

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!*

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 28, 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

8:30 am

Menuet (from Suite Gothique, Op. 25) Léon Boëllmann (1862 - 1897)

11:00 am

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (Hymn 314) CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Breanna Sooter, soprano

Instrumental Ensemble: Janie Day, piano; Erin DuChanois, clarinet;

Evan Heeg, trombone; Sam Swiersek, tuba;

Chris Rudasill and Jon Mann, guitars

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 am)

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (Hymn 403) UNSER HERRSCHER

Chancel Choir

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106:1

Pastor: O give thanks for the Lord is good.

People: God's love endures forever.

All: Let us worship the Lord.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 620

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Breanna Sooter

Living God, in Christ You make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of Your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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)

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty Hugo Distler (1908 - 1942)

Chancel Choir

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Breanna Sooter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Hoff

*HYMN 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Stanza 1: Solo, Breanna Sooter/Choir/Ensemble

Stanza 2: Solo/Choir/Congregation/Ensemble

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah, selected verses

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Jonah Is So Funny We Forgot to Laugh!"

Steve Goyer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill Hoff

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo (8:30 am)

Awake My Soul Lovett, Dwayne, Mumford, Marshall

Breanna Sooter, soprano; Chris Rudasill, guitar

Offertory Anthem (11:00 am)

Out of the Depths (Hymn 424) Martin Luther, arr. J.S. Bach

Chancel Choir

*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)

Moderato Charles Alexias Chauvet (1837-1871)

*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

*CHORAL RESPONSE

(8:30 am) *The Peace of The Earth arr. John L. Bell*

Breanna Sooter, alto

(11:00 am) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Hymn 377) HOUSTON*

Chancel Choir

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Presto (from Concerto in G Major, BWV 592) J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

** 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!**



Grow

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS:

"Sow to Grow" with Nathan Ballentine **Today 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 WRES with their school garden. Ed. Bldg. 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. 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 Feb. 18 who will share their experience working for reform

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, 5:00 - 7:00 pm.** The second part of this series will be for children, youth and parents. After dinner in Bittinger, 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.

COMING UP THIS WEDNESDAY

Home Sweet Home led by Vicky Watkins **Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

This group meets in Ed. Bldg. 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.

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.

A Weekend with Friends led by Friends of the Groom Theatre Company **February 23 - 25**

Are you interested in moving forward in your faith? Do you want to get to know others in the congregation better? Don't miss this exciting weekend for all ages with a theater company that specializes in making the Christian message challenging and fun at the same time. Along the way, the group will use theater and storytelling to bring scripture and worship alive. Events and workshops on Friday evening, Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Join us during the weekend as your schedule allows. Look for a more detailed description soon.



Connect

• **JB Scott's Swingin' All Stars** **Today, 3:00 pm**
Chicago Swing/New Orleans style Jazz Ensemble Concert and refreshments in Kissling Hall.

• **Youth Group** **Tonight, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
For High School only - meet at 729 Post Street.

• **Souper Bowl of Caring Special Offering** **Sunday, February 4**
Next Sunday, the youth of our church (along with youth and churches all over the country) will be collecting money for the *Souper Bowl of Caring* in large soup pots! All money raised will be donated to a local hunger relief organization.

• **OPEN MEETING: Mission Partnership in Haiti** **Sunday, February 4, 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 Circles Gathering** **Monday, February 12, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**
All women are invited to the Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering in Bittinger 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.

• **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.

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

Riverside Presbyterian is hosting the **5th Northeast Florida Ecumenical Vespers / Evening Prayer Service** on **Monday, 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 Bittinger Hall.

THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Boys & Girls 5-Week Bible Studies • Youth Group
JAN 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Ecumenical Vespers
JAN 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study • Wednesday Night Fellowship
FEB 2 - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session Retreat

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given in loving memory of C. W. (Bill) Beaufort, Marjorie (Toddle) Beaufort, Charles Beaufort, Sam Small, Arthur Small, Jr., Hazel Small, and Rachel S. Palmer, by Mike and Art Small. The flowers were arranged by Kay Armstrong.

Today's *Holy Grounds* are brought to you by
**Merle Lear, in memory of her parents,
William and Jean Lear.**
Weekly sponsors and workers are currently being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas for available dates.

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

Roberta Birch, 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, Chuck Strickler, 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, 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.)