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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."**





July 5, 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 48*

Pastor: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

**All: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.**

Pastor: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

**All: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 316

“The Mighty God, the Lord”

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 6:43-49*

43 "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, **44** for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. **45** The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. **46** Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? **47** Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: **48** he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. **49** But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Heavenly Father, we hear the words of Jesus our King and are humbled. The deeds of our hands, the words of mouths, and the imaginations of our minds testify against us. As Jesus taught, the thorny produce in our lives reveal the evil that still resides in us. Please forgive us for our sin and deliver us from the evil treasure we cling to. Gracious Jesus, we gather today and together confess you as "Lord" but our lives often show how little we submit to you. Please have mercy on us for ignoring your words and going our own way. We can be quick to build our lives on the shaky ground of our own pride and pleasure, and our own comfort and convenience. Our sin is great and we confess that our only hope for salvation is in your life, death, and resurrection for us, so we look in faith to you. Holy Spirit, give us godly grief for our sin that leads to repentance. Enable us to put off our old self and renew our minds that we may put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Isaiah 49*

Pastor: Lift your heads and hear the good news of the Lord's Servant, who came as a light for the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the end of the earth. The Lord declares, "I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." It is through the Lord Jesus Christ that God has comforted his people with the promise of forgiveness and eternal fellowship with him. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: "Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied, to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

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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: *Nicene Creed*

Christians, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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: 51

"O Jehovah, Hear My Words"

RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 50*

1 “The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. **2** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. **3** Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. **4** He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: **5** “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!” **6** The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! *Selah* **7** “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. **8** Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. **9** I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. **10** For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. **11** I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. **12** If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. **13** Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? **14** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, **15** and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” **16** But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? **17** For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. **18** If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers. **19** You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. **20** You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. **21** These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. **22** Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! **23** The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,
All: **but the Word of our God will stand forever.**

SERMON: “The King’s Judgment and Grace”

Rev. Jeff Pate

HYMN:

"The King in All His Beauty"

O lift your eyes to Heaven, see the Holy One eternal.
Behold the Lord of Majesty, exalted in His temple.
As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory
Come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

Chorus:

How worthy, how worthy, how worthy,
the King in all His beauty.

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters.
The sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As Earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.
The hope of every tribe and tongue, His kingdom is forever.
Bring praise and honor to His courts. Bring wisdom, power, blessing.
For endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

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COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Pastor: He forgives all your iniquity, heals all your diseases, redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

All: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Pastor: And because we are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. Let us eat the feast with thankful hearts as God's redeemed and beloved children.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: 715 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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)

Happy Birthdays

July 7 Janalie Graham

July 8 Tanzania Mahmoud

Mark Your Calendar

Plans are in the works for a church wide gathering on Saturday, July 18th so be sure to save the date. We are planning to have lunch together followed by time for games and fellowship. More details to come!

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

July 5: Janalie Graham & Nora Crawford
July 12: Erin Sheppard & Lilly Henry

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 June

Operating Income:	\$179,540.64
Operating Expense:	\$195,015.35
Net Income:	(\$15,474.71)
Designated gifts:	\$59,956.30
Building loan balance:	\$230,809.67



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