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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 17, 2026

10:30 Worship Service

Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*
Assisting Elder, *John Kim*
Piano, *Ginny Coleman*

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *based on Psalm 36*

Pastor: We gather to worship the living God, whose steadfast love extends to the heavens and his faithfulness to the clouds.

All: His righteousness is like the mountains of God and his judgments like the great deep.

Pastor: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of his wings. They feast on the abundance of his house and he gives them drink from the river of his delights.

All: For with God is the fountain of life; in his light do we see light.

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 65

"Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne"

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 22:1-4*

1 You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep going astray and ignore them. You shall take them back to your brother. **2** And if he does not live near you and you do not know who he is, you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall stay with you until your brother seeks it. Then you shall restore it to him. **3** And you shall do the same with his donkey or with his garment, or with any lost thing of your brother's, which he loses and you find; you may not ignore it. **4** You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fallen down by the way and ignore them. You shall help him to lift them up again.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We confess that we have not loved you with a pure heart. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from 1 John 1:6-9*

Pastor: Hear the promise of forgiveness for all who trust in Jesus Christ. "If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN:

"Amazing Love"

My Lord, what love is this, that pays so dearly;
That I the guilty one, may go free?

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice, the Son of God giv'n for me;
My debt he pays, and my death he dies, that I might live, that I might live.*

And so, they watched Him die, despised, rejected;
But O, the blood He shed, flowed for me.

Chorus

And now, this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again!

Chorus

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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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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: 58

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

HYMN: 427

"Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands"

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: 179

"Hallelujah! Thine the Glory"

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)

Youth End of Semester Celebration

Riverwood youth are invited to an end of the semester celebration tonight. We will meet at the church for a meal at 5:30 followed by games, fellowship, and a time of prayer and praise.

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study will meet this Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30pm 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 17: Lynn Tootle & Bruce DeHaan

May 24: Lorrie Pate & Warren Pate

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

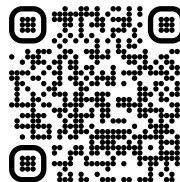
Ed Kidder

Steve Patridge

Marvin Skelton

Financials through April

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|------------------------|---------------|
| 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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