

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 16, 2018

8:30 am Worship Service  
with Communion

11:00 am Worship Service  
no Communion

"Christian community means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. There is no Christian community that is more than this, and none that is less than this. Whether it be a brief, single encounter or the daily community of many years. Christian community is solely this. We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ."

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*  
"Life Together"

PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION  
*Introduction and Toccata* Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583 - 1643)

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 am)  
*This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made* NUN DANKET ALL UND BRINGET EHR  
Chancel Choir; Ken Mixon, director

GREETING

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

**All: And also to you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison) Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength

**People: a very present help in trouble.**

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord of all creation.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 645  
*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Breanna Sooter  
**O God, forgive us for the way we sanctify advantages, and elevate our private good to heaven. We make our way of life the test of all societies and scorn all other styles. We seek your blessing and avoid your judgement, and make you in the image of our wish. For our presumptions, Lord, have mercy on us all. 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

ANTHEM (11:00 am, (Hymn 14)  
*For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Katherine K. Davis (1892 - 1980)  
Chancel Choir; Ken Mixon, director

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN Breanna Sooter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Hoff  
Stories of Reconciliation: Lunch Buddies Bud Para

\*HYMN 12 ST. DENIO  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

SCRIPTURE LESSON NT Pg 131  
Acts 17: 22 - 28

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Why Neighborhoods Matter" Steve Goyer

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

\*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 (8:30 am, see insert) Josef Rheinberg (1839-1901)  
*Trio*

\*HYMN 317 MC KEE  
*In Christ There Is No East or West*

\*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

\*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 am) RANDOLPH  
*God Be with You Til We Meet Again* (Hymn 541)

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY Denis Bedard (b. 1950)  
*Grand Jeu*

\* Please stand if able

\*\* 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 *Lunch Buddies*.



## Grow

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT:

**A Movement for Reconciliation: Connecting with Community** . . . . . Today, 9:30 am, Rm 302-303

This week will hear from Mike Johnson, Assistant Chief of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Next week our speaker will be Ben Ketchum, Headmaster at RPDS.

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

**The Hidden Life: Awakened** . . . . . Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:15 am, Library

Beginning October 3, this 6 week class taught by Rev. Steve Goyer, with assistance of co-author Kitty Crenshaw, is a study for men and women about the remarkable life and spiritual journey of Betty Skinner, who went from desperate clinical depression to wholeness and profound wisdom. The class will consist of discussion of the book along with videos as it relates to God spiritually, theologically and biblically.

*Be sure to visit our website (www.rpcjax.org) for updates to the calendar.*



## Connect

- **Youth Group Tonight** After 11:00 am worship  
All grades are invited to go to Tijuana Flats in Riverside for lunch right after church! Bring \$ for lunch. Meet us there or meet in breezeway and walk over right after 11:00 am worship.
- **Children's Choir** Sundays beginning September 9, 9:00 - 9:30 am  
**Park Street Underground** Wednesdays beginning September 12, 5:15 - 6:00 pm  
Learn about faith and music by making music, singing and playing instruments and games. Children can participate on Wednesdays or Sundays or both. Wednesday night offers several sessions throughout the year. Session 1: September 5 - October 24.
- **Memory CareGivers Support Group** Monday, September 17, Thompson Parlor, 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.
- **2018 Shindig The Sanctuary on 8th Street's Annual Friend-Raiser** Friday, September 21, 6:00 pm  
**The Garden Club, 1005 Riverside Ave.** This year's theme is a nod to neighbors and community. Featuring dinner by Bono's & Pastiche Catering, music by The Wetland String Band and a small silent auction. Tickets are \$50. For more information call (904)356-3588.
- **ICARE House Meeting** Monday, September 24, 6:00 pm  
**At the home of John and Cheryl Sapora, 1849 Challen Ave.** You are invited to an informal pot luck dinner and open discussion aimed at identifying the community problems that we at Riverside care most about. If you have questions or want more information, contact John Sapora or Vicky Watkins.
- **Lunch Buddies**  
For 30 minutes once a week during lunchtime, you can be a friend to a young student at West Riverside Elementary. Contact [parabud@gmail.com](mailto:parabud@gmail.com) or [jeangrantdooley@gmail.com](mailto:jeangrantdooley@gmail.com)
- **Sign-up for College Secret Pals!**  
Secret Pals keep in touch with college students during the school year by letters, cards, or care packages 2 or 3 times in the fall and again in the spring. Contact [jeangrantdooley@gmail.com](mailto:jeangrantdooley@gmail.com)
- **Presbyterian Basketball League Registration**  
Riverside's Basketball League for boys and girls ages 6-15 is now taking player registrations for the 2018-2019 season! Go to [rpcbasketball.org](http://rpcbasketball.org) to register your player(s) today.

Leave a lasting gift "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one or special person - purchase a "Glory To God" hymnal. Each hymnal is \$20. Contact the church office (904) 355-4585 x 10 for more details.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS**  
are given in loving memory of Celeste Hampton, by Wade Hampton, Wycke, Winn and Anne. The flowers were arranged by Kay Armstrong.

**UPDATE ON MERSIDA PORCIC**  
Mersida Porcic, Director of Kitchen Ministries, has reported her cancer is in remission. She remains very susceptible to infection due to her weak immune system. She is working to rebuild her strength. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

## THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Choir</li> <li>• Sunday School</li> <li>• Youth Group</li> </ul>
SEP 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memory CareGivers Support Group</li> </ul>
SEP 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday Night Dinner &amp; Classes</li> <li>• Gentle Yoga: <i>4114 Herschel St., Ste 108</i></li> </ul>
<b>COMING UP ...</b>	
SEP 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shindig &amp; 5K for The Sanctuary on 8th Street</li> </ul>
SEP 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICARE House Meeting <i>1849 Challen Ave.</i></li> </ul>

Today's *Holy Grounds* is in Honor of **Lucy Cotten and William and Elsie Werner, by Frank Shuke and Mike Cotten.** Weekly sponsors and workers for November and December are currently being sought. Contact Jan Nicholas for available dates.

**SYMPATHY**  
to Sue Haehnel and family on the death of her brother, Rick Haehnel, over the past weekend in Arizona.

**Financial Update through August 2018**

Pledged Revenue Budgeted: \$761,000  
Pledged Revenue Received: \$744,813  
Excess or (Shortfall): (\$16,187)

Year-to-date through August, the pledged revenue received is slightly lower than the budgeted amount. Please continue to support our church through your contributions as we enter the final few months of the year.  
Thank you.

**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**

Brenda Alexander, Julie Baker, Roberta Birch, Tina Burrow, Gowie Cassell, Claudia Coley's father, Davis Collier, Donna Cotton, Chuck Davidson, Jackie Davis, Martha Davis, Joe Eberly, Jane Estes, Lockwood Greene (Jane Lockwood's grandson), Winn Hampton (son of Wade Hampton), Doug Hutchins (Denise Brennan's father), Allan Knight, Angela Knight, Merle Lear, Jacque Loomis, Gunnar Miller (Betsy Miller's husband), John Ormand (Lisa Taylor's brother), Myra Pattishall, Mersida Porcic, Bill Schilling, Carol Schoenberger, Diane Schwalbe, Mildred Taylor, Reggie Touchton, Thelma Vincent, George Ward (Laura Crooks' brother)

**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, Ruth Lisso, Olive Mahoney, Minerva Mason (Marcy Moody's mother), Velva Moll, Judi Perdue, Dannette Robinson, Edna Teachey, 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.)*