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W CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 18, 2018
Worship at 8:45AM & 11:15AM

*Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian
Church!*

*Please take a
few minutes to
calm your
heart, mind,
and spirit for
the worship
and celebration
of Jesus Christ.*

*If you are
interested in
being a member
here at RPC,
please see
Pastor Mike
following
worship!*

8:45 AM SERVICE OF WORSHIP

GATHERING
Hallelujah

WELCOME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAISE THROUGH SONG

**Fields of Grace*

**Forever*

Shout To The Lord (Confession)

Cry Out To Jesus (Offering)

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

John 3:14-21

Judgment in Light

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Lord's Prayer

TAKING OUR FAITH INTO THE WORLD

**We Want To See Jesus Lifted High*

*BENEDICTION

*Please rise in body or in spirit

HOLY WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Palm Sunday - March 25

10 AM Service

Celebration of the Chapel

Maundy Thursday - March 29

7 PM Service in Fellowship Hall

Good Friday - March 30

The Sanctuary will be open at 6PM for Reflection

7 PM Service

Easter Sunday - April 1

7:00AM Sunrise Service for the Community at Fischer Park

8:45 AM & 11:15 AM Service

Children's Easter Egg Hunt between Services

Communion Service- April 8th

One service of worship at 10AM

One service at 10AM until December 2, 2018.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES AT 10:00 AM

One Room School House (K-3rd graders)

Pfeiffer Room

“Feasting on the Word”(4th-8th graders)

Fellowship Hall Stage

Science & the Bible—Jak Burton

Knox Parlor

Kerygma: NT Overview—Penny Bernard

Galilee

Lectionary Bible Study—Pastor Mike & George Spaeth

Fellowship Hall

NEW CLASS beginning April 8th

The course is "Christianity and Islam:

So Much In Common, So Far Apart" by Ronn Kerr.

The study takes neither a "how to convert Muslims" nor a "we're all the same" approach. It provides students with a greater appreciation of both Jesus and Muhammad; both the New Testament and the Quran; and both

Christianity and Islam. One of the most common comments from students who have taken the course is that they learned a lot about Islam and just about as much about their own faith.

The class begins after Easter, on April 8th and will finish May 20th.

It will be held from 9:00 to 9:50 AM with Betty Peterson as leader, assisted by Penny Bernard. Each student should purchase the textbook for \$10, and signup sheets are available in the Narthex.

To Quote:

*I will lead the
blind by ways
they have not
known, along
unfamiliar paths
I will guide them;
I will turn the
darkness into
light before them
and make the
rough places
smooth.
These are the
things I will do;
I will not
forsake them.*

- *Isaiah 42:16*

11:15 AM SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adagio

JS Bach

CHIMING OF HOUR, WELCOME, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Turn away from the calls of worldly success

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has

Repent, and turn back to God.

Turn away from greed and the race for power

Repent, and turn back to God.

As we move through Lent, may we turn back to God

May we seek forgiveness,

may we seek healing,

may we seek wholeness.

May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

A time of silent personal confession

**Prayer for
Illumination**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. This we pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SUNG RESPONSE *Gloria Patri*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM *And No Bird Sang* Wagner
Riverside Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Numbers 21:4-9
John 3:14-21

*HYMN 192 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

SERMON *Judgment in Light* Rev. Michael Hafele

OFFERING

Offertory *Lord, I Want To Be A Christian* McIntyre
Ruth Warobick, Soloist

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, PASTORAL & LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Never Further Than The Cross* Mansfield

*Please stand if you are able.

Sanctuary Flowers

Given by Bev & Doug Kasimier

"Welcoming our new grandson, Noah Paul Smeltzer, on March 12th"

COMMUNION SERVICE & WHITE BREAKFAST We ask the ladies of Riverside as well as winter residents and visitors to please save the date of Saturday, March 24th, for a Communion Service and White Breakfast. The Communion Service will begin at 8:45 AM in the sanctuary to be followed by a breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Come and join us in this Communion Service and Fellowship. Breakfast tickets for \$5.00 will be available today in Fellowship Hall.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING will be this Palm Sunday, March 25th. Prayerfully consider giving to this special offering.

PALM SUNDAY will be one service at 10:00 AM on March 25th. Please meet outside by the Chapel for a short celebration and then we will proceed to the Sanctuary to continue worship.

DR. VERNON BOUSHELL'S CONCERT SERIES presents a free concert of "Land That We Love: A Tribute to the Pioneering Spirit of America" on Sunday, April 8, at 3:30 PM. The concert will be performed by The Three Sopranos. The Three Sopranos represent some of the finest soprano voices in Central Florida. A free ticket is required and is available in our Box Office, printed online from our website at www.RiversidePres.org, or by calling our Ticket Line at 321-525-7825.

RESERVED DEVOTIONALS Copies of **THESE DAYS** for April, May, June 2018 are available for pickup. There are some unreserved copies available. If you would like to a reserved copy, please contact Sonja Buckley at 321-452-8569.

