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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 27, 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: *based on Psalm 81*

Pastor: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

**All: Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.**

Pastor: The God who redeems his people, now invites us to come with open mouths
that he may fill us. Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 457

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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: *Isaiah 46:3-11*

3 "Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. **4** Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. **5** With whom will you compare me or count me equal? To whom will you liken me that we may be compared? **6** Some pour out gold from their bags and weigh out silver on the scales; they hire a goldsmith to make it into a god, and they bow down and worship it. **7** They lift it to their shoulders and carry it; they set it up in its place, and there it stands. From that spot it cannot move. Even though someone cries out to it, it cannot answer; it cannot save them from their troubles. **8** Remember this, keep it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. **9** Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. **10** I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.' **11** From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

O God, may your Spirit speak in me that I may speak to you. I have no merit in myself, so let the merit of Jesus stand for me. I am undeserving, but I look to your tender mercy. I am full of sin; you are full of grace. There are chambers of foul images within my being; I have wandered in the land of dangerous imaginations, and explored the dark shadows of my fallen nature. Have mercy on me. You have struck my pride with a great blow, at the false god of self, and I am humbled before you. But you have given me another Master and Lord, your Son, Jesus. Forgive me as I place my trust in him. Now my heart is turned toward holiness. Help me in all my doings to put down sin and to humble pride. Save me from the love of the world and the pride of life. Let Christ's nature be seen in me today. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Isaiah 1*

Pastor: Hear the promise of God's mercy and grace! "Come, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." God promises to all who have faith in Jesus Christ that the guilt and condemnation of sin have been washed away. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN:

"All I Have Is Christ"

I once was lost in darkest night; Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life; Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own; A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first; I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race; Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state; And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me; Now all I know is grace

Chorus:

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone; And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands; Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life; In any way You choose
And let my song forever be; My only boast is You

Chorus (2x)

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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: *Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A #1*

Pastor: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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.

MISSIONS MOMENT

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: 59

"Forever Settled in the Heavens"

RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *John 14:6-14*

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." **8** Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." **9** Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. **11** Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. **12** Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

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

SERMON: "Like Father, Like Son"

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

HYMN: 162

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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: 111

"This Is My Father's World"

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)

EVENING WORSHIP

September 27, 2026

5:00 Worship Service

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 55:1-2

*Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.*

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: 363

"We Gather Together"

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 90, page 816

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Prayer of Praise to our Eternal God
Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Justice and Mercy
Prayer of Petition for God to Sustain His People
Prayer for God's Ongoing Gospel Work*

HYMN: 441

"Jesus Shall Reign"

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON

"Discipleship in Union with Others"

HYMN: 404

"Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear"

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday

September 27 Tristan Drinkard

New Members Class

We will be offering a New Members class soon (exact date TBD). If you are interested in finding out more about Riverwood or are ready to join the church as a member, please email Pastor Jeff Pate (jpate@riverwoodchurch.org) and let him know you would like to attend.

Sunday Evening Worship

Our celebration of the Lord's Day now includes evening worship meeting at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Evening worship is 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

Our Wednesday evenings at Riverwood provide a great opportunity to grow in Christian fellowship and knowledge of God's Word. There is a meal provided for anyone who would like to come at 5:30pm (please see your email on Friday to RSVP for dinner). Following the meal, there are discipleship opportunities through Youth Group and Children's Catechism. This week the other various study groups will join for corporate prayer at 6:30pm.

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 are two Sundays remaining 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 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 27: Erin Sheppard & Halsie Bardin
October 4: Vielyana Kim & Caleb Kim

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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