

Join us this week!

FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER @ 6:00 PM
SAUNDERS HALL
ADULTS - \$8 & CHILDREN - \$4

Make your reservation by 10:30 a.m.
on the preceding Monday!





Join RRPC Friends for our March Social

Saturday, March 23, 5 - 8 PM
At the Sackmans' Home
11300 Cedar Hill Ct, 23233

Bring an appetizer or
beverage to share
Children welcome!!

RSVP here:





Palm Sunday Festival March 24 10 - 11 am

Join us between our Sunday worship
services and live out Christ's triumphal
entry into Jerusalem with pony rides
and family activities!

WELCOME

We welcome everyone with the gracious embrace that Jesus has given us. We are excited you are here and look forward to welcoming you into the life of the church through our ministries. We invite you to sign in using the Friendship Pad in the pew and/or scan the QR code below to be directed to our website where we you can complete the online *Visitor Information Form*. We would like to be in touch with you and answer any questions you may have.



READY TO JOIN

When you feel ready to join the River Road Presbyterian Church family, you will find a warm and very welcoming congregation with whom you will worship, learn, grow, and share your faith. Scan the QR code below to learn more.



**Check your email for
The Weekly Witness
and our website for
details on these and
other events.**

JOIN US SUNDAYS

Informal Worship: 9AM | Sunday School: 10AM | Traditional Worship: 11AM | Online Worship: 11AM
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RIVER ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

Traditional Worship - 11:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 17, 2024

*Please rise in body or spirit.
Congregation speaks **bold text**.

Please silence all electronic devices.
As the music begins, we invite you to quiet your thoughts and center your attention on God.

PRELUDE	<i>Cantilena</i>	Josef Rheinberger
WELCOME		Rich Copeland
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		Interim Search Committee Report
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Nancy C. Townley
<p>This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice. Be with us, Lord, as we take this step. This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord. Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you. Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day.</p>		
*HYMN NO. 39	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	FAITHFULNESS
CALL TO CONFESSION		
Song of Meditation	<i>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i> River Road Ringers	arr. Philip Young
<p>Prayer of Confession (silent prayers) On this Lenten journey we pause, look within and examine our consciousness. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Where we have neglected prayer, been apathetic in worship, found reasons to avoid generosity, or lacked compassion: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Where we have colluded in the oppression of those who become invisible in their suffering, and ignored on the streets: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Where anxiety has eroded the gift of Your peace, and where we have cared too much about what others think: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Amen.</p>		

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Donna Rae Barrow

All Young People are invited to come to the Chancel steps during this time. Following Time With The Young People, children in grades Pre-K 4 - 2nd Grade are invited to Worship Wonders in Kemp Hall and will return to worship during the offering.

ANTHEM

Write Your Blessed Name

K. Lee Scott

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 51:1-12

SERMON

Giving Ourselves Over

Rev. Dr. Samuel Adams

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lenten Creed

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call for the Offering



Scan to give online.



Scan to pledge online.

Offertory

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
River Road Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

*Response No. 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Caccia

Norman Dello Joio

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE

- The Reverend Dr. Samuel Adams
Chair of Biblical Studies and Professor of Old Testament
- Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle, Covenant Pastor
- Rich Copeland, Director of Worship and Music
- Kristy and Archer Geiger, Liturgists
- Rev. Nelson Taylor, Interim Director of Traditional Music
- Marianne Crean, Interim Organist
- Rita Smith, Accompanist
- Lida Bourhill, Assistant Director of Music
- Chancel Choir
- River Road Ringers

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary to the Glory and in memory of her mother, Maxine Pingree, by Diane Cooper.