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# 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 31, 2025

10:30 Worship Service

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

Assisting Elder, *Gene Martin*

Piano, *Mrs. John Graham*

## WELCOME

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

## PRELUDE

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

arr. Cindy Berry

## PRAISE

### CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 145*

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

Pastor: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your saints shall bless you!

**All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

## HYMN: 2

"O Worship the King"

## 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:**     *Deuteronomy 8:11-20*

**11** "Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, **12** lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, **13** and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, **14** then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, **15** who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, **16** who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. **17** Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' **18** You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. **19** And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. **20** Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God."

Leader:               This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:**                 **Thanks be to God!**

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**O gracious covenant-remembering and covenant-keeping God, we confess how forgetful we are. We forget that you have redeemed us and delivered us so that we would walk as children of light. Instead, we can wander in the darkness, forgetting your commands and following our flesh. Have mercy on us. Please forgive us when we look at the abundance that we enjoy in life and think that it represents our achievements, forgetting that you are our provider and that all we have is from your generous hand. We congratulate ourselves and forget to give you thanks. Have mercy on us. Remind us today of the achievements of Jesus and the salvation that we have through him, to include the forgiveness for our sinful forgetfulness. We ask this in his name, amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

## RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD:**    *based on Colossians 1:13,14*

Pastor: Hear the good news! As we have faith in Jesus Christ, God the Father has graciously delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**HYMN:** “The King in All His Beauty”

O lift your eyes to Heaven, see the Holy One eternal.  
Behold the Lord of Majesty, exalted in His temple.  
As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory  
Come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*Chorus:*

How worthy, how worthy, how worthy,  
the King in all His beauty.

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters.  
The sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.  
As Earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury  
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.  
The hope of every tribe and tongue, His kingdom is forever.  
Bring praise and honor to His courts. Bring wisdom, power, blessing.  
For endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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## Träumerei

Robert Schumann

# 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 29, 31

Leader: Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," meaning "savior"?

**All: Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.**

Leader: Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

**All: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

**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: 337**

"O Spirit of the Living God"

## RECEIVING THE WORD

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**SCRIPTURE:**        *John 6:14-21*

**14** When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" **15** Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. **16** When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, **17** got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. **18** The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. **19** When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. **20** But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." **21** Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

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

**SERMON:**                                "A Different Sort of King"

*Rev. Jeff Pate*

# COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

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**HYMN: 420**

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

## 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: 55**

"To God Be the Glory"

## 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)

## POSTLUDE

*Love Lifted Me*

arr. Lloyd Larson



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Happy Birthdays**

September 3 Ava Concannon

September 4 David Drinkard

## **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. This morning, all cash and designated gifts will be used for this purpose.

## **Dinner on the Grounds**

Please join us for dinner on the grounds in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the morning worship service today. Everyone is welcome!

## **Family Movie Night**

Erin and Dusty Sheppard are inviting the church family to join them at their home for an outdoor movie night tonight, August 31. We'll be watching a musical version of the life of Daniel, and it promises to be a great show! Arrive anytime after 7:00, and the movie will start about 7:30. Bring your own chair, snacks, and a sweatshirt. Text Erin (205) 617-9320 for questions or directions.

## **Youth Group for the Fall**

All 6th thru 12th grade students are welcome to join the youth on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7pm beginning on September 7. This fall we will spend time in Bible study, prayer, worshiping in song, fellowship, and fun. Oh yeah, we will also have food!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Men's Bible Study**

Men's Bible study will begin meeting weekly this Wednesday, September 3 at 5:30pm in the Administration Building. If you cannot attend in person, check your weekly email announcements for a zoom link.

## **Women's Fall Bible Study**

Fall Bible study begins this Thursday, September 4 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the book *Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom* via video with Jen Wilkin. The book is available through Amazon. Questions? Please contact Brenda at 205-792-3851.

## **Riverwood Members Host College Students for Lunch**

Let's get to know each other by eating a meal together on Sunday, Sept 14! The deadline to sign up is Thursday, Sept 11. Please check GroupMe, Facebook, or the email announcements for links to sign up. Vielyana Kim and Lorrie Pate will pair up hosts with students before Sunday and text to let you know who you are paired up with. Thanks for being willing to spend time together as the Body of Christ! If you have any questions, please contact Vielyana at 205-239-3101.

## **Mark Your Calendars**

- Thursday, September 18, 7:00pm: Women's Ministry Favorite Things Party
- Wednesday, September 24, 5:30pm: Corporate Prayer
- Sunday, October 26: Reformation Celebration

# 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 are three 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.
- 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

August 31: Janalie Graham & Warren Pate

September 7: Sumlin Pate & Lilly Henry

## 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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