

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### First Sunday After Christmas Day December 30, 2018

10:00 am Worship Service  
No Communion

*"To feel a full and untrammelled joy  
is to have become fully generous; to  
allow ourselves to be joyful is to have  
walked through the doorway of fear, the  
dropping away of the anxious worried  
self. 'It is' felt like a thankful death  
itself, a disappearance, a giving away,  
overheard in the laughter of friendship,  
the vulnerability of happiness felt  
suddenly as a strength,  
a solace and a source..."*

*David Whyte  
from Consolations: The Solace,  
Nourishment, and Underlying Meaning of  
Everyday Words*

#### PRELUDE MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*Carol Meditations*

*arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)*

#### THREE CHIMES (THE TRINITY)

#### GREETING

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

**All: And also with you.**

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!**

**All: Young and old alike, all together, praise the LORD! Let us worship God.**

#### \*HYMN 134

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**O God, you have known us in all the times and places of our lives. You call us to follow you through all our days. You seek us when we wander. As we desire to follow your ways – your justice, your compassion, your steadfastness in relationships – clothe us in your love. May we grow like Christ in grace and find favor in your sight. Have mercy on us!**

(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

#### CAROLS

*Carol Requests*

Congregation

*Hymnal*

#### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*HYMN 115

*Away In A Manger*

MUELLER

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3: 12 - 17

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "What to Wear?"

Carol DiGiusto

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo

*Noel*

*Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman*

Anita Jones, soprano

#### \*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

#### \*HYMN 132

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

#### \*CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go, Tell It on The Mountain* (Hymn 136)

GO TELL IT

#### CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

*Shepherds, Rejoice*

*arr. Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)*

*\* 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 *Caring Tree... Thank you to all who participated!*



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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS COMING SOON!

**Celtic Christian Practices: A Sampler** . . . . . **January 6 and 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. Ted and Nancy Powell share key learnings and practices they experienced during the 7 day "Listening to the Heartbeat of God" retreat with John Phillip Newell at the Iona Pilgrimage in Scotland.

**BLAST Girls' Bible Study for 3rd, 4th & 5th grade.** . . . . . **Sunday January 13, 12:00 - 2:00 pm**  
A 5 week Bible Study especially for girls in 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades. We will eat lunch together after church. After lunch, we will enter into a time of Bible Study using one of Annie Pajic's great studies for girls. After each study, there will be different creative projects the girls will do based on the lesson for that week. We are very excited about this time together to learn more about what it means to live out our faith at this stage in life.

**Montreat College Conference** . . . . . **January 2 - 5**  
Please pray for our college students and their leaders as they travel to Montreat for the College Conference. Roughly 1000 college students from all over the southeast will gather to discern God's compassionate nature and how God is calling us to act with compassion in our communities, campuses, churches, and families. Read more about the conference at [www.montreat.org/college](http://www.montreat.org/college).

**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 folks from 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 skills 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

- **No Youth Group**  
Happy New Year!
- **Deck the Window Bays with Christmas Fantasies!** . . . . . **Open through January 6**  
Be sure to stop by our beautiful Christmas Fantasy Window displays in Bittering Hall.
- **Glory to God!** At this time of the year, what a wonderful way to remember or honor our loved ones by purchasing a *Glory to God* hymnal for \$20 each. A bookplate will be placed on the inside cover with their name and yours. Complete the envelope in the pew racks and place in the offering plate. Or, contact the church office for more information (355-4585 x 10).
- **Iona Pilgrimage Tour Information Meeting.** . . . . . **Sunday January 6, 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.
- **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)
- **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.

### Caring Tree 2018

"Grateful thanks to all of you from RPC and RPDS who so generously bought gifts, made donations and volunteered to help with the Caring Tree on Sunday December 9. Christmas presents were given to over 400 children from more than 100 families. These children are students or clients of Central Riverside Elementary, West Riverside Elementary, Ruth Upson Elementary, Presbyterian Social Ministries and Lutheran Social Services. Thank you for sharing the joy and love of Christmas with so many children in our community. Blessings to you in the new year."

*Jo Pratt-Dannals*

Holy Grounds are on vacation for the week.  
Weekly sponsors and workers are being sought.  
Contact Jan Nicholas.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS**  
are given in loving memory of Edward L. & Sarah M. Volkwein, by Family Members.  
The flowers were arranged by  
The Flower Committee.

## THIS WEEK

TODAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Sunday School Classes</li> <li>• Deck the Window Bays with Christmas Fantasies!</li> <li>• No Youth Group</li> </ul>
Dec 31	• Church Office Closes at Noon
Jan 1	• Church Office Closed Happy New Year!
Jan 2	• Church Office Reopens at 8:30 am
Jan 2 - 5	• Montreat College Conference
Jan 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celtic Christian Practices</li> <li>• Open meeting for Iona Trip</li> </ul>
Jan 7	• PW Circle Meetings
<b>COMING UP ...</b>	
Jan 13	• BLAST Girl's Bible Study
Feb 16 - 20	• Insight trip to Haiti
Feb 23-24	• Women's Getaway Retreat

### Financial Update through November 2018

<u>Pledged Revenue Budgeted:</u>	\$971,000
<u>Pledged Revenue Received:</u>	\$950,363
<u>Excess or (Shortfall):</u>	(\$20,637)

There are only a couple of weeks left in 2018, and we remain in a shortfall position with our Pledged Revenue. Please continue to support the church through your contributions and help us achieve our 2018 goal. Thank you.

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**MONDAY DECEMBER 31**  
**Church Office closes at Noon**  
**Business Office open until 4:00 pm**

**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

### 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.)*