

By teaching the sacrifice of one's own priorities to the needs of a loved one, the apostle planned to beacon the truths of Christ's love in a way the world could not ignore. As we live for each other, we reenact the story of Jesus's sacrifice that lifts us from the bottomless pit of self-indulgence to a purposeful life with God.

Bryan Chapell
Each for the Other

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Revelation 19:6-8

To be sure, food keeps us alive, but that is only its smallest and most temporary work. Its eternal purpose is to furnish our sensibilities against the day when we shall sit down at the heavenly banquet and see how gracious the Lord is. Nourishment is necessary only for a while; what we shall need forever is taste.

Robert Farrar Capon
The Supper of the Lamb: A Culinary Reflection

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

T U S C A L O O S A , A L A B A M A

April 7, 2019 • 10:30 Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Leaders In Worship: Assisting Elder John Kim
Joann Williams, piano

WELCOME

Program all communication devices to be in silent mode. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Please use this time for prayer and meditation as we prepare to go before the living God in worship.

PRaise

CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 135 & 1 Timothy 1:17*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! 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!

All: **Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!**

Pastor: For I know that the Lord is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.

All: **Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.**

Pastor: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Come, let us worship.

HYMN OF PRAISE: 38 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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

SCRIPTURE READING: *Genesis 1:26-28*

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God and loving Father, you created us in your image and we are fearfully and wonderfully made. You fashioned us to bring glory to your name and live in fellowship with you and with one another. We confess that we have sought glory for ourselves and followed our desires instead of your word. Please forgive us for choosing to isolate ourselves instead of seeking to love our neighbors, including those in our families and church. Lord Jesus, send your Spirit to enable us to love one another as you loved us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

Pastor: Hear the good news! Who is to condemn?

All: Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Pastor: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HYMN: 455 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Presentation of tithes & offerings

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Nicene Creed*

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RESPONSE: 735 “Gloria Patri”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: 145 “The Spirit Breathes upon the Word”

PREACHING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Ephesians 5:21-33*

²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Pastor: God's word does not return to him empty.

All: **But it will accomplish what he desires and achieve the purpose for which he sent it.**

SERMON: “The Mystery and Ministry of Marriage”

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION

HYMN: 347 “The Church’s One Foundation” st. 1,2

RESPONSIVE READING:

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: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

All: **who redeems your life from the pit,**

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

All: **to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Riverwood Presbyterian uses wine in the celebration of Holy Communion. If you would prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please take a cup from the inner circle of the tray.

HYMN: 347 “The Church’s One Foundation” st. 3-6

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSING HYMN: 263 “Lift High the Cross” v. 4

TODAY AT RIVERWOOD

Covenant Kids Club and Youth Groups meet tonight at 5:30pm.

SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

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| April 7 | Covenant Kids Club / Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group |
| April 14 | Covenant Kids Club / Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group |
| April 21 | No evening activities (Easter) |
| April 28 | Covenant Kids Club / Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group |

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

April 7 April Henry
April 7 Tina Jones
April 9 Wayne Bell
April 9 Christopher Kidder

YOUTH SPRING RETREAT

Need a little time in the great outdoors?! All youth are invited to take part in an overnight campout this Friday, April 12. We will meet at the church at 4 pm and caravan to our destination (only a few minutes away) where we will enjoy games, fishing (if you'd like), a cookout, time in worship together, and fellowship. Saturday morning we will head back to the church for breakfast, a devotional, participating in the church workday and conclude with lunch. If you want to attend but can't meet at the church at 4 on Friday, ask Jeff for directions. Please bring a sleeping bag and tent (if you have one).

CHURCH AND SCHOOL WORK DAY

If you have been looking for a way to get to know church members better and serve the church, we have just the thing for you. There will be a Riverwood work day this Saturday, April 13 beginning at 8:00am. There will be a variety of tasks to help with and lunch will be served. Here are a few items that would be helpful to bring with you: Ladders, cleaning supplies, painting supplies, one chain saw complete with a skilled operator, rakes, shovels, and carpet cleaning machines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RCS PLANT SALE

RCS is having a plant sale this Saturday, April 13 from 8:00-10:00am to benefit the school. There will be daylilies, fig trees, elder bushes, hazelnut trees, echinacea plants, and more.

EASTER BASKETS FOR WINGS OF GRACE

During the Family Easter Celebration on April 20, the children will be filling 45 Easter baskets to be given to children at Wings of Grace. We have the baskets and the grass. We need candy, snack foods, and small toys/stuffed animals to place in the baskets. There is a box in the foyer of the Sanctuary to collect these items. You may also bring the items to Joann's office.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

On Thursday, April 18, at 6:00pm, Riverwood Church will worship at our traditional Maundy Thursday Communion service. The service remembers the night the Lord was betrayed and met with His disciples and instituted Holy Communion. Join us in worship as we remember and anticipate the great celebration of Easter and the Resurrection.

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

All families are welcome to join us for the Family Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 20. We will begin at 10:00 with crafts for children 12 and under and filling Easter Baskets for Wings of Grace. There will be music and The Easter Story. Lunch will be provided. At 12:30, an Easter Egg Hunt for children 6 and under will be held. The older children will be hiding the eggs.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

"Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb." John 20:1

What better way to start the celebration of our Savior's resurrection this Easter Sunday than gathering with the household of faith to worship together?! Everyone is invited to come out for an early morning celebration followed by doughnuts and drinks. This year's Easter sunrise service will begin at 6:15 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ridge Haven Fundraisers:

Thursday, April 25: Spirit Night at Pyro's Pizza

Saturday, April 27: Parents Night Out

Saturday, May 11: Bingo Night

May 27 - June 1: Ridge Haven Camp

July 8-11: Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At Riverwood Presbyterian Church we have Sunday School at 9:30am for all age groups.

MEETING DOWNSTAIRS:

Nursery: Multi-Staffed
2-3 year olds: Janalie Graham & Joanie Norris
4-5 year olds: Lorrie Pate

MEETING UPSTAIRS:

Grades 1-3: Greg & Sarah Vander Wal
Grades 4-6: Tom & Elena Arnold

MEETING IN THE BARN:

Youth Class led by Jeff Pate

MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Adult Class - led by elders

MEETING IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

Adult Class - *Radical* by David Platt - discussion led by Gene Martin

MINISTRIES OF SERVICE

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

April 7: Lynn Tootle / Ginny Nippert / Gracen Miller & Eli Bell / Aaron Powers
April 14: Laura Silvashy / Debbie Jones / Greg Vander Wal & Chanley Henson / Kay Kirkley

APRIL DEACON SCHEDULE:

Head Deacon: Tom Arnold
Clean Up: Bruce DeHaan

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through March 2019:

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| Operating Income: | \$110,338.59 |
| Operating Expense*: | \$100,781.92 |
| Net Income: | \$9,556.67 |
| Designated gifts: | \$30,030.00 |
| Building loan balance: | \$847,684.10 |

**Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*