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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."**





August 30, 2026

10:30 Worship Service

Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*
Assisting Elder, *John Kim*
Piano, *Nancy Allen*

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 147*

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

**All: It is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant and a song of praise is fitting.**

Pastor: The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds...
The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

**All: Great is our LORD and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship our all-powerful, all-knowing and merciful God!

HYMN: 21

"Sing Praise to 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: *Deuteronomy 10:12-21*

12 “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, **13** and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? **14** Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. **15** Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. **16** Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. **17** For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. **18** He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. **19** Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. **20** You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. **21** He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN: *based on a Puritan prayer*

O God, you are very great. We approach you with godly fear and humble confidence because of the glory of your goodness. We are unworthy, but you welcome us; guilty, but you are merciful; poor, but your riches are unsearchable. Please forgive us for our lack of compassion and the abundance of our greed. You have shown us boundless compassion by not sparing your own Son, and in him you have freely given us all things. Your love and generosity expose the depth of our sin. Help us love you without wavering and love our neighbors without bias. Give us joy in loving one another and zeal for serving you. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Micah 7*

Pastor: With his mind fixed on our great God, the prophet Micah proclaimed, "Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?" Then he declares God's mercy to his covenant people: "He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot." God placed his boot of justice upon your iniquities by offering his own Son, Jesus Christ, to die for your sins. In doing so, he cast your sins into the depth of the sea and you are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: 521

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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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Leader: What does Scripture teach concerning the humiliation and exaltation of Jesus?

All: **Though he was in the form of God, Christ Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

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: 332

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *John 13:1-11*

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. **2** During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, **3** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, **4** rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. **5** Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. **6** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" **7** Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." **8** Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." **9** Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" **10** Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." **11** For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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

SERMON:

“The Love of Jesus”

Rev. Jeff Pate

HYMN: 708

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

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:

"Across the Lands"

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus:

You're the author of creation, You're the Lord of ev'ry man,
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of Heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home.

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

September 3 Ava Concannon

September 4 David Drinkard

Deacon's Fund Offering

Every month that has a fifth Sunday, our deacons have an offering to replenish funds in an account used exclusively for short-term mercy ministry needs. This has enabled our Diaconate to extend the kingdom of God to many within our community. This morning, all cash and designated gifts will be used for this purpose.

Dinner on the Grounds

Please join your church family for dinner on the grounds today immediately after the morning worship service. All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Evening Worship

Beginning next Sunday, September 6, our celebration of the Lord's Day will include evening worship meeting at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Evening worship will be a time of mutual encouragement through Scripture reading, preaching, singing, and corporate prayer. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring a friend.

Wednesday Evening Meal and Studies

Beginning on September 9, our Wednesday evenings at Riverwood will provide a great opportunity to grow in Christian fellowship and knowledge of God's Word. There will be a meal provided for anyone who would like to come at 5:30pm. Following the meal, there will be discipleship opportunities through Youth Group, a Ladies' Bible Study, a Men's study, Children's Catechism, and a co-ed Pier Group. Please pray that God will bless our efforts to equip the saints and grow in Christian community.

Host College Students for Lunch

Riverwood Members, thank you for your hospitality in hosting college students on Sunday, Sept 13, for lunch. Hosts: you can choose to either be a primary host or a co-host. Primary host hosts as before, either alone or with a co-host. A co-host partners with and helps out a primary host with the lunch. If you are interested in hosting or co-hosting, please reach out to Vielyana at 205-239-3101. Students: if you'd like to join a Riverwood member for lunch, please check GroupMe for a link to sign up or text Vielyana. The deadline to sign up for both hosts and students is Thursday, Sept 10.

Visit from Missionaries

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us during Sunday School on Sunday, September 13, for a visit from Jimmy and Nadia Dukes, missionaries from Peru.

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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 three 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 Riverwood @ 6 pm. You can reach out to Jeff at (205) 771-0170.
- Kims (5010 Lakehurst Drive, 35473) on Fridays at their home @ 6:30 pm. John can be reached at (443) 722-1727.

Nursery Schedule

August 30: Vielyana Kim & Warren Pate
September 6: Janalie Graham & Lauryn Elliot

Riverwood Church Officers

Elders:

John Kim
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Robert Sheppard

Deacons:

Tommy Coleman
Steven Crawford
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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:	\$63,471.30
Building loan balance:	\$218,666.08



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