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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."**





June 21, 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 Isaiah 60 & Psalm 67*

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**All: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us.**

Pastor: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 442

"Arise, O God"

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: *Luke 6:27-36*

27 "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28** bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. **29** To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. **30** Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. **31** And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. **32** "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. **33** And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34** And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. **35** But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. **36** Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Lord Jesus, we confess to you and one another that it is hard to forgive people when they hurt us or our friends. We want to hit back—and sometimes we do. But you teach us to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, when we do not forgive others. Forgive us for the times when we refused to love. Heavenly Father, help us to remember that you loved us even when we were your enemies. Holy Spirit, we need you to enable us to love as we have been loved. We ask this in Jesus's name, amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Romans 5*

Pastor: Hear the good news of God's reconciling love! "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life." The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: "Reformation Song"

1. Your word alone is solid ground, the mighty rock on which we build.
In every line the truth is found, and every page with glory filled.
2. Through faith alone we come to you, we have no merit we can claim,
sure that your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus' name.

Chorus:

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone. Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

3. In Christ alone we're justified, his righteousness is all our plea.
Your law's demands are satisfied, his perfect work has set us free.

Chorus

4. By grace alone we have been saved, all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved, now by your pow'r have been made new.

Chorus

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OFFERTORY PRAYER & OFFERTORY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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:

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: 330

"Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness"

RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 74*

1 O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture? **2** Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt. **3** Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary! **4** Your foes have roared in the midst of your meeting place; they set up their own signs for signs. **5** They were like those who swing axes in a forest of trees. **6** And all its carved wood they broke down with hatchets and hammers. **7** They set your sanctuary on fire; they profaned the dwelling place of your name, bringing it down to the ground. **8** They said to themselves, "We will utterly subdue them"; they burned all the meeting places of God in the land. **9** We do not see our signs; there is no longer any prophet, and there is none among us who knows how long. **10** How long, O God, is the foe to scoff? Is the enemy to revile your name forever? **11** Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand? Take it from the fold of your garment and destroy them! **12** Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. **13** You divided the sea by your might; you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters. **14** You crushed the heads of Leviathan; you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness. **15** You split open springs and brooks; you dried up ever-flowing streams. **16** Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun. **17** You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter. **18** Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs, and a foolish people reviles your name. **19** Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of your poor forever. **20** Have regard for the covenant, for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence. **21** Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame; let the poor and needy praise your name. **22** Arise, O God, defend your cause; remember how the foolish scoff at you all the day! **23** Do not forget the clamor of your foes, the uproar of those who rise against you, which goes up continually!

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON:

"Arise, O God"

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

HYMN: 498

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

All: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love

Pastor: him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: 580

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

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 Birthdays

June 21 Daven Pate
June 25 Bruce DeHaan
June 25 Gene Martin

Corporate Prayer

Everyone is encouraged to join us for corporate prayer this Wednesday, June 24 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.

No Sunday School this Summer

We will be taking a break from Sunday School classes this summer. Stay tuned for more details on when classes will kick off this fall!

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. *Please text first since the location does fluctuate during the summer months.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Schedule

June 21: Vielyana Kim & Caleb Kim

June 28: Katie Gill & Halsie Bardin

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

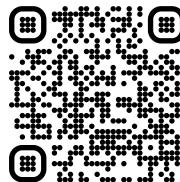
Ed Kidder

Steve Patridge

Marvin Skelton

Financials through May

Operating Income:	\$155,436.14
Operating Expense:	\$156,999.93
Net Income:	(\$1,563.79)
Designated gifts:	\$57,846.30
Building loan balance:	\$242,413.47



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