

RESTING • RENEWED • RESPONDING

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."**





August 2, 2026

10:30 Worship Service

Pastor, Rev. Jeff Pate
Assisting Elder, Dusty Sheppard
Piano, Joann Williams

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *taken from Psalm 104*

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul! You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a garment.

All: O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Pastor: These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.
When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 2

"O Worship the King"

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 10:25-37*

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" **27** And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." **28** And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." **29** But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. **34** He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' **36** Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Gracious God, we humbly confess that we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Please forgive us. We admit that we aren't sure how to sincerely love those who are homeless and hungry, injured and ignored. Please have mercy on us for our lack of concern for those who suffer. Holy Spirit, work in our hearts to give us compassion, in our minds to give us wisdom to know how to love, and in our wills to spur us on to love and good works. Lord Jesus, thank you loving us in spite of how undeserving we have been and how ungrateful we often are. Our hope is in the generosity and saving power of your grace. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from 1 John 4 & 2 Corinthians 8*

Pastor: Hear the good news of God's generous, sacrificial love for you! In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. By God's grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and eternally loved. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: 230

"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

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:

“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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RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 81*

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. Of Asaph.

1 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! **2** Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. **3** Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. **4** For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob. **5** He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a language I had not known: **6** "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. **7** In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah* **8** Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me! **9** There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god. **10** I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. **11** "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. **12** So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. **13** Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! **14** I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. **15** Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him, and their fate would last forever. **16** But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON:

"Open Wide!"

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

HYMN: 424

"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: With these words our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

All: **In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all. He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: 122

"God, All Nature Sings Thy 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)

Happy Birthdays

August 4 Jeff Miller
August 5 Joann Williams
August 6 Eleanor Gill
August 8 Joshua Burton

Warrior Presbytery Women's Ministry Spiritual Connection

Riverwood ladies are invited to the presbytery women's ministries' annual spiritual connection on Saturday, August 22 at Eutaw Presbyterian Church. Registration begins at 9:00am. The theme is *From Stuck to Spirit-Led: How to Pay Attention to God When Life Feels Rough* with speaker Elizabeth Renicks. Join us for a time of refreshment, encouragement, and fellowship! Please RSVP to Kristina Patridge (kspatridge@ua.edu) by Monday, August 17.

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.*

No Sunday School this Summer

Sunday School classes for all ages are scheduled to resume on August 23. Classes begin at 9:30am and breakfast food is available in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery Schedule

August 2: Janalie Graham & Nora Crawford

August 9: 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 July

Operating Income: \$205,398.00

Operating Expense: \$230,667.82

Net Income: (\$25,269.82)

Designated gifts: \$61,971.30

Building loan balance: \$218,666.08



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