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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:

**"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."**





November 16, 2025

10:30 Worship Service

Leaders In Worship: Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*
Visiting Pastor, *Stewart Fowler*; Assisting Elder, *John Kim*
Piano, *Nancy Allen*

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 121*

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**All: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Pastor: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

Pastor: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and
forevermore. Come, let us worship!

HYMN: 97

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

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: *Hebrews 12:7-14*

7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? **8** If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. **9** Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? **10** For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. **11** For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. **12** Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, **13** and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. **14** Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Heavenly Father, while we love to be numbered among your children, we confess that sometimes we would rather continue in sin than experience your loving discipline. Forgive us for wanting to minimize your love so it will be as small as our desires. Strengthen our weak knees and enlarge our hearts that we can accept your love and be healed. Holy Spirit, enable us to strive for peace as people who are united to our holy Savior, Jesus, in whose name we pray, amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Hebrews 10:12-14*

Pastor: When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN:

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the Holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness

I will glory in my Redeemer, my life He bought, my love He owns,
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me, it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER & OFFERTORY

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:

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You; To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today; In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us; All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience; Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes; In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see; Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time; That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built; And the earth is filled with Your glory

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RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 30:18-22*

18 Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. **19** For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you. **20** And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. **21** And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left. **22** Then you will defile your carved idols overlaid with silver and your gold-plated metal images. You will scatter them as unclean things. You will say to them, "Be gone!"

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON:

"The Lord Will Provide"

Rev. Stewart Fowler

COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

HYMN: 662

"As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams"

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

Pastor: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

All: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Pastor: Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: 660

"O God beyond All Praising"

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

We Give Thanks Service

After church today, please join your Riverwood family for dinner on the grounds. All are welcome - join us as we break bread together! Riverwood's annual We Give Thanks service will directly follow the meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Group

All 6th thru 12th grade students are welcome to join the youth tonight from 5:30-7pm.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible study meets this Wednesday, November 19 at 5:30pm in the Administration Building.

Women's Fall Bible Study

Fall Bible study continues this Thursday, November 20 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.

UnBound216 Hygiene Kits

We are continuing our ministry to the 318 men in the UnBound216 program at Bibb Correctional Facility by again providing hygiene kits and goodie bags at Christmas. All are invited to a packing party on November 21 at 5:30pm at Brent Presbyterian Church.

Help Needed for College Student Study Days

Riverwood family, we expect to host 40-50 college students on Monday and Tuesday during finals week (December 8 and 9) for study days. Please sign up and help with meals using the link coming in this Tuesday's email announcement and posted to Facebook. If you have any questions, please contact Vielyana Kim (205-239-3101). Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, November 30: Deacon's Fund Offering
December 8-9: College Student Study Days
December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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 (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

November 16: Janalie Graham & Lauryn Elliot

November 23: George & Joanie Norris

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 October

Operating Income:	\$314,938.04
Operating Expense:	\$323,124.72
Net Income:	(\$8,186.68)
Designated gifts:	\$38,300.00
Building loan balance:	\$357,573.85



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