

REFLECTIONS

The sum of all is – the death and bloodshedding of Jesus Christ has wrought, and does effectually procure, for all those that are concerned in it, eternal redemption, consisting in grace here and glory hereafter.

John Owen

The Holy Spirit is in the church today and he does a regular work in it, though these are the days of small things. But we must not despise these days because, after all, what is happening is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

True spirituality is not a superhuman religiosity; it is simply true humanity released from bondage to sin and renewed by the Holy Spirit. This is given to us as we grasp by faith the full content of Christ's redemptive work; freedom from the guilt and power of sin.

Richard Lovelace

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

October 14, 2018 • 11:00 Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Leaders In Worship: Assisting Elder Allen Powers
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 50*

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

All: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

Pastor: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

Pastor: Come, let us worship!

HYMN OF PRAISE: 316 "The Mighty God, the Lord"

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: *Isaiah 59:1-2, 9-13*

¹Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; ²but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear...⁹Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. ¹⁰We grope for the wall like the blind; we grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among those in full vigor we are like dead men. ¹¹We all growl like bears; we moan and moan like doves; we hope for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. ¹²For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: ¹³transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN: *based on passages in Romans*

Heavenly Father, your law is holy and your commandments are righteous and good. As it reveals your righteous character, your law also exposes our sinfulness and increases our trespass. Please forgive us for disobeying and disregarding your will as you have communicated it in your righteous law. Forgive us for failing to love you by worshiping the work of our own hands, taking your name lightly, forsaking the rest you offer, and dishonoring our parents and those you have placed in authority over us. Please forgive us for not loving our neighbors by harboring anger toward them, lusting after our neighbor's spouse, taking what isn't ours, lying about others or coveting what doesn't belong to us. Have mercy on us. We rejoice in knowing that where sin increased, grace abounded all the more. We claim the forgiveness that you have offered in Jesus Christ, our Sin-bearer and Redeemer, praying by faith in his name. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Isaiah 59:15-17; Titus 2:14*

Pastor: Lift up your heads and hear the gospel through the prophet Isaiah. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.

All: **He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.**

Pastor: Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: 460 "Amazing Grace!"

PRAYER & OFFERTORY

Presentation of tithes & offerings

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Question and Answer #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

RESPONSE: 735 “Gloria Patri”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: “Hope of the World”

1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
2. Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let thy Spirit unto us be given
to heal earth’s wounds and end her bitter strife.
3. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
we render back the love thy mercy gave us;
take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.
4. Hope of the world, O Christ o’er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious:
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

PREACHING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Ephesians 2:8-10*

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

SERMON: “Resting in Christ: A New State of Affairs”

Rev. Jeff Pate

OUTLINE:

- I. The new state of affairs

- II. The cause of our new position

- III. The means of our new circumstance

- IV. The source of our new condition

- V. The fruit of our new state

COMMUNION

HYMN: 585 “Take My Life, and Let It Be” st. 1,2

RESPONSIVE READING: *Psalm 103:1-4; Revelation 5:12*

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

All: **who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

All: **to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor
and glory and blessing!**

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: 585 “Take My Life, and Let It Be” st. 3-6

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY AT RIVERWOOD

Covenant Kids Club meets tonight at 4:30pm. Due to the youth retreat yesterday, youth groups will NOT meet this evening.

SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

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| October 14 | Covenant Kids Club |
| October 21 | Covenant Kids Club / Jr. & Sr. High Youth / Vespers |
| October 28 | Reformation Celebration |
| November 4 | Covenant Kids Club / Jr. & Sr. High Youth / Vespers |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

October 14 John Graham
October 15 Jenny Zheng
October 16 Debbie Jones
October 16 Meredith Patridge
October 20 Eli Bell
October 20 Daniel Zheng

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

SESSION & DIACONATE MEETING

The elders and deacons will meet this Wednesday, October 17, at 6:30pm in the Administration Building for their monthly meeting.

RCS MATH TUTORS

Riverwood Classical School is looking for people to help kindergartners with math from 10:50-11:50, Monday-Thursday. Even if you could help for just one of the days, it would be greatly appreciated! If you can help, please call or text Kimberly Staggs at 205-657-3775 or Merriam Cash at 256-483-1750. Thank you!

NEEDS AT WINGS OF GRACE

Wings of Grace is in need of plastic grocery bags (used is great), 13-gallon garbage bags, copier paper (standard size 8.5 x 11), and Christmas gift bags and wrapping paper. If you can help, please see Bruce or Mickey DeHaan.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, October 17, 10:00am: Women's Bible Study (Admin Building)
Wednesday, October 17, 3:30pm: Children's Catechism
Wednesday, October 17, 6:00pm: Women's Bible Study (Lori Turner's home)
Thursday, October 18, 6:30pm: Women's Bible Study (Admin Building)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At Riverwood Presbyterian Church we have Sunday School at 9:45am for all age groups.

MEETING DOWNSTAIRS:

Nursery: Multi-Staffed
2-3 year olds: Janalie Graham & Joanie Norris
4-5 year olds: Jeff & 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 Brad & Rachel Yarbro

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:

October 14: Sarah Vander Wal / Debbie Jones / Katharine Bedsole / Kay Kirkley
October 21: Bob DeWitt / Monica Urban / Janalie Graham & Caleigh Henson / Gabe Henson

OCTOBER DEACON SCHEDULE:

Head Deacons: Dusty Sheppard & Chris Locklear
Clean Up: Bruce DeHaan & Tom Arnold

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through September 2018:

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| Operating Income: | \$316,775.47 |
| Operating Expense*: | \$342,454.87 |
| Net Income: | (\$25,679.40) |
| Designated gifts: | \$32,779.12 |
| Building loan balance: | \$895,161.14 |

**Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*