

God's heart, not mine, is the measure of His giving; not my capacity to receive, but His capacity to give.

Charles H. Spurgeon

The Bible is full of God's promises to provide for us spiritually and materially, to never forsake us, to give us peace in times of difficult circumstances, to cause all circumstances to work together for our good, and finally to bring us safely home to glory. Not one of those promises is dependent upon our performance. They are all dependent on the grace of God given to us through Jesus Christ.

Jerry Bridges

Satan promises the best, but pays with the worst; he promises honor, and pays with disgrace; he promises pleasure, and pays with pain; he promises profit, and pays with loss; he promises life, and pays with death. But God pays as He promises; all His payments are made in pure gold.

Thomas Brooks

God Most High is attentive to us all every moment of every day. He always will be. Not one promise of His will fail. Not in the slightest detail. Instead, His promises will prove to be better than we expect, better by far.

Ray Ortlund

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

June 27, 2021 • 11:00 Worship Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am

Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder Jimmy Hopper
Ginny Coleman, 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 9*

Pastor: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all your wonderful deeds.

**All: I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Pastor: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

**All: And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Pastor: Sing praise to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!
Come, let us worship.

HYMN: 119 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that man can be, you, God, are present there.

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: *Hosea 14:1-9*

¹Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. ²Take with you words and return to the Lord; say to him, “Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips. ³Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses; and we will say no more, ‘Our God,’ to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds mercy.” ⁴I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. ⁵I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon; ⁶his shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon. ⁷They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow; they shall flourish like the grain; they shall blossom like the vine; their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon. ⁸O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; from me comes your fruit. ⁹Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN: *based on a Puritan prayer*

All: Blessed Spirit, author of all grace and comfort, come, work repentance in my soul. Represent sin to me in its vile colors that I may hate it. Melt my heart by the majesty and mercy of God. Show me my ruined self and the help there is in him. Teach me to see my Savior, his ability to save, his arms outstretched, his heart big for me. May I trust in his power and love, commit my soul to him without reserve, bear his image, observe his laws, pursue his service, and be through time and eternity a monument to the efficacy of his grace, a trophy of his victory. Make me willing to be saved in his way, perceiving nothing in myself, but all in Jesus. In his name I pray, amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Isaiah 43*

Pastor: Hear God's promise of forgiveness and protection for his covenant people. "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." By God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and kept. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: 461 "Not What My Hands Have Done"

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;
no strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
and with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb
each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely, pardon gives;
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

COMMITMENT

OFFERING

**Tithes and offerings will be collected by deacons following the morning service as congregants leave the sanctuary.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: I believe that...

...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 Jn 1:5)

...Jesus is the image of the invisible God. (Col. 1:15)

...we must be perfect, as God is perfect. (Matt. 5:48)

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23)

...if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (1 Jn 2:1)

...God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

...neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:38, 39)

RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNING MEMBERS

Edith & Eliza Kate Gill

COMMITMENT

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: 331 “Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit”

Come, O come, thou quick’ning Spirit, God from all eternity!
May the power never fail us; dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light banish all the gloom of night.

Grant our hearts in fullest measure wisdom, counsel, purity,
that we ever may be seeking only that which pleaseth thee.
Let thy knowledge spread and grow, working error’s overthrow.

Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; when we trespass on our way,
cast, O Lord, our sins behind thee and be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; work repentance when we fall.

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, thou who makest all things new,
make thy work within us perfect and the evil foe subdued.
Grant us weapons for the strife and with vict’ry crown our life.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Jude 24, 25*

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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

SERMON: “The One Who Is Able”

Rev. Jeff Pate

Now to him who is able...

...to keep you from stumbling...

...and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

...to the only God, our Savior,

...through Jesus Christ our Lord,

...be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,

...before all time and now and forever.

COMMUNION

HYMN: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus:

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

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RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN: 4 “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow’r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty pow’r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne’er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother’s tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ’s holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father’s pow’r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

BENEDICTION

DISMISSING HYMN: 263 “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Thy kingdom come, that earth’s despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

(Refrain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

June 28 Parker Pate
June 30 Steven Crawford
July 1 Daniel Kidder

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 6-9, 9:00-11:30AM

Online registration is available under the "Forms and Sign-Ups" tab on the church website. You are not required to pre-register your children. Hard copies of the registration form are available in the Narthex or during VBS. It is not too late to volunteer! Sign up in the narthex or contact Joann Williams. There is a box in the narthex to collect snacks and drinks for VBS. We need individually packaged snacks (no peanuts) and individual drink boxes (e.g. Capri Suns, KoolAids). Please be in prayer for the ministry of VBS!

VBS SETUP

Help is needed to set up for VBS. If you are available, please join us at 6:00pm on Monday, July 5. The more hands we have helping, the quicker we will be done. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting following Morning Worship on July 18, 2021, for the purpose of the election of officers. Dustin Sheppard was nominated to serve as a Ruling Elder and Marvin Skelton was nominated to serve as a Deacon. Both have completed officer training and have been examined and approved by the Session and will stand for election by the Congregation. Additionally, Steven Crawford has been on sabbatical and wishes to return to service as a Deacon, a position he previously held and in which he has been ordained to serve. Jeremy Jones, an ordained Deacon, also is returning to service. Both will be on the ballot for approval for service. Following the Congregational Meeting, there will be dinner on the grounds, a time of good food and fellowship.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through May 2021

Operating Income:	\$176,635.72
Operating Expense*:	\$178,800.31
Net Income:	(\$2,164.59)
Designated gifts:	\$39,558.00
Building loan balance:	\$682,025.61

**Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*