

WELCOME

On behalf of Riverside Presbyterian, it is our pleasure to welcome you to worship this morning. The opportunity to worship together as the Family is one of God's greatest gifts. It is our hope that this time and place will be a grounding place for us all, one that enables us to live as freely and fully as God intends.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

This Sunday's flowers are provided by **Janice Eastes** to the glory of God with gratitude for God's love, mercy, and grace.

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NEXT STEPS

Wondering what your Next Steps with Riverside might be? The Session would love to explore this with you! We meet the 1st Sunday of every month, at 9:00 am in the Judea Room in the Knox (office) building. All questions and people are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP



To support the ministry of Riverside Presbyterian Church, contributions may be sent to the church office or you may pledge electronically at www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org or scan the QR code to give through tithely.com.

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✦ **Standing for those who are able**

People's response in **bold & italic** types

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit" (Psalm 32:1-2).

PRELUDE

"Jesus, By Thy Dear Wounds"
Diana Amtower, *Organ*

J.S. Bach

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETINGS & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Bill Teng

The Lord be with you. **And also with you . . .**

. . . The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

From now on, brothers and sisters, we regard no one from a human point of view.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All of this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ.

God is making his appeal through us.

On behalf of Christ, let us all be reconciled to God!

Let us worship God!

✦ **STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT**

"Glorious Day"

Passion (2017)

"What a Beautiful Name"

Hillsong Worship (2017)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Teng

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious heavenly Father: We confess we have sinned against heaven and against you — In our stubbornness, we have often gone our own ways, and failed to stay near you. In our ingratitude, we have not always remembered how your righteous Son became sin on our behalf, to bring about our justification. In our short-sightedness, we have neglected the message of reconciliation entrusted to us.

We acknowledge our sin, O God, for we cannot hide our iniquity. We confess our transgressions, O Lord, set us free from all self-deceit. Forgive the guilt of our sin, that we may be a joyous people, and praise you with loud cries of deliverance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT REFLECTION (*Reflecting on the Prayer of Confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ Passing of the Peace of Christ

. . . The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

GIVING TO GOD

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FUSION YOUTH

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Marvelous Love"
Chancel Choir/Diana Amtower, *Director*

arr. Mary Ann Cooper

✦ DOXOLOGY #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (N.T., p. 181)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Elder Mick Ray

✦ **HYMN #108**

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (N.T., p. 78)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Teng

SERMON

"The Prodigal Father!"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

. . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

. . . Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦ **HYMN #441**

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

NETTLETON

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ SENDING SONG

"Happy Day"

Jesus Culture (2008)

Lent is a liturgical season which consists of forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday (day before Easter). The six Sundays in Lent, as all Sundays, are feast days in honor of the Resurrection, and are therefore in Lent and not of Lent. The purpose of observing Lent is for all Christians to intentionally, through self-discipline, deepen their own personal faith, purify their hearts from sin, and unite more closely to God through Christ.



Worship March 30, 2025
Welcome to worship! We are excited you are here! As you attend worship today, use this sheet to help you stay engaged and learn.

Today's passage comes from Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable:

11b "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. 25 "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

Underline what you like in today's passage.

Circle what is confusing in the passage.

Put a box around the main part.

If you were speaking about today's passage, what would you say?

What word did you hear over and over today?
What does it mean?

What is one "take away" from worship today that will influence you/your ministry?

Upcoming Events

Sun	3/30	9:00 am	Sunday School	Sun	4/13	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Worship - S			10:00 am	Worship - S
		11:00 am	Fellowship Time - FH			11:00 am	Fellowship Time - FH
		3:30 pm	Oratorio Concert - S			11:00 am	Worship & Sacrament - KH
Mon	3/31	1:00 pm	Disciple Study - KH	Mon	4/14	7:00 pm	NA Meeting - FH
		7:00 pm	NA Meeting - FH	Tues	4/15	1:00 pm	HRR Circle - KH
Wed	4/2	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study - KH/Z			7:00 pm	Session Meeting - KH/Z
		9:30 am	Stitchin' Sisters - CH	Wed	4/16	8:30 am	Men's Study - KH/Z
		10:00 am	Care and Support - KH			9:30 am	Stitchin' Sisters - CH
		10:00 am	Prayer Circle - KH			10:00 am	Prayer Circle - KH
		6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner - FH	Thurs	4/17	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday - S
		6:45 pm	Lenten Study - FH	Sun	4/20	7:00 am	Sunrise Service on the Beach
Thurs	4/3	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal - S			9:00 am	Sunday School
Sun	4/6	9:00 am	Sunday School			10:00 am	Worship - S
		9:00 am	One Blood Drive			11:00 am	Fellowship Time - FH
		10:00 am	Worship - S	Mon	4/21	6:30 pm	Community Engagement
		11:00 am	Fellowship Hall - FH			7:00 pm	NA Meeting - FH
		11:00 am	Communications - KH	Tues	4/22	7:00 pm	Mission Meeting - Z
Mon	4/7	1:00 pm	Disciple Study - KH	Wed	4/23	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study - KH/Z
		7:00 pm	NA Meeting - FH			10:00 am	Prayer Circle - KH.
Tues	4/8	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting - KH/Z			2:00 pm	Women's Study - FH
Wed	4/9	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study - KH/Z	Thurs	4/24	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal - S
		10:00 am	Prayer Circle - KH	Sun	4/27	9:00 am	Sunday School
		6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner - FH			10:00 am	Worship - S
		6:45 pm	Lenten Study - FH			11:00 am	Fellowship Time - FH
Thurs	4/10	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal - S				

(S = Sanctuary FH= Fellowship Hall KH = Knox Hall CH= Calvin Hall Z = Zoom)

Communion Sunday

Please prepare your heart as we celebrate Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) next Sunday, April 6th.

Lenten Study

Our Lenten Series for 2025 is a five-week study "*He Chose the Nails*" by Max Lucado, Wednesday's at 6:45pm with a light meal offered at 6pm. Meals will be \$7 at the door. If you would like to help cook, set up or clean up please contact the church office or Paula Yost.

One Great Hour of Sharing

On March 30th we will be taking a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. OGHS helps those in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the oppressed and poor. You can give by using the special offering envelope (given out on March 30th in your bulletin), include with your regular offering or donate online at www.reiversdieptesbyterianchurch.org and note in comment box it is for OGHS. Thank you for our generosity.

One Blood Drive

The OneBlood bus will be at Riverside Sunday, April 6th from 9am-1pm. Walk-ins are welcome. However, reservations, which can be made on the OneBlood website, www.oneblood.org, are preferred. Please consider donating blood before or after church.

Each donation changes lives!



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