

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

8:30 am Worship Service

11:00 am Worship Service  
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  
Fantasy on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)*

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 am, Hymn 150)  
*As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX  
Katherine Crumrine, director

GREETING

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 60: 1 - 2

Pastor: Arise, shine; for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

**People: Nations shall come to your light, and rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

**All: Let us come into the light and praise God.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 147 THE FIRST NOWELL  
*The First Nowell*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**Unison**) Bill Hoff

**God of all people, as wise men of old saw the star of Your glory shining forth in the night, let the radiance of Your love pierce the darkness that covers the earth from truth and justice. May Your light also break into the darkness in our own hearts where grudges fester and self-contempt dwells. Illumine the truth of who we are and whose we are as Your creatures -- loved and forgiven by You. Then, turn our hearts toward the poor, injustice, and hurt in the world that we may offer a glimmer of light and hope to those who need your presence. In the name of the one who came into the darkness and the darkness could not overcome it. Amen**

(Silent prayer of Confession)

CONGREGATIONAL 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

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Emily Heeg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Emily Heeg

\*HYMN 151 KINGS OF ORIENT  
*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

SCRIPTURE LESSON OT Page 707  
Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

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

SERMON "Why So Much Darkness?" Steve Goyer

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
8:30 and 11:00 AM Offertory Solo PICARDY  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (Hymn 347)  
Katherine Crumrine, soprano; Peter DeWitt, organ

\*Doxology (Hymn-Tune 229--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  
8:30 and 11:00 am  
*The Birth of the Lord: The Word* Oliver Messiaen (1908 - 1992)

\*HYMN 145 GREENSLEEVES  
*What Child is This*

\*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GO TELL IT  
*Go, Tell It on The Mountain* (Hymn 136, refrain)

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY Oliver Messiaen (1908 - 1992)  
*The Birth of the Lord: God Among Us*

*\* Please stand if able*

*We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to our guest organist, Peter DeWitt, for his accompaniment today.*

*\*\* We recycle - please place your used bulletin in one of the baskets by the doors as you exit.*

# WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First-time visitors, *Welcome!* Please be sure to sign in on the pew pads. Look in your pew rack for the new *Prayer Request & Comment Cards*.  
The Mission of the Month is *Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless*.



## **Grow** *Look for all Sunday School Options Listed on Church Door Posters*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS:

**Celtic Christian Practices: A Sampler** ..... Today and January 13  
Taught by Ted Powell, Nancy Powell and Rev. Carol DiGiusto. Learn how the practices of the ancient Celtic Christian wisdom may help us navigate the challenges of our lives and times. The Powell's share key learnings and practices from a retreat with John Phillip Newell at the Iona Pilgrimage in Scotland.

**BLAST Girls' Bible Study for 3rd, 4th & 5th grade.** . . . . . Begins January 13, 12:00 - 2:00 pm  
**He Knows My Name:** A 5 week Bible Study especially for girls in 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades using one of Annie Pajcic's great studies for girls. Each week will involve lunch, Bible study and creative art projects. Sign up online or by calling the church office.

**Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings**..... Monday, January 7, 10:00 am, Bittering Hall  
All Riverside women are members of Presbyterian Women. PW Circles meet the first Monday or the second Wednesday of each month. Contact Emily Heeg with questions at the church office (904) 355-4585 x 15 or visit [rpcjax.org/learn/presbyterian-women](http://rpcjax.org/learn/presbyterian-women)

**Young Women's Adult Small Group**..... Monday, January 7, 7:30 pm  
A biweekly meeting for women in their late 20s and 30s. Join them as they build spiritual friendships and a deeper connection to God. Interested? Contact group leader, Jessica Andes, at 407-488-7886.

**Men's Monthly Breakfast Gathering** ..... Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 am, Bittering Hall  
All men of the church are invited to attend. Enjoy a hot breakfast, conversation and friendship.

**Art, Faith, and Community**..... Classes begin Wednesday January 16-February 27, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Riverside members and friends are invited to a special Wednesday night class at Riverside Park United Methodist Church for a course led by L'Arche Jacksonville, a faith-filled residential community for adults with developmental disabilities. Community residents and artists will share their stories and teach different art forms. All skill levels welcome. Learn more & sign up at <http://riversideparkumc.com/ministry/community-classes>

*Be sure to visit our website ([www.rpcjax.org](http://www.rpcjax.org)) for updates to the calendar.*



