

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

***Hallelujah!***

*The organ is mostly completed and will be played and dedicated next Sunday!*

**Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
September 2, 2018**

10:00 am Worship Service  
with Communion

"In our world full of strangers,  
estranged from their own past,  
culture and country, from their  
neighbors, friends and family,  
from their deepest self and  
their God, we witness a painful  
search for a hospitable place  
where life can be lived without  
fear and where community can  
be found."  
*Henri Nouwen*

PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION  
*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*arr. Ovid Young*

\*HYMN 515  
*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
Mark 7: 1 - 23

NT Pg 39

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymn 399)  
*God Welcomes All*

Summer Choir

THEMBA AMEN

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

SERMON "The Work of Being a Christian"

Steve Goyer

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
Offertory Solo  
*All That Thrills My Soul*

*arr. Stan Pethel*

Judy Wingate, piano

GREETING

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

**All: And also to you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

2 Corinthians 5: 19

Pastor: In Christ God was reconciling the world to Godself,

**People: not counting their trespasses against them,**

**All: and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.**

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

\*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!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 275

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*arr. Ovid Young*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Jan Nicholas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Bill Hoff

**O God, you invite the poor and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant. May your church always honor the presence of the Lord in the humble and the suffering, and may we learn to recognize each other as brothers and sisters, gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen**

(Silent prayer of Confession)

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

Music During Communion

*Let us Break Bread Together (Hymn 525)*

LET US BREAK BREAD

\*HYMN 729

*Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

\*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

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.**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Go With Us Lord (Hymn 748)*

TALLIS' CANON

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

*Brethern, We Have Met to Worship*

*arr. Mary McDonald*

Judy Wingate, piano

ANTHEM

*God is Living, God is Here!*

*J. S. Bach*

*\* Please stand if able*

Summer Choir

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Bill Hoff

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Nicholas

# 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 **Lunch Buddies**.



## Grow

**Men's Monthly Gathering . . . . . Tuesday, September 4, 7:00 am, Bittering Hall**  
All men of the church are invited to enjoy a hot breakfast and conversation, plus a brief devotional or discussion. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Alan Bliss, President of the Jacksonville Historical Society, will be our guest speaker September 4.

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



## Connect

- **Change for Haiti** **Today**  
Each first Sunday of the month, we collect change in the baskets at the doors of the sanctuary to go to Fonkoze in Haiti. Drop your change on the way out and let your "change" work for a permanent "change" for a better life for our Haiti neighbors.
- **No Youth Group Tonight due to Labor Day Holiday**  
Youth Group for all 6th - 12th graders resumes next Sunday, September 9, in the Youth Building from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
- **Children's Choir** **Begins Wednesday, September 5, 5:15 - 6:00 pm**  
**Park Street Underground** **Sunday, September 9, 9:00 - 9:30 am**  
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.
- **Coffee Fellowship *Holy Grounds* is back!** **September 9, Bittering Hall**  
A Fellowship time of Beverages and Treats! And to get it off to a good start, we need your help by sponsoring a Sunday of Holy Grounds! See Jan Nicholas in Bittering Hall on Sundays or email Jan at [jan.nicholas@rpcjax.org](mailto:jan.nicholas@rpcjax.org) to get your name on the list!
- **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 [jeangrantedooley@gmail.com](mailto:jeangrantedooley@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 [jeangrantedooley@gmail.com](mailto:jeangrantedooley@gmail.com)
- **Join one of the Presbyterian Women Circles!**  
All Riverside women are members of Presbyterian Women. PW is a church-wide organization committed to nurturing faith through prayer, service and Bible study. Contact Emily Heeg at the church office (904) 355-4585 x 15 or visit [rpcjax.org/learn/presbyterian-women](http://rpcjax.org/learn/presbyterian-women)
- **Presbyterian Women Salad Luncheon** **Monday, September 10, 10:00 am, Bittering Hall**  
All Riverside women are invited to the salad luncheon. The program will include Emily Heeg who will give a brief overview of the Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am With You*; and Rev. Carol DiGiusto who will share part of her faith story. Bring a salad or dish to share.

Leave a lasting gift "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one or special person by purchasing 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 Robbie Bierbaum, beloved son and brother,  
by the Kuntz Family. The flowers were arranged by Patsy Gaillard.

## THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Sunday School</li> <li>• Last Summer Worship at 10:00 am</li> <li>• No Youth Group Tonight</li> </ul>
SEP 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <i>Labor Day Holiday</i> Reopens Tues., Sep 4, 8:30 am</li> </ul>
SEP 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's Monthly Gathering</li> </ul>
SEP 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday Night Resumes</li> <li>• Gentle Yoga: <i>4114 Herschel St., Ste 108</i></li> </ul>
SEP 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's Breakfast Meeting</li> </ul>
COMING UP ...	
SEP 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am</li> <li>▶ Organ Dedication</li> <li>• Holy Grounds is back!</li> </ul>
SEP 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PW Salad Luncheon</li> </ul>

**Financial Update through July 2018**

<u>Pledged Revenue Budgeted:</u>	\$701,000
<u>Pledged Revenue Received:</u>	\$692,403
<u>Excess or (Shortfall):</u>	(\$8,597)

Year-to-date through July, 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, Claudia Coley's father, 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.)*