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RIVER[≡]WOOD

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."**





January 25, 2026

10:30 Worship Service

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 99*

Pastor: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Pastor: The Lord is exalted over all peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

All: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 100

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

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: *Deuteronomy 6:10-15*

10 “And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, **11** and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, **12** then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **13** It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. **14** You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— **15** for the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God, we praise and worship you today as the fountain of life. In your light, we see light. Heavenly Father, you are our Provider, supplying our every need according to your riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Lord Jesus, you are our Good Shepherd; we shall not want. Please forgive us for the many times we forget that you are the source of all the blessings we have in this life and for all eternity. Forgive us when we think that our hope, security, joy, and satisfaction are a result of our work instead of your grace. Holy Spirit, humble us when we are proud, increase our faith when we are anxious, give us the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, and guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. We ask this in his name, amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Revelation 5*

Pastor: Hear the good news that echoes in heaven, heard around the throne as the living creatures, and the elders, the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, say with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Through faith in Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, your sin has been forgiven. 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 & OFFERTORY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:37-42

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" **38** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." **40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." **41** So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. **42** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON:

"Church Life"

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

HYMN: 469

"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: With these words our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

All: **In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all. He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: 347

"The Church's One Foundation"

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)

Happy Birthdays

January 27 David Jackson
January 27 Shannon Skelton
January 31 Caleigh Henson

Contribution Statements

Your detailed 2025 contribution statements are ready to be picked up in the foyer. Save the church a stamp and pick yours up today! After today, all remaining statements will be placed in the mail. Please remember that if you contributed to Riverwood online in 2025, you will receive a separate statement directly from the PCA Foundation.

Youth Group

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

Corporate Prayer

Everyone is encouraged to join us for corporate prayer this Wednesday, January 28 at 5:30pm. We will meet in the conference room in the Admin Building. Come when you can and stay for as long as you are able.

No Men's Bible Study

Due to the corporate prayer meeting, the men's Bible study will not meet this week Wednesday.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study on the book of Revelation meets this Thursday, January 29 at 6 p.m. A light dinner will be provided. Looking forward to a time of fellowship and learning more about God's word.

Preaching and Pancakes

This Friday, January 30, Riverwood will be hosting the next installment in our look into the ordinary "Means of Grace." These are the normal and ongoing avenues that God provides for our spiritual nourishment and growth. We will be joined by Rev. Derrick Brite who will be discussing the benefit of reading God's Word and hearing it preached. We will begin at 6pm and a pancake meal will follow. Bring a friend, or three! *While this event is geared toward college students, everyone is welcome to come.*

Warrior Presbytery Women's Ministry Annual Meeting

The Warrior Women's Ministry Annual Meeting is at First Presbyterian Church in Aliceville this Saturday, January 31. Elizabeth Steele will be speaking on "Biblical Hospitality, From Burden to Blessing." Lunch will be served.

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 Mondays/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

January 25: Christie Parker & Claude Parker

February 1: Vielyana Kim & Caleb Kim

Riverwood Church Officers

Elders:

John Kim
Gene Martin
Jeff Pate
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Bob Prince
Robert Sheppard

Deacons:

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

2025 Financials

Operating Income:	\$389,814.29
Operating Expense:	\$390,962.44
Net Income:	(\$1,148.15)
Designated gifts:	\$50,135.00
Building loan balance:	\$338,727.13



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