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# RIVERVIEW

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

## 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 12, 2026

10:30 Worship Service

Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*  
Assisting Elder, *Gene Martin*  
Piano, *Nancy Allen*

## WELCOME

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

## PRELUDE

## PRAISE

### CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 135*

Pastor: Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD,  
who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!  
Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

**All: I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.  
Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth,  
in the seas and all deeps.**

Pastor: The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.  
Come, let us worship.

### HYMN: 103

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

### 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

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**SCRIPTURE READING:**     *Luke 9:23-27*

**23** And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. **24** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. **25** For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? **26** For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. **27** But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

Leader:                 This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:**                    **Thanks be to God!**

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**Almighty God, we bow humbly before you in prayer. Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our home life: for the moodiness and irritability that make us difficult to live with, for the insensitivity that makes us careless of the feelings of others, for the selfishness that makes life harder for others. Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our witness for you; that we so often deny with our lives what we say with our lips; for the difference between our creed and our conduct, our profession and our practice; for any example that makes it easier for people to criticize your church or for another to sin. When we think of ourselves and of the meanness and ugliness and weakness of our lives, we thank you for Jesus Christ, our Savior. Grant unto us true repentance for our sins. Grant that at the foot of the cross we may find our burdens rolled away. And so strengthen us by your Spirit that in the days to come we may live more nearly as we ought. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

# RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD:** *from 2 Corinthians 5*

Pastor: Hear the glad tidings of Jesus's sacrificial and life-giving love for his church! "For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**HYMN:** 535

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

## **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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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**      *The Heidelberg Catechism, #27-28*

Leader:      What do you understand by the providence of God?

**All:**      **The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

Leader:      How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**All:**      **We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.**

**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:**      662

"As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams"

# RECEIVING THE WORD

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**SCRIPTURE:**        *Psalm 77*

**1** I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. **2** In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. **3** When I remember God, I moan; when I meditate, my spirit faints. *Selah* **4** You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. **5** I consider the days of old, the years long ago. **6** I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart." Then my spirit made a diligent search: **7** "Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? **8** Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? **9** Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" *Selah* **10** Then I said, "I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High." **11** I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. **12** I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. **13** Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? **14** You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. **15** You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah* **16** When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled. **17** The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side. **18** The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. **19** Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. **20** You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Pastor:            The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

**SERMON:**                                "A Psalm in a Minor Key"

*Rev. Jeff Pate*



# COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

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**HYMN: 481**

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

## **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: 392**

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

## **BENEDICTION**

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## **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

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## **Happy Birthdays**

July 12 Hunter Sheppard

July 15 Joanie Norris

## **Church Fellowship Event**

This coming Saturday, July 18, everyone is invited to gather for food, fellowship, and fun. We will begin with lunch at noon. The church will provide BBQ and buns. Please bring a side item or dessert to share. After lunch we will have games to include a giant slip 'n slide for the kids. If you'd like to sit outside, bring a bag chair.

## **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 12: Erin Sheppard & Lilly Henry

July 19: 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 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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