

REFLECTIONS

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Paul, to the church in Corinth

When we turn to the Lord again and again in our times of sorrow and suffering...we will find that the Trinity continually meets us at our point of need and sends us away carrying a harvest of comfort. Though we will grieve in our anguish, may we increasingly know that eternal Joy is our present possession. Our call is to be faithful in the sowing and reaping.

Marva Dawn

What's going on? It takes you a while to figure out it's God. It's not your spouse, it's not the board member, it's not your child. It's God. It's God and you. It's God who has leaped into your circumstances. It's God who has assailed your life. It's God who is wrapping Himself around you, breathing on your neck, forcing you to look at Him, demanding that He be central in your life, demanding that you yield.

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RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

January 19, 2020 • 10:30 Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder Gene Martin
Dr. Linda Graham, piano

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour

Mary McDonald

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 95*

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,**
and the sheep of his hand.

Pastor: Then come, let us worship.

HYMN OF PRAISE: 75 “O Father, You Are Sovereign”

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: *James 1:2-12*

²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ⁹Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. ¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *Hebrews 10:12-14*

Pastor: Hear the message of salvation. "When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified." As you are united to Jesus by faith, rest in the knowledge that Christ died and rose for you, and in him you are declared forgiven. May the peace of God be with you all.

All: And also with you.

HYMN: "Across the Lands" (*lyrics on page 6*)

COMMITMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

I Am Thine, O Lord

William H. Doane

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: 94 “How Firm a Foundation” st. 1-4

COMMUNION

RESPONSIVE READING:

Pastor: God nourishes us in the sacraments, means of grace 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

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: 699 "Like a River Glorious"

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSING HYMN: 263 "Lift High the Cross" v. 4

ACROSS THE LANDS

1. 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)

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.

2. 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. (Chorus)

3. 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. (Chorus)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

January 21 Addie Crawford
January 21 Gracen Miller
January 22 Sumlin Pate
January 22 Robert Thornton
January 25 Eli Moss

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your detailed 2019 contribution statements are located in the foyer. Please pick up your envelope today. After Sunday, January 26, all remaining statements will be placed in the mail.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

COVENANT KIDS CLUB & YOUTH GROUP

Covenant Kids Club is tonight from 5:30-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Youth Group meets in the Barn from 5:30-7:30pm.

PARENTING CONFERENCE: JANUARY 24-25

Mark your calendar! Pick up flyers! Tell your friends! This conference, titled Gospel-Centered Parenting, is not just for parents. It is for grandparents, aunts, uncles, caregivers, teachers, and anyone who works with children. Remember, the entire church takes a vow with each child's baptism to help the parents raise their children in the Covenant Community. Go to the church website to learn more. There is no fee to attend this event.

ATTENTION RIDGE HAVEN CAMPERS AND FAMILIES

It is time to register for Ridge Haven Camp - May 25-30. Remember, this is a discount week, so it fills quickly. Sign up by February 15 for a reduced rate. To sign up, go to the Ridge Haven website (www.ridgehaven.org). Please let Joann Williams know that you are going to help plan drivers and fund raising needs.

PIER GROUPS

Pier Groups will begin the first week of February. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon.

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: Lisa Kidder
Grades 4-6: Ginny Nippert

MEETING IN THE BARN:

Youth Class: Ben & Meg Sigmon

MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Adult Class - led by elders

MEETING IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

Adult Class - *Every Good Endeavor* by Tim Keller - led by Gene Martin

MINISTRIES OF SERVICE

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

January 19: Michelle Moss / April Henry / Heather & Ceilidh Crawford / Peter Vander Wal
January 26: Kristina Patridge / Heather Henson / Michael & April Henry / Gabe Henson

JANUARY DEACON SCHEDULE:

Head Deacon: Ed Kidder
Clean Up: Wayne Bell

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through December 2019:

Operating Income:	\$422,789.43
Operating Expense*:	\$412,578.07
Net Income:	\$10,211.36
Designated gifts:	\$125,862.31
Building loan balance:	\$796,528.87

**Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*