

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."**





June 22, 2025

10:30 Worship Service

**Leaders In Worship:** Visiting Pastor, *Rev. Jeph Guinan*  
Assisting Elder, *Gene Martin*  
Piano, *Ginny Coleman*

## WELCOME

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

## PRELUDE

## PRAISE

### CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 100*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**All: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**  
**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations. Come, let us worship.

### HYMN: 1

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

## 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:**     *Psalm 19:7-12*

**7** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; **8** the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; **9** the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. **10** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. **11** Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. **12** Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Leader:               This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:                   Thanks be to God!**

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**Dear Father, your law is perfect, your testimony is sure, your precepts are right and your commandment is pure. But Father, we are not pure, or right in our thoughts and deeds, or sure in our behavior. We beseech you Lord that you forgive our transgressions and set us on a path of increasing righteousness, keep us from sin, Lord, and purify our lives. Only you are capable of perfection, but help us to set our sights on you and not on our own desires.**

## **SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION**

# RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD:**    *Psalm 28:6-9*

Leader:        **6** Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. **7** The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. **8** The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. **9** Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:**            **And also with you.**

**HYMN:** 253

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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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

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**      *Colossians 1:15-20*

Leader:      Christian, what do you believe about Jesus Christ?

**All:**      **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

**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: 334**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

## RECEIVING THE WORD

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**SCRIPTURE:**        *Luke 18:9-14*

**9** He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: **10** “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ **13** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

**SERMON:**                                “Salvation by Grace Alone”

*Rev. Jeph Guinan*





# COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

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**HYMN: 468**

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

## RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: He forgives all your iniquity, heals all your diseases, redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**All: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**

Pastor: And because we are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. Let us eat the feast with thankful hearts as God's redeemed and beloved children.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**HYMN: 86**

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

## 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

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## **Happy Birthday**

June 25 Bruce DeHaan

June 25 Gene Martin

June 28 Parker Pate

## **Guest Preacher Today: Rev. Jeph Guinan**

We are happy to have Rev. Jeph Guinan with us for the next two Sundays (June 22 and 29). Jeph is the director of the Alabama Church Planting Network for Mission to North America.

## **Corporate Prayer**

Everyone is encouraged to join us for corporate prayer this Wednesday, June 25 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.

## **Deacon's Fund Offering**

Every month that has a fifth Sunday, our Deacons have an offering to replenish funds in an account used exclusively for short-term mercy ministry needs. This has enabled our Diaconate to extend the kingdom of God to many within our community. Next Sunday, June 29, all cash and designated gifts will be used for this purpose.

## **Dinner on the Grounds**

Please make plans to join your church family for dinner on the grounds next Sunday, June 29, immediately after the morning worship service. If you are able, please bring enough food for your family and a little extra to share.

## **Sunday School Update**

Sunday School classes are not currently meeting over the summer. The fall semester will kick off with a churchwide breakfast and promotion Sunday on August 17.

# 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. There is one Pier Group meeting this summer.

- Martins (4004 Triple Crown Circle, 35406) on Sundays in their home @ 5:30 pm. For more info contact Gene at (205) 614-2781.

## Nursery Schedule

June 22: George & Joanie Norris

June 29: Erin Sheppard & Mercedes Quinn

## 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 May

Operating Income:	\$135,645.64
Operating Expense:	\$155,223.89
Net Income:	(\$19,578.25)
Designated gifts:	\$29,569.00
Building loan balance:	\$392,830.71



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