CONGREGATION FEEDBACK *Sponsored by Session Phase 2*

As we continue on our faith journey, the Session's Phase 2 Committee is asking for your help and opinions as we develop a plan to meet the spiritual needs of our church and our community in the next five years. There are sheets in the Sanctuary to sign up for one of the small group meetings. Please select a date and join us as we discuss: "How we look to minister today and tomorrow while honoring our past."

Thursday, March 22nd at 6 pm

Monday, March 26th at 6 pm

Monday, April 16th at 6 pm

Sunday, April 22nd at 11:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP with your Brothers & Sisters after the services in Fellowship Hall.
“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”
Romans 12:9-13

GIVE INSTEAD OF GIVING UP Lenten Food Boxes are due Sunday, March 25th. All boxes will be given to students of need to help families during spring break session at Cape View Elementary School. Thank you to all who have participated and returned boxes filled with non perishable food items. Your gift of giving during Lent is appreciated. *“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...” Matthew 25:35*

EASTER FLOWERS What could be a more wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one than to purchase an Easter flower to decorate our sanctuary on the day we celebrate our Lord's resurrection? A Deacon will deliver many of the plants to members of our church family who can no longer join us for church activities. Envelopes to order flowers will be available in the bulletin today. You can either place the completed order in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Deadline for returning your Easter flower order is March 26th.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT RIVERSIDE Kids, gather your Easter baskets and get ready for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside Presbyterian Church on Easter Sunday, April 1st. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM for a short devotional. Toddlers and children through elementary school age, are welcome to participate. All children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are invited. **Grab those baskets and let's go hunt some EGGS !!!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Church Work Days will be this Friday, March 23rd from Noon-4 PM and Saturday, March 24th from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. The Church is in need of a general campus cleanup to include the following: Chapel preparation for demolition, sprucing up the Memorial Garden and Campus Grounds. Please meet in Knox Hall on either Friday or Saturday or both days with Chuck Torgler, Sexton, for instructions. Thank you to all who have signed up—we are looking forward to having your help!

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE.....

- Sun 3/18** 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Children's Choir—Calvin Hall
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Traditional Worship
- Mon 3/19** 1:00 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM NA Meeting—Fellowship Hall
- Tue 3/20** 9:30 AM Senior Fitness—Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM Hannah Circle—Knox Parlor
6:00 PM Bell Choir—Calvin Hall
7:00 PM Session—Knox Parlor
- Wed 3/21** 7:30 AM Men's Bible —Knox Parlor
9:30 AM Stitchin' Sisters—Calvin Hall
10:00 AM Prayer Group—Knox Parlor
6:00 PM Light Supper—Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM Lenten Series Study— Fellowship Hall
- Thu 3/22** 9:30 AM Senior Fitness—Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Session Phase 2—Knox Parlor
7:00 PM Choir Practice—Calvin Hall
- Fri 3/23** 12:00 PM Church Work Day—Knox Parlor
- Sat 3/24** 8:45 AM PW Communion & White Breakfast
10:00 AM Church Work Day—Knox Parlor

The Unity of the Body

The Apostle Paul encourages the Church in Ephesus to, *lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.* (Eph 4:1-6) I am also reminded of the Westminster Shorter Catechism, from our Confessions, that asks: “What is the chief end of humanity?” The succinct answer is, of course, “To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” The biblical encouragement gives witness not only to the proposition of unity for the people of God but also the manner by which that reality is lived out. The Confessional witness speaks to the very foundation of our being, our genuine purpose, the existential answer: the people of God are, at its core, the people of the worship of God. That is the reason for our existence; in whom we “live, and move, and have our being.” In the midst of the summation of the law, the worship of Jesus Christ is tantamount to “loving the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” The witness to the unity of the Body of Christ is the preliminary affirmation of “loving your neighbor as yourself.”

After prayerful consideration, the Session has determined that Christ’s Church here at Riverside Presbyterian would exemplify those two affirmations within a unified, intergenerational, and liturgically diverse worship setting from April 8th to the beginning of the Advent calendar. While both the traditional and contemporary forms of worship offer viable expressions of worship, the two worship services have measured an unintended consequence of the creation of “two Churches” rather than “one with two expressions.” Sadly, the atmosphere isolated rather than unified the full body; segregated, rather than united us in our common affection and love for Jesus Christ. The session recognized that for Riverside Presbyterian Church to be a vibrant witness, to the greater community, of the saving grace of Jesus Christ well into the future the Church must recapture its common bond and mutual love of Jesus Christ as one unified body. Within this context of unifying our worship of Jesus Christ, may we approach those moments within the liturgy, that are distinct from our personal norms, with the hope that though the resonance of that moment may not be as powerful for you, you can love your neighbor beside you who has found that moment to be nothing less than a Divine Word to them. By doing so, we are loving our neighbor as ourselves and offering a witness of unity in the midst of diversity in fidelity to the Savior.

It is my joy to give witness to the Spirit of God who has brought us, claimed us, molds us, and comforts us within these times of incredible transition. Though this opportunity comes as no surprise to the Lord, as the Good Shepherd sees not only the road but our destination as well, this time offers us a wondrous opportunity to live out our faith as we once again “hear His voice” and journey onward together in the hopeful assurance of His continual presence!

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you,
Rev. Michael Hafele