

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 in Lent  
March 11, 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  
We Now Implore Thee Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 am)  
There is Now a New Creation (Hymn 774) STUTTGART  
Chancel Choir

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP John 3:16  
Children: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,"  
Pastor: In return, let us worship God.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 634  
To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Breanna Sooter  
Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our darkness and the darkness in this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.  
(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)  
The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee Jean Berger (1909 - 2002)  
Chancel Choir

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Bill Hoff  
(11:00) This Little Light of Mine TRADITIONAL FOLK  
Children's Choir and Sunday School; Katherine Lauresen Crumrine, director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Breanna Sooter

\*HYMN 215  
What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
John 3: 14 - 36 NT Page 88

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

SERMON "Finding Love in the Wilderness" Steve Goyer

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Unison) Parts of Prayer from St. Patrick  
I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, God's eye to watch, God's might to stay, God's ear to harken to my need, the wisdom of my God to teach, God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward, the word of God to give me speech, God's heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, the One in Three, of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation, reconciliation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
Offertory Solo (8:30 and 11:00 am)  
Mazurka, Opus 6, No. 1 Frederic Chopin (1810 - 1849)  
Janie Day, piano

\*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 Bill Hoff

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 am)  
Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

\*HYMN 821  
How Can I Keep from Singing? HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

\*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

\*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 am)  
There is Now a New Creation (Hymn 774, stanza 5) STUTTGART  
Chancel Choir

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY  
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Heinrich Fleischer (1912 - 2006)

\* 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 *HabiJax, Habitat for Humanity*.

## 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!

### HOLY WEEK *Palm Sunday, March 25*

8:30 am and 11:00 am . . . . . Worship Services  
9:30 am . . . . . Sunday School for all ages  
12:00 pm . . . . . Palm Sunday Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt

### *Maundy Thursday, March 29*

7:00 pm . . . . . Maundy Thursday Worship Services

### *Good Friday, March 30*

12:00 pm . . . . . Good Friday Service of Healing and Remembrance

### *Easter Sunday, April 1*

8:30 am (with Communion) and 11:00 am (no Communion) . . . . . Worship Services  
9:30 am . . . . . Sunday School for all ages

## THIS WEEK

<b>TODAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School</li> <li>• The Central Florida Nouvelle Trio Concert</li> <li>• Created by God (Children, Youth and Parents)</li> <li>• Youth Group</li> </ul>
<b>MAR 14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday Night Fellowship</li> <li>• Lenten Reflection Service</li> </ul>
<b>MAR 17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frame Day with HabiJax Inter-Faith Build</li> <li>• Women's Getaway at Marywood Center with Rev. Sharol Hayner</li> </ul>



## Grow

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT:

**Adult Sunday School during Lent . . . . . Today, 9:30 am, Room 302-303**

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*

**Created by God: Faith and Sexuality . . . . . Today, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

*Special Speaker for Parents: Erin Bailey of The Social Family*

**Dinner at 5:00 pm in Bittinger, Presentation 5:30 - 7:00 pm in Thompson Parlor**

Parenting in the social media age can be overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. This workshop brings together parents to tackle the big safety questions. Erin combines insights from doctors, educators and social media leaders into a dynamic 90-minute presentation. This is part of our Created by God series for parents, children and youth. If you have questions about this series, please contact Emily Heeg at the church office.

Today's *Holy Grounds* sponsor is Ron and Pam Roberts. Weekly sponsors and workers are currently being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas for available dates.

## THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given in loving memory of Parents and Grandparents, by The Clarke Family. The flowers were arranged by Diane Schwalbe.



## Connect

- **The Central Florida Nouvelle Trio Concert** **Today, 3:00 pm**  
This group will be performing on the violin, clarinet and piano in our Sanctuary.
- **Youth Group** **Tonight, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**  
The Youth Group is participating in the 'Created by God: Faith and Sexuality' classes from 5:00 - 7:00 pm with dinner provided. See information above for more details.
- **West Riverside Field Day** **Thursday, March 15, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm**  
Volunteers are needed for the 18 or more play stations that include games, relays and challenges. If you are able to spend a few hours, please contact Jan Nicholas at the church office. Lunch is provided!
- **Palm Sunday Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt** **Sunday, March 25**  
Join us after the 11:00 am Worship service for a special Palm Sunday Lunch followed by a Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Reservations for the lunch can be made online or by calling the church office. Suggested cost for the meal is \$8 per adult, \$5 per child or \$25 per family.
- **PLANT SALE**  
Place your orders now so you'll have these beautiful plants for your garden. This is an annual fundraiser for the youth of our church to help lower the costs for summer trips. Listed are the available plants and their costs: **Hydrangea \$20 ~ Kalanchoe \$15 ~ Easter Lily \$15 ~ Reiger Begonia \$15** *Please refer to the pink order form insert in today's bulletin.* PICK UP DATE for plants is MARCH 25 - Palm Sunday.

**Pastor**  
Dr. Steve Goyer  
**Associate Pastor**  
Bill Hoff  
**Parish Associate for Pastoral Care Ministries**  
Dr. Carol DiGiusto  
**Music Ministry**  
Dr. Lois Gurney  
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**Youth Ministry and Communication Team**  
Breanna Sooter  
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## SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

Mary Bartholomew, Sarah Bayley, Roberta Birch, Mary Brown, Claudia Coley's father, Martha Davis, Chuck Davidson, Nancy Drought, Faith Erath, Robert Erath (son of Faith Erath), Jane Estes, Mel & Peggy Fannin, Laura Gordon, Winn Hampton (son of Wade Hampton), Jim Hodge, Norma Hooker, 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, Margie de Bauernfeind, Gerald Faircloth, Barbara Ford, Jack and Betty Hazard, Ralph Hoyt, Warren Jolley, Merle Lear, 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.)*