

Nothing cuts the nerve of the desire to pursue holiness as much as a sense of guilt. On the contrary, nothing so motivates us to deal with sin in our lives as does the understanding and application of the two truths that our sins are forgiven and the dominion of sin is broken because of our union with Christ.

Jerry Bridges
The Discipline of Grace

Jesus is a complete Savior. He does not merely take away the guilt of a believer's sin, He does more – He breaks its power.

J. C. Ryle
Holiness

There are no happy disobedient Christians. If you are content in running from God's will for you, you have reason to doubt that Christ's life is in you. For how could the Holy One rest within you as long as you are resting in sin?

Rankin Wilbourne
Union with Christ: The Way to Know and Enjoy God

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

February 3, 2019 • 10:30 Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Leaders In Worship: Assisting Elder Steven Crawford
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 146*

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

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

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD
his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

All: **who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD! Come, let us worship.

HYMN OF PRAISE: 57 “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

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: *Ezekiel 36:22-28*

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from 2 Corinthians 5*

Pastor: For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

All: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Pastor: All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

All: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

HYMN: 523 “My Hope Is in the Lord”

COMMITMENT

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”

MISSIONS MOMENT

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: 334 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

PREACHING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Ephesians 4:17-24*

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

SERMON:

“A New Creation”

Rev. Jeff Pate

COMMUNION

HYMN: “Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me” (*lyrics on page 6*)

RESPONSIVE READING:

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

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: 679 “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer, there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: "All is mine!" yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior he will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome, yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid,
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: "I am free!" yet not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory ever more to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: "Yet not I but through Christ in me!"

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TODAY AT RIVERWOOD

Covenant Kids Club meets tonight from 5:30-7:00pm. The Youth will have a Super Bowl Bash at the Barn to include time in the Word and worship during halftime.

SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

February 3	Covenant Kids Club / Youth Group Super Bowl Bash
February 10	Covenant Kids Club / Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
February 17	Covenant Kids Club / Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
February 24	Covenant Kids Club / Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

February 3 Nora Crawford
February 4 Chanley Henson
February 4 Bill Hewett
February 4 Lorrie Pate
February 7 Kay Kirkley
February 7 Olivia Patridge
February 8 Jacob Bell

PIER GROUPS

Pier Groups began last week. These groups are a way for you to get plugged into a small group of believers who will spend time each week in fellowship, study of God's Word, prayer, and Christian care for one another. Each group will meet twelve times this semester with a focus on the person of Jesus Christ as depicted in the gospel of John. To sign up for a group, go to our website at www.riverwoodchurch.org and look for the "Pier Group Sign-Up" tab.

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

The youth will be having game nights on the first and third Wednesday of each month. This first one of the year is this Wednesday, February 6, from 6:00-7:30pm at Lynn Tootle's house (2112 Manassas Ave, 35406).

WOMEN'S VALENTINE CUPCAKE BAKE-OFF

Put on your chef hats and fire up your ovens, ladies, for this year's cupcake showdown! Ladies of all ages are invited to the Cupcake Battle this Saturday, February 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll sample the contest entries, sip tea, chat, and, of course, crown this year's best bakers! Teams are strongly encouraged, so contact a college student, phone some friends or partner up with your sisters or daughters to create the most creative - and delicious - confection!

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 6, 10:00am: Women's Bible Study (Administration Building)
Wednesday, February 6, 3:30pm: Children's Catechism Classes
Wednesday, February 6, 6:00pm: Women's Bible Study (Lori Turner's home)

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member or simply finding out more about the core beliefs and life of RPC, there will be a new member's Sunday School class beginning February 10. This class is open to anyone and will last approximately 8 weeks. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan on attending.

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 - *Beginnings: Studies in Genesis* led by Jimmy Hopper

MEETING IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

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

MINISTRIES OF SERVICE

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

February 3: Sarah Vander Wal / Ginny Nippert / Gracen Miller & Eli Bell / Aaron Powers
February 10: Laura Silvashy / Debbie Jones / Greg Vander Wal & Chanley Henson / Kay Kirkley

FEBRUARY DEACON SCHEDULE:

Head Deacon: Steve Patridge
Clean Up: Dusty Sheppard

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2019:

Operating Income:	\$24,833.76
Operating Expense*:	\$31,710.48
Net Income:	(\$6,876.72)
Designated gifts:	\$1,135.00
Building loan balance:	\$858,686.34

**Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*