

## 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!*

### Third Sunday After Epiphany January 21, 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*

PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION  
*Prelude in C Major, BWV 553*

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 am)  
*O Day of Peace (Hymn 373)*

Chancel Choir

JERUSALEM

GREETING

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

**All: And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing, and bless God's name;

**People: Tell the good news of reconciliation from day to day.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Bill Hoff

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from our burdens of sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that reconciled, we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.**

(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, see insert)

*He, Watching Over Israel*

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)*

Chancel Choir

BAPTISM OF MARGO MEADOW PAVELKA (8:30 am)

Daughter of Robert and Brandy Pavelka

BAPTISM OF HENRY MATTHEW HOFF (11:00 am)

Son of Brian and Amy Hoff

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Bill Hoff

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS: Sulzbacher Volunteer

Steve Goyer  
Julie Handley

\*HYMN 51

*To Abraham and Sarah*

LLANFYLLIN

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“God Goes On”

Leanne Van Dyk

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steve Goyer

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Quartet (8:30 am)

*God of Our Life*

SANDON

Anita Jones, soprano; Brittany Llorens, alto;  
Zachary Polendo, tenor; RJ Aenchbacher, bass

Offertory Anthem (11:00 am)

*God of Our Life*

SANDON

Chancel Choir; Al Harding, piano

\*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

Steve Goyer

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Solo (8:30 am)

*Sicilienne*

*Maria Theresia von Paradis (1759 - 1824)*

\*HYMN 378

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

MERLE'S TUNE

\*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*There is Now a New Creation (Hymn 774)*

STUTT GART

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

*David German (b.1954)*

\* 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 *Our Mission Partners Appreciate RPC!*

*We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to our visiting theologian, Rev. Dr. Leanne Van Dyk, for sharing her time and talents with us over this weekend.*

## **Grow**

### **TWO NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS:**

**"Sow to Grow" with Nathan Ballentine** ..... **January 28 and February 4**  
In a series about faith & gardening, we'll explore agricultural themes in scripture to root ourselves, cover food gardening 101 basics, and enact our faith by helping West Riverside Elementary with their school garden. Held in Education Building Rm 302/303.

**A Heart of Grace: Studies from the Book of Jonah** ..... **February 4, 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. Held in the Williams Building, 2nd Floor Conference Rm.

**Created by God: Faith and Sexuality** ..... **February 4 and 11, March 4 and 11**  
Two-part series for parents, youth and children. Facilitated by Rev. Bill Hoff, Emily Heeg, Breanna Sooter and guest speakers. **PART 1 for Parents: February 4 and 11, 9:30 - 10:30 am.** The first part is for parents only. These 2 classes will lay the framework for what will be offered to children, youth and parents during the March sessions. We will present a broad course outline, discuss parents' questions, concerns and suggestions, and share helpful resources. **PART 2 for Children, Youth and Parents: March 4 and 11, 12:00 - 1:30 pm.** The second part of this series will be for children, youth and parents. After lunch in Bittering, children and youth will be divided into three groups. Parents will be able to choose which group their child attends. One group will be geared toward elementary ages (parents attend this class with their child), one toward middle school and the last toward high school. There will also be separate workshops offered for the parents of youth in the middle school and high school class.

**Young Adult Women's Small Group** ..... **Monday, January 22, 7:30 pm**  
For women in their late 20s and early 30s. For more info, contact Jessica Andes, (407) 488-7886.

### **COMING UP ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

**Home Sweet Home led by Vicky Watkins** ..... **Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**  
This group meets in Education Building Rm 312 on the last Wednesday Night of each month. Members of the group explore the issue of poverty with a particular emphasis on affordable housing in Jacksonville. Join this group and guest speakers as they dissect this issue and look for ways to effect change in Jacksonville.

## **Connect**

- **NO Youth Group Tonight**  
No Youth group tonight because of Broomball last night and the Jags game today!
- **Memory CareGivers Support Group** ..... **Monday, January 22, 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.
- **January Lunch and Learn** ..... **Friday, January 26, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm**  
Join us on a tour of American Beach Museum on Amelia Island. American Beach was founded in 1935 by the Afro American Insurance Company president, A. L. Lewis, for "recreation and relaxation without humiliation" during the era of Jim Crow. Bring \$5 for the tour and money for lunch at Horizons Restaurant.
- **JB Scott's Swingin' All Stars** ..... **Sunday, January 28, 3:00 pm**  
Chicago Swing/New Orleans style Jazz Ensemble Concert and refreshments in Kissling Hall.

## **Serve**

- **Volunteers Needed for Cooking & Serving Meals for the Homeless**  
For over 20 YEARS, Riverside has provided a monthly meal for guests at the Center! We are currently in need of substitutes and volunteers who can commit. Cook helpers work 3:00-5:30 pm and Servers work from 5:30-7:00 pm. Interested? Jan Nicholas at jan.cox@rpcjax.org or call 355-4585.
- **Lunch Buddy Update**  
We had a successful recruitment time for Lunch Buddies in December. Please welcome as new Lunch Buddies: Emily Heeg, Genevieve Miller, Joan Madison, and Jan Duncan. They will all be matched up with a student from West Riverside Elementary. Each one will visit with their student once a week during the 30-minute lunchtime. Come join us in being a positive adult friend to a child!

Today's *Holy Grounds* are brought to you by **Edward and Alison Walton, in honor of their parents, Frank and Betty Schoenberger Walton and David and Marion Turner.** Weekly sponsors and workers are currently being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas for available dates.

Riverside Presbyterian is hosting the **5th Northeast Florida Ecumenical Vespers / Evening Prayer Service** on **January 29 at 6:00 pm.** All Riversiders are invited to join with our friends from different denominations for this service of unity. Immediately following the worship service, a reception with light refreshments will be held in Bittering Hall.

**POSTPONED**  
**Setting Women Free:  
Exposing Lies to Get to the Truth  
Dr. Divorcina on Women  
and  
Life Vision Workshop with  
Rick and Jill Woolworth**

We are sorry for those who plan on attending but due to scheduling conflicts we are postponing both the **Friday, January 26th "Dr. Divorcina" presentation** and the **Saturday, January 27th "Life Vision" Workshop.** We will keep you informed when we reschedule these powerful and helpful presentations.

## THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School</li> <li>• Boys &amp; Girls 5-Week Bible Studies</li> <li>• NO Youth Group</li> </ul>
JAN 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memory CareGivers Support Group</li> <li>• Young Adult Women's Small Group</li> </ul>
JAN 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Bible Study</li> <li>• Wednesday Night Fellowship</li> </ul>
JAN 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January Lunch &amp; Learn: American Beach</li> </ul>
JAN 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PW Gathering at Hodges Blvd Presbyterian Church</li> </ul>

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
will be held February 4, 2018,  
for the purpose of electing new officers and hearing financial report.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS**  
are given in loving memory of his parents, Frances & Horry Hair, his brother, Horry Hair, III, and his grandparents, by Mattox Hair.  
The flowers were arranged by Diane Schwalbe.

**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**  
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### SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

Roberta Birch, 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, Chuck Strickler, Lamar Strother, Rosalie Sziarto, Mildred B. Taylor, Edna Teachey, Denise Teague (daughter of Ann & Lawton Green), 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, Ralph Hoyt, Warren Jolley, Ruth Lisso, Minerva Mason (Marcy Moody's mother), Velta Moll, Dannette Robinson, Ruth Wrenshall

### In the Armed Forces

Noah Althuis, Andy Berner, Dave Brosche, Brandon Campbell, Marshall Child, 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.)*