

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, and apostolic church. That means that we trace our roots back through the Protestant Reformation, the historic confessions, catechisms, and creeds of the church, all the way back to the teachings of the apostles. In all of this, our ultimate authority is 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."**





April 27, 2025

10:30 Worship Service

**Leaders In Worship:** Pastor, *Jeff Pate*  
Assisting Elder, *Gene Martin*  
Piano, *Nancy Allen*

## WELCOME

*Please program all communication devices to be in silent mode. Thank you.*

## PRELUDE

## PRAISE

### CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 98*

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!**

Pastor: Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

**All: He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

### HYMN: 316

"The Mighty God, the Lord"

## 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

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## **SCRIPTURE READING:**     *Psalms 7:11-17*

**11** God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. **12** If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow; **13** he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts. **14** Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies. **15** He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made. **16** His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends. **17** I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

Leader:                This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:                    Thanks be to God!**

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**Almighty God, together we profess that you are righteous and altogether holy and together we confess that we are sinful people. When we consider your holiness, we admit that we are the ones who have conceived evil in our hearts and had thoughts that are pregnant with mischief. Have mercy on us. We deserve your judgment but plead for forgiveness. We ask for this not because we have any good thoughts or actions that could ever earn our pardon, but only because of the love and sacrifice of our once dead but now risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Our faith is in him. Look on his atoning death as the satisfaction for our judgment. Remember his righteous life imputed to us through faith. You raised him for our justification. That is our hope and so we pray together in his name. Amen.**

## **SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION**

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD:** *from Micah 7*

Pastor: For all who trust in Jesus Christ, hear the good news of God's mercy and the assurance of your pardon! Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**HYMN:**

"Amazing Love"

My Lord, what love is this, that pays so dearly;  
That I the guilty one, may go free?

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice, the Son of God giv'n for me;  
My debt he pays, and my death he dies, that I might live, that I might live.*

And so, they watched Him die, despised, rejected;  
But O, the blood He shed, flowed for me.

*Chorus*

And now, this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;  
Come wash your guilt away, live again!

*Chorus*

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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## 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: *The Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 45, 52*

Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.**

Leader: How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

**All: In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.**

## 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: 330

"Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness"

## RECEIVING THE WORD

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**SCRIPTURE:**        *John 5:27-30*

**27** And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. **28** Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice **29** and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. **30** I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Pastor:            The grass withers, the flower fades,

**All:**                **but the Word of our God will stand forever.**

**SERMON:**                                "Jesus, the Just Judge"

*Rev. Jeff Pate*





# COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

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**HYMN: 156**

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

## **RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: God meets us in the sacraments, holy acts in which his deeds elicit our response. In the supper our Lord offers the bread and cup to believers to guarantee our share in his death and resurrection, and to unite us to him and to each other.

**All: We take this food gladly, announcing as we eat that Jesus is our life and that he shall come again to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**HYMN: 320**

"Rejoice, All Ye Believers"

## **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)

## **Happy Birthday**

May 1 Calvin Kim

## **Men's Bible Study**

The Men's Bible study meets this Thursday at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. A zoom option is also available for those unable to attend in-person -- see your weekly email for the link and password.

## **College Student Study Days**

College students, come study for finals at Riverwood Church on Monday and Tuesday, April 28 and 29, and enjoy free coffee, snacks, and lunch from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Lunch will be served beginning at noon. Riverwood families, please see your weekly email for details on how to help with meals!

## **Corporate Prayer**

Everyone is encouraged to join us for corporate prayer this week Wednesday, April 30 at 5pm. We will meet in the conference room in the Admin Building. Come when you can and stay for as long as you are able.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Pier Groups

We believe an important component of Christian discipleship is regular time in the word and prayer with fellow believers. One way we seek to provide opportunities for that is through small groups that we refer to as Pier Groups. We currently have three groups for you to choose from.

- Martins (4004 Triple Crown Circle, 35406) on Sundays in their home @ 5:30 pm. For more info contact Gene at (205) 614-2781.
- Pates (2030 Idlewood Drive, 35405) on Tuesdays at their home @ 6 pm. You can reach out to Jeff at (205) 771-0170.
- Kims (5010 Lakehurst Drive, 35473) on Fridays at their home @ 6:30 pm. John can be reached at (443) 722-1727.

## Nursery Schedule

April 27: Janalie Graham and Lilly Henry  
May 4: Lorrie Pate & Warren Pate

## Riverwood Church Officers

### *Elders:*

John Kim  
Gene Martin  
Dusty Sheppard  
Robert Sheppard

### *Elder Emeritus:*

Bob Prince

### *Deacons:*

Tommy Coleman  
Steven Crawford  
Bruce DeHaan  
Ed Kidder  
Steve Patridge  
Marvin Skelton

### Financials through March

Operating Income:	\$86,722.89
Operating Expense:	\$97,671.73
Net Income:	(\$10,948.84)
Designated gifts:	\$25,209.00
Building loan balance:	\$406,589.61



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