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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."**





September 6, 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 107*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from
trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Pastor: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.
Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 86

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

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: *Zechariah 7:8-14*

8 And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, **9** "Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, **10** do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart." **11** But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. **12** They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts. **13** "As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear," says the LORD of hosts, **14** "and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – together we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving, glorifying your name. We also bow our heads in humble confession, admitting that we have sinned against you. You call us to love one another, showing kindness and mercy, not devising evil against one another in our hearts. Please forgive us for the times we have been cruel or mean-spirited, instead of merciful and kind-hearted. We know that we often take little notice of those who are the most vulnerable and needy. Have mercy on us for our lack of compassion toward others and stubborn disregard for your Word. We have failed to show mercy to one another, and are completely dependent on your mercy to us. We ask for this only in the name of Jesus Christ, who for our sakes loved others perfectly and gave his life sacrificially. Our only hope is in him. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from 1 John 1:6-9*

Pastor: Hear the promise of forgiveness for all who trust in Jesus Christ. "If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN:

"Amazing Love"

My Lord, what love is this, that pays so dearly;
That I the guilty one, may go free?

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice, the Son of God giv'n for me;
My debt he pays, and my death he dies, that I might live, that I might live.*

And so, they watched Him die, despised, rejected;
But O, the blood He shed, flowed for me.

Chorus

And now, this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again!

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: *The Apostles' Creed*

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: 334

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *John 13:1-17*

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." **12** When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? **13** You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. **14** If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. **16** Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **17** If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

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

SERMON:

"A Cruciform Life"

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

HYMN: 186

"One There Is, above All Others"

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: God meets us in the sacraments, holy acts in which his deeds elicit our response. In the supper our Lord offers the bread and cup to believers to guarantee our share in his death and resurrection, and to unite us to him and to each other.

All: We take this food gladly, announcing as we eat that Jesus is our life and that he shall come again to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN: 529

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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

September 7 Christie Parker

September 8 Brianna Hoyle

Sunday Evening Worship

Beginning tonight, 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 hosts can do so 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 next Sunday, September 13, for a visit from Jimmy and Nadia Dukes, missionaries from Peru.

Join College Students for Lunch and Prayer Time

College students gather each Lord's Day after worship for prayer and lunch. We want you to have an opportunity to support their fellowship and be encouraged by it. There will be three Sundays this fall that other congregants can provide food for their lunch, pray with them, and spend time getting to know one another better. If you are interested in supporting this wonderful fellowship on September 27 or October 11, contact Lorrie Pate (205-771-0158). If you are able to support this gathering on November 1, contact Vielyana Kim (205-239-3101).

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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 on Mondays in the Sheppards' home (1513 Heritage Dr, 35406) @ noon. For more info contact Gene at (205) 614-2781.
- Pates on Wednesdays at Riverwood @ 6:30 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

September 6: Janalie Graham & Lauryn Elliot

September 13: 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 August

Operating Income:	\$241,561.98
Operating Expense:	\$262,483.17
Net Income:	(\$20,921.19)
Designated gifts:	\$68,032.30
Building loan balance:	\$206,982.82



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