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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."**





October 19, 2025

10:30 Worship Service

Leaders In Worship: Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*
Assisting Elder, *Dusty Sheppard*
Piano, *Joann Williams*

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 118*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.**

Pastor: The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

**All: The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN: 389

"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

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: *Jeremiah 9:23-26*

23 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, **24** but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. **25** Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will punish all those who are circumcised merely in the flesh— **26** Egypt, Judah, Edom, the sons of Ammon, Moab, and all who dwell in the desert who cut the corners of their hair, for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Gracious Father in heaven, we come to you in prayer as people who are tempted to boast in all of the wrong things. We confess that our confidence and delight are quickly based on things like how much wisdom we think we have, power we think we hold, or wealth we think we've acquired. Please forgive us for our self-centered pride. We can also place our confidence in our outward religious performance without considering the condition of our hearts. Forgive us for our insincere attempts at obedience. Help us to rightly perceive and truly know you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Remind us of your steadfast love, justice, and righteousness that is our hope for salvation. Take our stony hearts and give us hearts of flesh, that know your grace, trust in your mercy, live by faith, and love you sincerely. We ask this in Jesus's name, amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Colossians 1:21-22*

Pastor: Lift your heads and look in faith to Jesus Christ knowing that “you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.” The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: 523

“My Hope Is in the Lord”

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 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: 662

"As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams"

SCRIPTURE: *John 7:1-13*

1 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. **2** Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. **3** So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. **4** For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." **5** For not even his brothers believed in him. **6** Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. **7** The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. **8** You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." **9** After saying this, he remained in Galilee. **10** But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. **11** The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" **12** And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray." **13** Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

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

SERMON: "The Fear of Association"

Rev. Jeff Pate

HYMN:

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

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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

BENEDICTION

HYMN: 75

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

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

October 20 Eli Bell

October 20 Daniel Zheng

Youth Group Tonight

All 6th thru 12th grade students are welcome to join the youth tonight from 5:30-7pm.
Following a meal, we will spend time in Scripture and prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible study meets this Wednesday, October 22 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 continues this Thursday, October 23 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the book *Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom* via video with Jen Wilkin. Questions? Please contact Brenda at 205-792-3851.

New Members Class

We will be offering a New Members class on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00am-1:00pm. If you are interested in finding out more about Riverwood or are ready to join the church as a member, please email Jeff (jpate@riverwoodchurch.org) and let him know if you plan to attend. Lunch is provided!

Baby Shower for Mercedes Quinn

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall this Saturday, October 25 at 2:00pm to celebrate Mercedes Quinn and the upcoming arrival of Jeremiah John. Mercedes is registered at babylist.com.

Reformation Celebration

Riverwood's annual Reformation Celebration is next Sunday, October 26. We are once again having a chili cook-off. If you are interested in competing, please have your award-winning chili at the church by 5:30pm for the judges. Dinner is at 6:00pm, followed by games and reformation hymn singing.

Gift Baskets in the Foyer

There are two gift baskets in the church foyer! One is to assist the Crawford family get what they need for their growing family. The other is for Alyson and Dixon Hopton-Jones (son and daughter-in-law of Kristina and Steve Patridge) to help celebrate the upcoming arrival of their precious baby girl, Mavis Marie (Mae Mae) with cards and gifts. Both baskets will be there for a few weeks.

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 (4032 Carousel 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

October 19: Gardner Herren & Arden Markin

October 26: Christie Parker & Claude Parker

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 September

Operating Income:	\$272,296.24
Operating Expense:	\$294,788.65
Net Income:	(\$22,492.41)
Designated gifts:	\$37,415.00
Building loan balance:	\$364,473.21



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