

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!*

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany February 4, 2018

8:30 am Worship Service
11:00 am Worship Service
with Communion at both services

"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

PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

8:30 am
Steal Away arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Let Us Break Bread Together arr. Gordon Young
11:00 am
Clarion Call Michael Joy
Riverside Hand Bell Choir; David Tuttle, director

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 am)
We Are Standing on Holy Ground (Hymn 406) HOLY GROUND
Celebration Choir

GREETING

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:31
Pastor: Those who wait for the Lord
People: **shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles,**
All: **they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God EIN FIESTE BURG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Emily Heeg
As the wind is our symbol, so forward our goings. As the dove, so launch us heavenwards. As water, so purify our spirits. As a cloud, so abate our temptations. As dew, so revive our languor. As fire, so purge out our dross. 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)
Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel? arr. John Carter (2000)
Celebration Choir; Penny Cunningham, piano

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN 43

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord ON EAGLE'S WINGS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31 OT Page 683

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

SERMON *The "_____ " Beyond Description* Steve Goyer

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem (8:30 and 11:00 am)
Deep River arr. H. T. Burleigh (1866 - 1949)
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 Bill Hoff

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Solo (8:30 am)
Allegro moderato Léon Boëllmann (1862 - 1897)
Communion Solo (11:00 am)
Grazioso Arnold B. Sherman
Riverside Hand Bell Choir; David Tuttle, director

*HYMN 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 am)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (Hymn 543) GREEN TYLER
Celebration Choir

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

The Rejoicing Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

** Please stand if able*

TODAY - FEBRUARY 4

immediately following the 11:00 am Worship Service

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

for the purpose of approving Pastor's and Associate Pastor's 2018 Terms of Call, hearing financial report, and the Election of New Officers.

Youth will be collecting money for the Souper Bowl of Caring today

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 Volunteers!**



Grow

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS:

A Heart of Grace: Studies from the Book of Jonah **Today, February 11, 18, and 25**
A Woman's Bible Study. This women's group, led by Janie Jones, will study lessons from the Book of Jonah. Join this group for great study, discussion and fellowship. Williams Building, 2nd Floor Conference Rm.

Social Justice Ministry with Vicky Watkins & John Sapora **February 11 and 18**
Criminal Justice has been chosen by ICARE (Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation & Empowerment) members as the issue to study this year. Join guest speaker, Hank Coxe on February 11 to learn more about problems in our criminal justice system and other ICARE members on February 18 who will share their experience working for reform.

Riverside Presbyterian Women's Circles **Monday, February 5**
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.

Young Adult Women's Small Group **Monday, February 5, 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, February 6, 7:00 am, Bittering Hall**
Join us for great fellowship and a delicious hot breakfast in Bittering Hall. All men of Riverside are welcome.

Women's Getaway with Rev. Sharol Hayner **9:30 am Saturday, March 17-10:30 am Sunday, 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 at Marywood Retreat Center just south of Julington Creek. Sharol has served in the PCUSA for over 45 years and is well-known for her teaching and loved by Riversiders. The cost is \$85 dollars. Saturday registration is \$30. There is scholarship money available if needed.



Connect

• **Youth Group** **Tonight**
All 6th-8th Graders are invited to our Middle School SuperBowl Watch Party at the Meux's house (2709 Cherokee Ave.) Arrive: 6:00 pm. Depart: At the end of the halftime show. Bring: Yourself and your friends
Optional: Bring a fun SuperBowl watching food to share! Please plan to be dropped off and picked up from the Meux's house.

• **Presbyterian Women's Circles Gathering** **Monday, February 12, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**
All women are invited to the Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering in Bittering Hall. This is serving as our rescheduled Salad Luncheon. Circle 3 will be hosting. You are encouraged to bring a dish to share. We will have a speaker from D.E.S.C. Please call the church office to RSVP.

• **February Lunch & Learn: Tour Sally Corporation** **Tuesday, February 13, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm**
Established in 1977, Sally Corporation is *The Great American Dark Ride Company*. During our 1 hour tour, we will discover the fun, fantasy and excitement in the interactive, classic, and haunted dark ride adventures! Lunch at a local spot will begin the tour. Cost is \$5 and bring \$\$ for lunch out.



Serve

• **Today is the Souper Bowl of Caring** **Today**
The youth of our church (along with youth and churches all over the country) will be standing at the Sanctuary doors collecting money in large soup pots! All money raised will be donated to Downtown Ecumenical Services Council (DESC) which provides food and services to those in need in Jacksonville.

• **OPEN MEETING: Mission Partnership in Haiti** **Today, 12:15 pm, Library**
You are encouraged to come and learn about Riverside's engagement with Fonkoze, the successful micro-finance organization that is transforming the lives of poor women and families in Haiti. You can also help our Haitian friends by bringing contributions of small, travel-size soaps, toothpaste, shampoo and other items to place in the collection box by the church office (until February 11). These will be delivered personally by our RPC delegation going to Haiti on February 17.

• **Presbyterian Women's Knitting Group**
Attention all knitters! We are trying to revive our Knitting Group for the church. This ministry has in the past provided prayer shawls for the sanctuary as well as lap blankets for shut-ins. This is a ministry supported by Presbyterian Women. Lend your talent and the yarn will be provided for you. If you are interested, please contact Eleanor Carswell at 384-1282.

MERSIDA PORCIC

If you would like to write an encouraging note or card to Mersida as she continues treatment, there is a labeled basket in the church office. Currently, Mersida and her family have indicated they do not need scheduled meals. We will communicate further needs to the congregation as they arise. Your continued prayers and words of encouragement are much appreciated.

THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Boys & Girls 5-Week Bible Studies • Change for Haiti • Souper Bowl of Caring • Open Meeting: Mission Partnership in Haiti • Youth Group
FEB 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW Circle Meetings • Young Adult Women's Small Group
FEB 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Monthly Gathering
FEB 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday Night Fellowship

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given in loving memory of their parents, Florence Whitley Cuman & Benjamin Whitley, Ruth S. Mason & Karlton Mason, and their granddaughter, Susan Mason, by Ron and Pat Mason.
The flowers were arranged by Karen Prince.

Today's **Holy Grounds** are brought to you by **Patsy Gaillard in Honor of "The Gaillard Family"**. Weekly sponsors and workers are currently being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas for available dates.

SYMPATHY

to Bette Strickler and Family on the death of Chuck Strickler, February 1. A Memorial Service will be held at RPC on February 7 at 11:00 am with a reception following.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Maureen and Joe Andrews on the birth of their son, Adger Alfred Andrews, on January 29, 2018. The proud grandmother is Jan Andrews.

SYMPATHY

to Lee-Margaret Borland and Family on the death of Dr. James Borland, January 30. A Memorial Service will be held at RPC on February 10 at 11:00 am with a reception following.

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

Mary Bartholomew, Roberta Birch, The Family of Dr. James Borland, Martha Davis, Nancy Drought, Jane Estes, Mel & Peggy Fannin, Winn Hampton (son of Wade Hampton), Jim Hodge, Norma Hooker, Missy Parks, Mersida Porcic, Betty Rosenbloom, Bill Schilling, Mike Small, The Family of Chuck Strickler, 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 Brown, Margie de Bauernfeind, Gerald Faircloth, Jack and Betty Hazard, Ralph Hoyt, Warren Jolley, Ruth Lisso, Minerva Mason (Marcy Moody's mother), Velva Moll, 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.)