

But since Christ has so been imparted to you with all his benefits that all things are made yours, that you are made a member of him, indeed one with him, his righteousness overwhelms your sins; his salvation wipes out your condemnation; with his worthiness he intercedes that your unworthiness may not come before God's sight. Surely this is so, we ought not to separate Christ from our selves or ourselves from Christ. Rather we ought to hold fast bravely with both hands to that fellowship by which he has bound himself to us.

John Calvin

But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill...
Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people!

Psalm 3:3,4,8

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

Fourth 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

CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Enter into his presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, he is God!

All: **It is he who has made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: **For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship!

HYMN OF PRAISE: 660 "O God beyond All Praising"

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: *Psalm 5:1-8*

¹Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning. ²Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. ³O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. ⁴For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. ⁵The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. ⁶You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. ⁷But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. ⁸Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN: *based on Psalm 5:9-12*

All: Heavenly Father, we open our mouths now to confess our sins before you. We admit that we do so with unclean lips as we have not always spoken the truth in love. We have used words to boast in ourselves and to tear down others who were made in your image and redeemed by your Son. Please have mercy on us.

Pastor: We confess that our words are inadequate to fully express the depth of our weakness and sin, and the height of your glory and loving mercy. So we rely on your words.

All: If left to ourselves, there would be no truth in our mouths; our throats would be open graves. We would bear our guilt, and fall by our own counsels; because of the abundance of our transgressions we would be cast out, because we have rebelled against you. But now let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield. Hear our prayer as we come in Christ's name, Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *Acts 4; Ephesians 2*

Pastor: Lift your heads and hear the good news of forgiveness promised to those who have faith in Jesus Christ. He is the stone that was rejected and he has become the cornerstone.

All: And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Pastor: For by grace you have been saved through faith in him.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

COMMITMENT

HYMN: 500 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Presentation of tithes & offerings

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from Philippians 3*

Leader: Who are you as saints united to Jesus Christ by faith?

All: **We are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.**

Leader: Compared with knowing Jesus Christ, how do you view the glories and achievements of this life?

All: **Whatever gain I had, I count as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.**

Leader: Having counted them as loss, what have you gained from Jesus?

All: **For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Jesus Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.**

RESPONSE: 735 “Gloria Patri”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: 337 “O Spirit of the Living God” st. 1-4

PREACHING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Ephesians 6:13-17a*

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation...

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

SERMON: "A Helmet and a Crown" Rev. Jeff Pate

SERMON NOTES:

COMMUNION

HYMN: 337 “O Spirit of the Living God” st. 5-6

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 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: 295 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY AT RIVERWOOD

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets tonight from 6:00-8:00pm in the Barn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

July 7 Janalie Graham
July 9 Meg Sigmon
July 11 Clay Staggs
July 12 Hunter Sheppard

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Mystifying Miracles: July 8th - 11th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, ages 4 - 12

Volunteers: Set-up for VBS will be today at 3:00pm. We will have a meeting of all workers at 4:00pm and skit players will practice at 4:30pm.

Prayers for VBS: During VBS next week, will you please pray:

1. That the Gospel will be boldly spoken to both participant and worker.
2. That God will use His Word to bless everyone involved in VBS.
3. That God will provide wisdom to teachers and workers as they interact with our children and children from the surrounding community.
4. That we will not rely on our own abilities but instead rest in Christ and the power that He has provided us through Holy Spirit.
5. That God will be glorified in all that happens this week.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR WINGS OF GRACE

The children of Riverwood will be collecting school supplies during VBS and through the rest of July. They will be packing these supplies in backpacks to be distributed to the families through Wings of Grace. A box will be in the lobby of the sanctuary for these supplies. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

SESSION & DIACONATE MEETING

The elders and deacons will meet this Wednesday, July 10 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, July 27, 10:00am: Family Fun Day at Lake Lurleen

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 - 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

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

July 7: Michael Henry / Darla Cook / Lisa Kidder & Quay Finch / April Henry
July 14: April Henry / Lorrie Pate / Sumlin Pate & Daniel Page / Parker Pate

JULY DEACON SCHEDULE:

Head Deacon: Wayne Bell
Clean Up: Dusty Sheppard

FINANCIAL REPORT

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*