

The words of human beings are unstable things. But not so the words of God. They stand forever, as abidingly valid expressions of his mind and thought. No circumstances prompt him to recall them; no changes in his own thinking require him to amend them.

J. I. Packer  
*Knowing God*

God in Christ is our eternal dwelling place, yet Christ is one of the stones, the Keystone, in a building made of redeemed stones. He is both the eternal dwelling place and the chief part of another dwelling place—the church, whose only life is to dwell in him. The church is a fellowship of mutually indwelling believers, members of one another. Finally, each member is a temple, in which Christ comes to dwell as the hope of glory. Temples within temples within a Temple—mutually indwelling, the surety of which is as fixed as the very being of God and as far removed from forsakenness and desolation as the east is from the west.

Harold Best  
*Unceasing Worship*

It is actually the risen Lord who is striding forth through his body on earth, striking the forces of darkness with the two-edged sword of truth, driving them back and chaining their influence among the nations through the transforming power of the gospel. Paul tells the Roman Christians, “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet” (Romans 16:20). In folk religion the posture of the Christian toward fallen angels is defensive; in Scripture the church is on the offensive, and the blows it receives from Satan come from a retreating enemy.

Richard Lovelace  
*Dynamics of Spiritual Life*

# RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

July 28, 2019 • 10:30 Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder Bob Thornton  
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

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### CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 29*

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

Pastor: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: **May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Pastor: Come, let us worship!

**HYMN OF PRAISE: 101** “Come, Thou Almighty King”

### 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

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SCRIPTURE READING: *Jeremiah 6:9-15*

<sup>9</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts: "They shall glean thoroughly as a vine the remnant of Israel; like a grape gatherer pass your hand again over its branches." <sup>10</sup>To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are uncircumcised, they cannot listen; behold, the word of the Lord is to them an object of scorn; they take no pleasure in it. <sup>11</sup>Therefore I am full of the wrath of the Lord; I am weary of holding it in. "Pour it out upon the children in the street, and upon the gatherings of young men, also; both husband and wife shall be taken, the elderly and the very aged. <sup>12</sup>Their houses shall be turned over to others, their fields and wives together, for I will stretch out my hand against the inhabitants of the land," declares the Lord. <sup>13</sup>"For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for unjust gain; and from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely. <sup>14</sup>They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace. <sup>15</sup>Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown," says the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand! Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you! Christ, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts! Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *based on Romans 8:34-39*

Pastor: Hear the good news! Who is there 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: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

All: **No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

Pastor: Through faith in Jesus your sins have been forgiven and nothing will be able to separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: 703 “Loved with Everlasting Love”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Presentation of tithes & offerings

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20*

Leader: What do you believe concerning Jesus Christ?

All: I believe that: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

RESPONSE: 735 “Gloria Patri”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: 341 “O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us”



# COMMUNION

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## RESPONSIVE READING:

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

Pastor: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, and Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, along with the whole church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising You and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of Hosts;  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!**

## 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: 32 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

## BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

# TODAY AT RIVERWOOD

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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 52; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets tonight from 6:00-8:00pm in the Barn. Youth will not meet next Sunday, August 4.

### COVENANT KIDS - WINGS OF GRACE SERVICE PROJECT

Join us from 6:00-8:00pm tonight in the Fellowship Hall to put together the backpacks for Wings of Grace. We will also have snacks and games tonight.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

July 28    John Kim  
August 1   Savannah Cook  
August 1   Evan Patridge

### LOST AND FOUND

All lost and found items are in the foyer of the sanctuary this morning. Items include many nice coats and jackets. Do they belong to you or your child? Please look. All items left after today will be donated to Wings of Grace.

### SEND-OFF FOR THE URBANS

Plan to join with your church family as we gather to say "farewell" to longtime members, Lowell and Monica Urban. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 11 for food, fellowship, hugs and tears. The Urbans are moving to Birmingham where they both work. Look in your email announcements this week for a sign-up to help with food.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, August 4: No evening activities  
Wednesday, August 14, 3:30pm: Children's Catechism classes begin  
Sunday, August 18: Sunday School Promotion Sunday  
Sunday, August 18: Splash Party

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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 - The Life of David - led by elders

**MEETING IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:**

Adult Class - *The Legacy Journey* by Dave Ramsey - led by Gene Martin

## MINISTRIES OF SERVICE

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**NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:**

July 28: Kristina Patridge / Heather Henson / Michael & April Henry / Gabe Henson  
August 4: Sarah Vander Wal / Debbie Jones / Gracen Miller & Eli Bell / Kay Kirkley

**JULY DEACON SCHEDULE:**

Head Deacon: Wayne Bell  
Clean Up: Dusty Sheppard

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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*Through June 2019:*

Operating Income:	\$209,635.27
Operating Expense*:	\$203,915.69
Net Income:	\$5,719.58
Designated gifts:	\$62,781.52
Building loan balance:	\$831,690.95

*\*Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*