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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."**





May 10, 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: *from Psalm 148*

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

**All: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

Pastor: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

**All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 110

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

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 18:15-22*

15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— **16** just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ **17** And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. **18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. **19** And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. **20** But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ **21** And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’— **22** when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God, you are the true and living God. The idols of this world are powerless and blind, but you are all-powerful and all-seeing. They are mute but you speak. You have spoken to us in your word. Please forgive us for when we refuse to listen. You promised to raise up a prophet to whom we should listen and then you fulfilled that promise in the incarnation of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us for ignoring his word to us. We are stubborn sinners who can be slow to hear and quick to speak. Please pardon our sin. Holy Spirit, enable us to repent by giving us listening ears and receptive hearts today and every day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Ephesians 1*

Pastor: Now hear the good news of the assurance of forgiveness for those who trust in Jesus Christ! In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: 701

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A #1*

Pastor: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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

HYMN: 251

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, as we come to the table of the Lord, let us cleanse out the old leaven that we may be a new lump, as we really are unleavened. For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed.

All: Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil.

Pastor: We celebrate with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: 75

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

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

Happy Birthday

May 10 Heather Crawford

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study will meet this Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30pm in the Administration Building.

Session Meeting

The elders will meet this Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30pm in the Administration Building.

Visit from Missionary Family

Be sure to join us during Sunday School on Sunday, May 24, for a visit from former Riverwood members who are currently serving on the mission field. They will give an update on their work.

Mark Your Calendars

- Sunday, May 24: Last day of Sunday School before the summer break
- Wednesday, May 27 at 5:30pm: Corporate Prayer
- Sunday, May 31: Deacon's Fund Offering
- Sunday, May 31: Dinner on the Grounds

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 two 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.

Nursery Schedule

May 10: George & Joanie Norris
May 17: Lynn Tootle & Bruce DeHaan

Riverwood Church Officers

Elders:

John Kim
Gene Martin
Jeff Pate
Dusty Sheppard

Elders Emeritus:

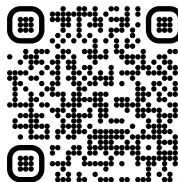
Bob Prince
Robert Sheppard

Deacons:

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

Financials through March

Operating Income:	\$119,198.14
Operating Expense:	\$132,742.52
Net Income:	(\$13,544.38)
Designated gifts:	\$29,022.30
Building loan balance:	\$279,017.26



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