

RESTING • RENEWED • RESPONDING

RIVERVIEW

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

WELCOME TO RIVERWOOD

We are glad you are here! Finding a church home can be a daunting process, so we want to help you by telling you who we are up front. We are first and foremost a people **resting** in God's grace offered to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ, being progressively **renewed** by the Holy Spirit, and **responding** in faith, repentance, and obedience.

We are also a reformed, confessional church. That means that we trace our roots back to the Protestant Reformation, and we view the historic confessions, catechisms, and creeds as being invaluable and immensely relevant, because they were derived from our ultimate authority: God's word.

No matter where you are in your understanding of the Christian faith, we hope you find Riverwood to be a place where you can build relationships, ask questions, and grow in your knowledge of Jesus.

We would love to connect with you today before you leave! You can help us with that by scanning the QR code on the back page of this bulletin and filling out the linked *Information Connection* page. Our elders will also be in the foyer after the service to meet you and answer any questions you may have.

Now receive this welcome into worship from the risen, reigning Christ:

**"To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort;
to all who fail and need forgiveness; to all who struggle and need strength;
to all who sin and need a savior: this church opens wide her doors
in the name of Jesus, the friend of sinners."**



God sees fit that we should taste of that cup of which his Son drank so deep, that we might feel a little what sin is, and what his Son's love was. But our comfort is that Christ drank the dregs of the cup for us, and will succor us, so that our spirits may not utterly fail under that little taste of his displeasure which we may feel. He became not only a man but a curse, a man of sorrows, for us. He was broken that we should not be broken; he was troubled, that we should not be desperately troubled; he became a curse, that we should not be accursed. Whatever may be wished for in an all sufficient comforter is all to be found in Christ.

Richard Sibbes
The Bruised Reed

Missions is about the worship of Jesus. The goal of missions is the global worship of Jesus by His redeemed people from every tribe, tongue, and nation. The outcome of missions is all peoples delighting to praise Jesus. And the motivation for missions is the enjoyment that His people have in Him. Missions aims at, brings about, and is fueled by the worship of Jesus.

David Mathis

God specializes in the impossible, so that when the victory is won and the task is complete, we cannot take any credit. Others know we didn't do it, and we know we didn't do it. We must always remember that we can only live the Christian life and serve God through the power of His Holy Spirit. As soon as we think we can handle it on our own, we become useless to Him. We have to be willing to get out of the way, let God take over, and let Him overshadow us.

Nancy Leigh DeMoss



November 12, 2023

10:30 Worship Service

Leaders In Worship: Pastor, *Jeff Pate*

Assisting Elder, *John Kim*

Piano, *Nancy Allen*

WELCOME

Program all communication devices to be in silent mode. Thank you.

PRELUDE

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 93*

Pastor: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed;
he has put on strength as his belt.

All: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Pastor: Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

**All: Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.**

Pastor: The Almighty God invites us to know him and delight in him.
Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 64

"God, the Lord, a King Remaineth"

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE READING: *Luke 22:25-27*

25 And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. **26** But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. **27** For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God, we profess and sing that you reign and are robed in majesty. But we also confess that we want people to make much of us and we want to be praised. Please forgive us for our pride. Lord Jesus, through your Word and by your example we know that true leadership is exercised through humble service and sacrifice. Please have mercy on us for the times we selfishly use our positions for personal gain or worldly glory. Holy Spirit, give us the mind of Christ so that we would serve one another faithfully in His name and for His glory. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Colossians 2*

Pastor: You who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Christ, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. By God’s undeserved love and through faith that rests in the finished work of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN: 246

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Once to Every Man and Nation”

arr. Melody Bober

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Belgic Confession, Article 27*

We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church—a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers, awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, being washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit. This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is eternal King who cannot be without subjects. And this holy church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small to human eyes—as though it were snuffed out...And so this holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain people. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: "Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. **2** He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; **3** a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. **4** He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. **5** Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: **6** "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, **7** to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. **8** I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. **9** Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,
All: but the Word of our God will stand forever.

SERMON: "Behold the Lord's Servant!"

Rev. Jeff Pate

HYMN: "Jesus, Strong and Kind"

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.
And he showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: With these words our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

All: In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all. He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: 441 "Jesus Shall Reign"

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSING HYMN: #263 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the
world adore his sacred name.

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease beneath
the shadow of its healing peace.

(Refrain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant Kids & Youth Group

Covenant Kids Club and Youth Group will meet tonight at 5:30pm.

We Give Thanks

After church next Sunday, November 19, plan to join your Riverwood family for dinner on the grounds. Each family is asked to bring a stand alone meal that is enough for your family plus extra for sharing. We encourage the use of coolers to keep things cold or hot as refrigerator space is very limited and too many crock pots blow our circuit breakers! The church will provide plates, cups, cutlery, napkins, and ice. Join us as we break bread together. Riverwood's annual We Give Thanks service will directly follow the meal in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a time for members of the congregation to give God thanks, so be thinking of something you may want to share.

UnBound 216

We have the opportunity to minister to UnBound216 inmates inside Bibb Co. Correctional Facility by putting together 318 Hygiene Kits to be delivered at Christmas.

Items needed (*All items must be full-size*): Deodorant (no spray), bars of soap, white washcloths, white crew socks - plain white (no markings at all), toothpaste, and toothbrushes (individually packaged).

There is a bin in the narthex marked "UnBound216" for donated items. We need to collect these by Nov. 20. If you prefer to donate money, make checks out to RPC and mark the memo line with "UnBound216 Hygiene Kits." Questions? See Joanie and George Norris or Mickey and Bruce DeHaan.

Happy Birthday

November 12 Kevin Skelton

Mark Your Calendars

- November 19 & 26: No Covenant Kids Club or Youth Group
- Sunday, December 10: Christmas Concert and Reception
- Sunday, December 17: Covenant Kids Club & Youth Group Christmas Parties
- Sunday, December 24, 6:00pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Week of December 25: Church Office closed

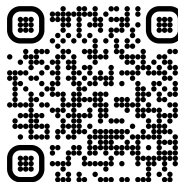
Pier Groups

We would like to encourage everyone to participate in one of our community groups, aka "Pier Groups." The Pier Groups for this fall include:

- Martins (4004 Triple Crown Circle, 35406) on Sundays in their home @ 5:30 pm
- Sheppards on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall @ 5:30 pm
- Pates (2030 Idlewood Drive, 35405) on Tuesdays at their home @ 6 pm
- Kims (5010 Lakehurst Drive, 35473) on Fridays at their home @ 6:30 pm

Financials through October

Operating Income:	\$341,828.24
Operating Expense*:	\$351,751.16
Net Income:	(\$9,922.92)
Designated gifts:	\$28,830.00
Building loan balance:	\$541,760.63



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