

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 17, 2025

10:30 Worship Service

Leaders In Worship: Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*

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: *based on Ephesians 3; 1 Timothy 1:17*

Pastor: Today we have gathered to hear of the unsearchable riches of Christ through the Word read, affirmed, preached, and believed;

All: and to bring to light for everyone the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,

Pastor: so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

All: This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Pastor: Now, to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 38

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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: *Leviticus 19:9-12*

9 “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. **10** And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. **11** You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. **12** You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God, to you belong heaven and earth with all that is in it. Out of your abundance you have blessed us with countless blessings. You did this according to your mercy and grace because we don't deserve your good gifts. Thank you for your undeserved love and generosity. We confess that we can be stingy with the gifts you give, boastful about what we have, jealous of what others have, and even willing to take what isn't ours. Please forgive us. Have mercy on us for the times we love the gifts you give more than you, the Giver, and when we begin to base our hope and identity in them instead of you, and in knowing that we are yours. Holy Spirit, remind us again of Jesus, who was given for us so that forgiveness would be granted to us. And then reshape and renew our hearts and minds so that we will be generous and cheerful givers. We ask this in his name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from 2 Cor. 8:9; Ephesians 1:7*

Pastor: Hear the good news of how God himself has secured the riches of our salvation, to include the forgiveness of sins. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." For all who are united to Christ by faith, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: 230 "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

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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Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe that...

...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 Jn 1:5)

...Jesus is the image of the invisible God. (Col. 1:15)

...we must be perfect, as God is perfect. (Matt. 5:48)

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23)

...if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (1 Jn 2:1)

...God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. (Jn 3:16)

...neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:38, 39)

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: *Hebrews 13:5, 6*

5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." **6** So we can confidently say,
 "The Lord is my helper;
 I will not fear;
 what can man do to me?"

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: "Financial Freedom, Eternal Security"

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

HYMN: 427

"Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands"

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: 585

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

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

Happy Birthdays

August 20 Bruce Brown

August 23 Connor McCrea

Corporate Prayer

Everyone is encouraged to join us for corporate prayer on Wednesday, August 27 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.

Calling All Instrumentalists!

If you are interested in using your musical gifts to enrich our Sunday morning worship, please email Jeff at jpate@riverwoodchurch.org.

Other Events Coming Soon

Sunday, August 31: Deacon's Fund Offering

Sunday, August 31: Dinner on the Grounds

Sunday, September 14: College Student Lunches

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 are two Pier Groups currently meeting:

- 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 17: Vielyana Kim & Erin Sheppard

August 24: Joyce Huizinga & Lauren Elliot

Riverwood Church Officers

Elders:

John Kim
Gene Martin
Dusty Sheppard

Elders Emeritus:

Bob Prince
Robert Sheppard

Deacons:

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

Financials through July

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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