## **Connect**

- **Iona Pilgrimage Tour Information Meeting** ..... Today, 12:15 pm in the Church Library  
Join us at this informational meeting about our 2019 trip as we travel through Scotland visiting Presbyterian Heritage sites & concluding our trip on Iona. Learn more at this informational meeting led by Rev. Carol DiGiusto.
- **Monthly Mothers' Lunch** ..... Wednesday, January 9, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
First Wednesday of the month. Join us for an informal gathering at Timotti's in 5 Points.
- **Sulzbacher Monthly Meal**..... Thursday, January 10  
The next opportunity to cook/serve at Sulzbacher is this Thursday January 10. Frank Shuke is the coordinator for January and can be reached at [fshuke@att.net](mailto:fshuke@att.net) or register for this day at [www.rpcjax.org/sulzbacher](http://www.rpcjax.org/sulzbacher)
- **Sign up for an Insight trip to Haiti now!**..... February 16 - 20  
Led by Fonkoze staff, housed and fed well in comfortable accommodations, our group will see Port au Prince, the Central Plateau and more. The cost of the trip is \$1000 plus airfare (approximately \$350), which includes room and board, all ground transportation and activities. Depart on Saturday, February 16 and return on Wednesday, February 20. Sign up online at [www.rpcjax.org/serve/in-our-world](http://www.rpcjax.org/serve/in-our-world) Questions? Contact Trip Leader Breanna Sooter [breanna.sooter@rpcjax.org](mailto:breanna.sooter@rpcjax.org)
- **Mark Your Calendar for the Women's Getaway** ..... Saturday February 23-Sunday February 24  
Join us for a relaxing weekend on the river. The retreat will begin at 9:30 am on Saturday, February 23 and end after our 10:30 am worship on Sunday, February 24 at Marywood. The cost is \$85 dollars. Saturday registration is \$30. There is scholarship money available if needed.
- **Purchase Chancel Flowers In Memory or In Honor of Someone**  
Sundays currently available in 2019 are Mother's Day, May 12; June 2; July 7; July 14; and August 25. The cost is \$85. Contact Jennie Bibb at 355-4585 Ext. 16 or [j.bibb@rpcjax.org](mailto:j.bibb@rpcjax.org) if you are interested.

### SYMPATHY

to the Rosenbloom family and friends of Dot Rosenbloom, who passed away on December 31, 2018. Her service will be at RPC on January 8, 2019. A reception will follow in Kissling Hall.

### SYMPATHY

to Jim and Dana Riley family and friends on the passing of her father, John Huggin, on Christmas Eve in Jacksonville. His memorial service will be at the Arlington Congregational Church in the near future.

Help is needed for the reception for Dot Rosenbloom on Tuesday, January 8. Any food you can provide such as finger sandwiches, fruit, cookies, etc are greatly appreciated. Please bring food to Kissling Hall by 11:00 am Tuesday, January 8. Contact Arden Brugger at 904-362-1347 with any questions.

## THIS WEEK

<b>TODAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School Classes</li> <li>• Open meeting for Iona Trip</li> <li>• NO Youth Group</li> </ul>
Jan 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PW Circle Meetings</li> <li>• Young Women's Adult Small Group</li> </ul>
Jan 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's Monthly Breakfast</li> </ul>
Jan 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mothers' Monthly Luncheon</li> </ul>
Jan 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sulzbacher Monthly Meal</li> </ul>
<b>COMING UP ...</b>	
Jan 13 - Feb 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BLAST Girls' Bible Study</li> </ul>
Jan 16 - Feb 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art, Faith, and Community Classes at RiversidePark UMC</li> </ul>
Feb 16 - 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insight trip to Haiti</li> </ul>
Feb 23-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Getaway Retreat</li> </ul>

### THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given in loving memory of Frank and Kathryn Sheehan and Rexford and Clemye Setzer, by Rex and Pat Setzer.  
The flowers were arranged by Pat Setzer.

Today's *Holy Grounds* is brought to you by Dan and Nancy Warner in honor of their parents, Merrill & Bernice Warner and Gil & Dolly Rabal. Weekly sponsors and workers are being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas.

### Pastor

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

**Associate Pastor**

Rev. Bill Hoff

**Parish Associate for Pastoral Care Ministries**

Rev. 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**

Jack Higson

**RPDS Headmaster**

Ben Ketchum

### SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

Jack Adams (son of Bill Adams), Roberta Birch, Tina Burrow, Claudia Coley's father, Davis Collier, Martha Davis, Judy Davidson, Jane Estes, Lockwood Greene (Jane Lockwood's grandson), Winn Hampton (son of Wade Hampton), Doug Hutchins (Denise Brennan's father), Allan Knight, Angela Knight, Joe Meux, Gunnar Miller (Betsy Miller's husband), John Ormand (Lisa Taylor's brother), Mersida Porcic, Bill Schilling, Carol Schoenberger, Mae & Norm Singletary (Carol Proctor's parents), Mildred Taylor, Cristy Turner (Anita Jones' niece)

#### Rehab, Assisted, Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care

Shirley Ballowe, Mary Brown, Margie de Bauernfeind, Gerald Faircloth, Peggy Fannin, Jack & Betty Hazard, Jim Hodge, Norma Hooker, Olive Mahoney, Minerva Mason (Marcy Moody's mother), Velva Moll, Myra Pattishall, Judi Perdue, Dannette Robinson, Bill & Suzanne Tomlinson, Bunny Wilkinson, 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.)*