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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 22, 2026

10:30 Worship Service

Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*  
Assisting Elder, *Gene Martin*  
Piano, *Joann Williams*

## WELCOME

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

## PRELUDE

## PRAISE

### CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 100*

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**All: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Pastor: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Pastor: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations. Come, let us worship.

### HYMN: 1

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

### 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 10:12-22*

**12** And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, **13** and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? **14** Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. **15** Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. **16** Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. **17** For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. **18** He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. **19** Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. **20** You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. **21** He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. **22** Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Leader:                This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:                    Thanks be to God!**

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**Eternal God, you sovereignly call us to fear you, follow you, love you, and serve you with all our heart and soul. You have created us to bear your image as we glorify and enjoy you, keeping your commandments as we love you and love our neighbors. We confess that we are stubborn and often forget you, follow our own desires, and serve ourselves. Please forgive us. Your word shows us that you love people who the world often overlooks. Have mercy on us for failing to show that same love for vulnerable and forgotten people around us. Lord, you have poured out your grace on us and blessed us abundantly. Holy Spirit, show us the response of true faith and genuine repentance. Help us to be grateful to God, faithful in following Jesus, and generous with others. We ask all of this the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

# RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD:** *from Hebrews 10*

**Pastor:** Lift your heads and hear the gospel! "Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But 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." For all those who have faith in Jesus Christ, he offered up himself for your sins and you are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you.

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

**HYMN:** 455

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

## **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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## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**      *from Philippians 2*

Leader:      What does Scripture teach concerning the humiliation and exaltation of Jesus?

**All:**      **Though he was in the form of God, Christ Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**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.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF COVENANT BAPTISM**

Jeremiah John Quinn  
son of Todd & Mercedes Quinn

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**HYMN:**      334

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"



**HYMN:****"Behold the Lamb"**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us – and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you – eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you – drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in, to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond, – and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ, as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.

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# COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

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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

**HYMN: 86** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

## 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 Birthday**

March 27 Linda Graham

March 28 Vielyana Kim

## **Sundaes on Sunday**

You are invited to a co-ed wedding shower for Anna Gardner Herren and Arden Markin today 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.

## **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, March 25 from 5:30-6:30pm. We will meet in the conference room in the Admin Building. Come when you can and stay for as long as you are able.

## **Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study on the book of Revelation meets this Thursday, March 26 at 6p.m. A light dinner will be provided. Looking forward to a time of fellowship and learning more about God's word.

## **Holy Week at Riverwood**

*Sunday, March 29*

Palm Sunday

*Maundy Thursday, April 2*

Communion Service at 7:00pm

*Easter Sunday, April 5*

The Son Has Risen Service & Breakfast at 9:00am

Worship Service at 10:30am

# 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 22: Vielyana Kim & Caleb Kim  
March 29: Christie Parker & Claude Parker

## 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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