

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."**





August 3, 2025

10:30 Worship Service

**Leaders In Worship:** Visiting Pastor, *Rev. Daniel Tortorici*  
Assisting Elder, *John Kim*  
Piano, *Joann Williams*

## WELCOME

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

## PRELUDE

## PRAISE

### CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 29*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**All: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**All: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!

**All: May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

### HYMN: 92

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

### 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 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 God, you are the Creator of all things, your precepts are true and righteous, and we are your people. We desire to do good and follow your laws, but we are weak and sinful. We confess our shortcomings and our failings, and we beg for your forgiveness, dear Lord. Help us, we pray, to lean more upon you, and be constantly in prayer, pleading for your mercy.**

## **SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION**

# RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD:**    *Philippians 4:4-7*

Leader:        **4** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. **5** Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; **6** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The peace of Christ be with you.

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

**HYMN: 693**

"Blessed Assurance"

## **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:**      *from Philippians 2*

Leader:      What does Scripture teach concerning the humiliation and exaltation of Jesus?

**All:**      **Though he was in the form of God, Christ Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**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:

## "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease,  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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**SCRIPTURE:**        *John 14:1-17*

**1** "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4** And you know the way to where I am going." **5** Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" **6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." **8** Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." **9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. **12** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. **13** Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. **15** If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

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

**SERMON:**                        "The Way to the Way/Truth/Life"                        *Rev. Daniel Tortorici*



# COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

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**HYMN: 307**

"Nothing but the Blood"

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Pastor: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us — even when we fell into sin.

**All: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

Pastor: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**HYMN: 541**

"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

## **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 Birthdays**

August 4 Jeff Miller

August 5 Joann Williams

August 9 Mike Zheng

## **Guest Preacher Today: Rev. Daniel Tortorici**

Daniel Tortorici is the associate campus minister with RUF Bama. He is originally from Birmingham, AL and went to the University of Alabama for undergrad from 2012-2016. Daniel is married to Molly who works with the dean in the business school at UA and they have a one year old son named Leo. Daniel was ordained in April and is about to begin his 3rd year on staff with RUF Bama this fall.

## **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.

## **Other Events Coming Soon**

Wednesday, August 27, 5:00pm: Corporate Prayer

Sunday, August 31: Deacon's Fund Offering

Sunday, August 31: Dinner on the Grounds

## 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.
- Kims (5010 Lakehurst Drive, 35473) on Fridays at their home @ 6:30 pm. John can be reached at (443) 722-1727.

## Nursery Schedule

August 3: Janalie Graham & Mercedes Quinn  
August 10: Lynn Tootle & Bruce DeHaan

## 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 July

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| Operating Income:      | \$215,787.75 |
| Operating Expense:     | \$224,756.94 |
| Net Income:            | (\$8,969.19) |
| Designated gifts:      | \$33,818.00  |
| Building loan balance: | \$378,480.48 |



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