Howey, Elizabeth U. Jolley, Dorothy U. Marsh, and Walter H. Brinkman. The flowers were arranged by Karen Prince.

♥ RPC's Tarnished Angels ♥

are meeting February 26 and 27 in Bittering Kitchen from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Gloves and polish provided for your loving hands to polish silver.



Connect

- **Youth Group** **Tonight, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
It's Make your own pizza night at Youth Group! Youth Building, 729 Post St. For all 6th-12th Graders!
- **Memory CareGivers Support Group** **Monday, February 26, 1:30 pm**
Practical information on caregiving problems and possible solutions, talk through challenges and ways of coping, share feelings, needs, and concerns. Learn about resources available in our community.
- **March Lunch and Learn: Spring Training Baseball** **Thursday, March 1, 9:00 am - 6:30 pm**
Our Spring Training Baseball Outing is at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland for the Atlanta Braves and Detroit Tigers afternoon game! A great opportunity for young and old alike to revel in America's favorite past-time-Baseball! Tickets will be purchased 'dutch' treat as a group. Please contact Susie Morrow (morrows@duvalschools.org; 904-334-7550), or Bud Para (ParaBud@gmail.com; 904-651-0814)
- **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!

SYMPATHY

to Jim Bond and Family on the death of Joyce Bond Friday, February 16, 2018. Services were held February 20, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL. Please keep the family and friends in prayer.

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
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SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

Betty Barnes, Sarah Bayley, Roberta Birch, Joyce Bond Family, Mary Brown, Martha Davis, Chuck Davidson, Nancy Drought, Faith Erath, Robert Erath (son of Faith Erath), Jane Estes, Mel & Peggy Fannin, Barbara Ford, Laura Gordon, Winn Hampton (son of Wade Hampton), Jim Hodge, Norma Hooker, Merle Lear, 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 Bauernfeind, Gerald Faircloth, Jack and Betty Hazard, Ralph Hoyt, Warren Jolley, Ruth Lisso, Olive Mahoney, Minerva Mason (Marcy Moody's mother), Velva 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.)