

*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 in Lent March 18, 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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
Theme and Variations Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 am)
All People on Earth Do Dwell (Hymn 385) OLD HUNDREDTH
Chancel Choir

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP John 12:26

Youth: "Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 268
Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

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

Grant, O Lord Jesus, that the ears which have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voice of dispute; that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung Your praise may speak the truth in love; that the feet which have walked in Your courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which have received Your living body may be restored in newness of life. Glory to You for Your inexpressible gift. 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, see insert)
Lord, I Want To Be A Christian Moses Hogan (1957 - 2003)
Chancel Choir

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Breanna Sooter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jan Nicholas
Stories of Reconciliation: Bill Hoff
One Great Hour of Sharing

*HYMN 727
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant THE SERVANT SONG

SCRIPTURE LESSON
John 12: 20 - 33 NT Page 101

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Finding Jesus" Steve Goyer

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS (See Insert)

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Trio (8:30 and 11:00 am, see insert)
Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God Carl Mueller (1892 - 1982)
Katherine Crumrine, soprano; Brittany Llorens, alto; Zachary Polendo, tenor

*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 Jan Nicholas

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 am)
Plainte Léon Boëllmann (1862 - 1897)

*HYMN 717
For the Life That You Have Given PLEADING SAVIOR

*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 am)
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (Hymn 546) SICILIAN MARINERS
Chancel Choir

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY
Fugue in g minor Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

* 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 Service

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

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Youth Group
MAR 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory CareGivers Support Group • Young Women's Adult Small Group
MAR 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday Bible Study • Wednesday Night Fellowship • Lenten Reflection Service
MAR 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPDS Chapel



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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



Connect

- **Youth Group** **Tonight, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**
Youth Group tonight for all 6th -12th graders with dinner! It's Spring Break Sunday. Be ready. Expect the unexpected. Hint: Adventure
- **Memory CareGivers Support Group** **Monday, March 19, 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.
- **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**
Today is the last day to order for the Youth Plant Sale! Please fill out a pink order form and drop it in the offering plate. If you are including a check, please mark *paid* on your order form and notate in the memo section of your check that it is for the *Plant Sale*. Thank you for supporting RPC Youth. Plant pickup is MARCH 25 - Palm Sunday.
- **The NEW Church Photo Directory has arrived!** If you had your picture taken, or submitted one, your free copy can be picked up down in Bittinger Hall on Sunday mornings, or in the Church office during the week. Directories will be listed in alphabetical order, so please don't take one if your name is not on it! If you would like to purchase a directory, they are available for \$10.
- **Calling All Artists!** Our Easter celebration decorations are including Butterflies this year! We need lightweight, large scale butterflies that can be hung. Please contact Dale Child (904-874-4750) dgchild@comcast.net or Jan Nicholas (904-200-9998) jan.cox@rpcjax.org for more information. Butterflies will also be available to be made on Wednesday evenings as part of Wednesday Night Fellowship, and on Sunday mornings during Holy Grounds in Bittinger Hall.

Today's *Holy Grounds* is brought to you by **Pat and Ron Mason, in honor of Mersida Porcic**. Weekly sponsors and workers are currently being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas for available dates.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given in loving memory of
Martha C. Pavelka,
by The Pavelka Family.
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
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SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

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.)