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# RIVERLEAF WOOD

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# 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."**





March 8, 2026

10:30 Worship Service

Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*  
Assisting Elder, *Gene Martin*  
Piano, *Joann Williams*; Flute, *Mina Webster*

## WELCOME

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

## PRELUDE

*It Is Well with My Soul*

arr. Gary Lanier

## PRAISE

### CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 133*

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

**All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

**All: For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

### HYMN: 359

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

### 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:**     *Proverbs 6:12-19*

**12** A worthless person, a wicked man, goes about with crooked speech, **13** winks with his eyes, signals with his feet, points with his finger, **14** with perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord; **15** therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing. **16** There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: **17** haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, **18** a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, **19** a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

Leader:                This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

# RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD:** *from Ephesians 2*

Pastor: Lift your head and hear the gospel! In Christ, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility. Through faith in Jesus Christ, you have been reconciled to God through the cross. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**HYMN:** 254

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

**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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**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:****“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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# COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

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**HYMN: 427**

"Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands"

## **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**

**HYMN: 347**

"The Church's One Foundation"

## **BENEDICTION**

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## **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

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## **Happy Birthdays**

March 8 Katie Gill  
March 9 Ginny Coleman  
March 12 Jake Sheppard

## **Men's Bible Study**

Men's Bible study will meet this Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30pm in the Administration Building.

## **Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study on the book of Revelation meets this Thursday, March 12 at 6p.m. A light dinner will be provided. Looking forward to a time of fellowship and learning more about God's word.

## **Bridal Shower for Tindol Pate**

You're invited to a bridal shower for Tindol Pate this Saturday, March 14 at 2:00pm at Riverwood. Tindol is registered on zola.com.

## **Aliceville Run: Team Ten for Donny**

Riverwood is invited to join our sister church in Aliceville as they honor one of their elders, Donny Sanders, who is battling ALS. They will be hosting "Team Ten for Donny" on MARCH 14, 8:30 a.m. at Aliceville Pavillion. There will be several options for participating to include a 1 mile run/walk, 10 K Run or 10 mile Run. Money raised will go to ALS research. See your weekly announcement email for a link to sign up.

## **Sundaes on Sunday**

You are invited to a co-ed wedding shower for Anna Gardner Herren and Arden Markin on Sunday, March 22nd from 4-6 in the Riverwood fellowship hall. With limited space for transporting gifts in their move to California, gift cards are warmly welcomed. They are also registered at theknot.com.

# 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

March 8: George & Joanie Norris  
March 15: Lynn Tootle & Lilly Henry

## Riverwood Church Officers

### *Elders:*

John Kim  
Gene Martin  
Jeff Pate  
Dusty Sheppard

### *Elders Emeritus:*

Bob Prince  
Robert Sheppard

### *Deacons:*

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

### Financials through February

Operating Income:	\$54,162.50
Operating Expense:	\$62,648.84
Net Income:	(\$8,486.34)
Designated gifts:	\$18,878.46
Building loan balance:	\$303,505.66



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