

Christianity is not the sacrifice we make, but the sacrifice we trust; not the victory we win, but the victory we inherit.

P. T. Forsyth

Paul's words "He chose us in him before...creation" do not describe a condition that sinners must meet in order to be chosen by God. The words do not speak of people's response at all; they speak of God's plan.

Michael Williams and Robert Peterson

When we tell others our story, we are opening a door not to let the story out, but to let ourselves walk through that door toward freedom.

Herbert Cooper

But God: Changes Everything

These two words ("But God"), in and of themselves, in a sense contain the whole of the gospel. The gospel tells of what God has done, God's intervention; it is something that comes entirely from outside us and displays to us that wondrous and astonishing work of God.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

October 7, 2018 • 11:00 Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

Twentieth 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 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.
And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you,
O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**All: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!**

Pastor: Come, let us worship!

HYMN OF PRAISE: 76 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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: *Deuteronomy 5:1-7*

¹And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, “Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them. ²The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. ³Not with our fathers did the Lord make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. ⁴The Lord spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst of the fire, ⁵while I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the Lord. For you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up into the mountain. He said: ⁶“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ⁷You shall have no other gods before me.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God, we bow before your presence recognizing that you are the God who has created all things and declared your will to us through your word. You have loved and redeemed us by your mighty hand, setting us free from the condemnation and bondage of sin. But we confess that we are tempted, time and time again, to put our hope in our possessions, to place our confidence in our accomplishments, and rest our assurance in our righteousness. Tear down any false god that we have erected in our lives so we can know you, the One, True and Living God. We ask this in the name that is above every name, even our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *1 Peter 2:21-25*

Pastor: Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

All: When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Pastor: By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HYMN: 239 “Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Presentation of tithes & offerings

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

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: 735 “Gloria Patri”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: 662 “As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams”

PREACHING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Ephesians 2:1-10*

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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: The Indicatives of Grace”

Rev. Jeff Pate

OUTLINE:

I. We began with a common past.

II. By grace, we have new life and a common position.

III. Being made new, we have a common purpose.

COMMUNION

HYMN: 457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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: 173 “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY AT RIVERWOOD

Everyone is invited to return to the sanctuary tonight at 5:00pm for a vespers service. Covenant Kids Club and the Junior High Youth Group meet tonight at 4:30pm. Senior High Youth is at 5:40pm.

SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

October 7	Covenant Kids Club / Jr. & Sr. High Youth / Vespers
October 14	Covenant Kids Club
October 21	Covenant Kids Club / Jr. & Sr. High Youth / Vespers
October 28	Reformation Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

October 9 Diane Powers

October 10 Leah Vander Wal

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

NO CATECHISM THIS WEEK

Due to fall break for RCS, children's catechism will not meet this Wednesday, October 10. Classes will resume on October 17.

YOUTH RETREAT

The youth will have a one day retreat this Saturday, October 13. We will plan to meet at the church that morning where transportation will be provided out to the Sheppards' farm. While there, the youth will eat, play games, have a couple of sessions on Mark's gospel, fish, and eat some more.

THANK YOU FROM SANDRA HANSON

Sandra would like to extend her sincere thanks to all who showed her such love and support after Buddy's death. The cards, food, and prayers were greatly appreciated.

DRINKS FOR CATECHISM

Individual juice cups (e.g. Capri Sun, Kool Aid) are needed for Catechism. There is a box in the foyer of the sanctuary to collect these items. Thank you.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, October 10, 10:00am: Women's Bible Study (Admin Building)

Wednesday, October 10, 6:00pm: Women's Bible Study (Lori Turner's home)

Thursday, October 11, 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 7: Aaron Powers / April Henry / Ginny Nippert & Vielyana Kim / Kathy Gilbert
October 14: Sarah Vander Wal / Debbie Jones / Katharine Bedsole / Kay Kirkley

OCTOBER DEACON SCHEDULE:

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through September 2018:

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*