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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."**





April 19, 2026

10:30 Worship Service

Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*
Assisting Elder, *Dusty Sheppard*
Piano, *Ginny Coleman*

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 147*

Pastor: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Pastor: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

**All: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 660

“O God beyond All Praising”

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 15:7-11*

7 If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, **8** but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. **9** Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, “The seventh year, the year of release is near,” and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin. **10** You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. **11** For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, “You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Eternal and triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—we have gathered here today in your presence to worship you and to be renewed once again through your word and Spirit. You are faithful and remind us week after week of the gift of your grace that has been lavished on us in Jesus Christ. You are generous in mercy and liberal in love. We confess that we aren’t generous like you. We withhold what you have called us to share and hoard what others need. Please have mercy on us. Open our minds to better understand the riches of your grace to us and open our hearts to trust the prodigious love you have for us. Delivery us from the idolatry of possessions and from the love of money. Help us see the freedom that Jesus has secured for us and enable us to give to you and others with generous and sincere hearts. We ask this humbly, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from 1 John 4 & 2 Corinthians 8*

Pastor: Hear the good news of God's generous, sacrificial love for you! In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. By God's grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and eternally loved. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: 230 "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

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?

All: **I believe that...**

...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 Jn 1:5)

...Jesus is the image of the invisible God. (Col. 1:15)

...we must be perfect, as God is perfect. (Matt. 5:48)

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23)

...if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (1 Jn 2:1)

...God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. (Jn 3:16)

...neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:38, 39)

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:**"Holy Spirit"**

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *John 12:1-11*

1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. **2** So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. **3** Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. **4** But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, **5** "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" **6** He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. **7** Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. **8** For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." **9** When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. **10** So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, **11** because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON:

"Poured Out in Devotion"

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

HYMN: 429

"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Pastor: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us - even when we fell into sin.

All: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Pastor: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: 585

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

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

Youth Group

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

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study will meet this Wed., April 22 at 5:30pm in the Admin Building.

Presbytery Hospitality

The Warrior Presbytery meeting will be held at Riverwood this Tuesday, April 21. We need volunteers to help with set up, serving, preparing food, and clean up. To volunteer, please see the sign up link in your weekly email.

Men's Gathering

Men and boys of all ages are invited to come out to the country for an afternoon of food and fellowship on April 25. The event will begin with lunch starting at 11:30. This will be followed by activities including fishing, hiking, shooting, and disc golf, among others. Please bring your own fishing gear if you'd like to fish, and bring your own guns and ammo if you'd like to shoot. If you are interested in coming and need directions, ask one of the elders in the foyer on the way out and they will provide them.

College Student Study Days

College students, come study for finals at Riverwood Church next week Monday and Tuesday, April 27 & 28, and enjoy free coffee, snacks, and lunch from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Lunch will be served beginning at noon. Riverwood families, a sign up link to help provide meals is posted in the email announcements and on Facebook.

Opportunity to Help a Riverwood Family

On April 29, Clara Parker will receive a much needed kidney transplant at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Her recovery will include a month long stay in Rochester after the surgery. While insurance will help cover medical expenses, the family will incur significant costs for travel, lodging, and food during the month-long stay. Thankfully, the family can stay at the transplant house for only \$35 each night. We would like to help them by asking you to do two things. First, please pray for Clara, her family, and the doctors who will care for her. Second, would you consider sponsoring a night (or several nights!) at the transplant house? You can do so by making a contribution to Riverwood specifying "Team Clara" in the memo line.

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

April 19: Vielyana Kim & Caleb Kim

April 26: Halsie Bardin & Claire Hutchinson

Riverwood Church Officers

Elders:

John Kim
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Dusty Sheppard

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Robert Sheppard

Deacons:

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

Financials through March

Operating Income:	\$93,734.23
Operating Expense:	\$101,211.82
Net Income:	(\$7,477.59)
Designated gifts:	\$22,292.30
Building loan balance:	\$291,025.78



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