



Welcome! – Riviera Church is an unapologetically progressive community in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

We are a family church where families come in all compositions.

We are a thinking church that wrestles with faith issues confronting our society today and strives to make our faith personally relevant and meaningful.

We are a mission-driven church that, since the civil rights movement, has worked for justice and peace for all God's children.

In our worship, education, and mission, we strive to know they are loved unconditionally.



@RivieraChurch

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Ministry Statement

- We engage with each other in joyful worship and thoughtful education;
 - We dedicate our resources and talents to God's work;
 - And we open our hearts in active mission to others.
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- *We celebrate The Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome at the table.*
 - *Nursery Care –infant through toddlers- is available during worship. In addition, our nursery attendant Josephine will be in the Welcome Area/Narthex to greet you.*
 - *Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and hymnals are available; please ask an usher.*
 - *Restrooms are accessible by the ramp in the Sanctuary. Follow the signs. Changing tables are in both restrooms.*
 - *We want to serve you. If you have a ministry need, please contact Congregational Care Committee Co-Chair Karen at kc33134@aol.com.*
 - *For prayer requests, please email bfah@me.com*
 - *Riviera Presbyterian Church is a proud member of these organizations and a Matthew 25 congregation.*



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



MATTHEW 25

"Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive, and we wake up to new possibilities." (www.pcusa.org/matthew25)

**RIVIERA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
&
NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE
OCTOBER 24, 2021
11:00 am**

GATHERING

We ask all attending "in-person" worship to keep their mask on as a visible expression of "loving your neighbor as yourself."

Please note that this service is being broadcast via live stream and digitally recorded.

****Please stand in body or spirit.***

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Javmar Perez Contreras, New Covenant Pianist

(Now is the time to quiet your spirit and prepare for worship.)

WELCOME

Riviera Elder Kathy Stults

****Please stand in body or spirit.***

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Riviera Member Nancy Stults

I will praise God in every moment, and through every situation. Through my words and action, my life will pay

tribute to Him. Whenever the poor and humble hear of His greatness, they will celebrate, too!
Come and lift up God's name with me; let's praise His name together!

Based on Psalm 34 - Christine Longhurst <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Proper%2025%20B>

***OPENING HYMN**

#451 Open My Eyes, That I May See

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathy Stults

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Book of Common Worship – Pg. 56, #1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Kathy Stults
Nancy Stults**

ONE: When we want to be a church ever-reforming,
yet cling to comfortable ways:

ALL: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

ONE: When we want to honor your "still speaking voice",
but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

ALL: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

ONE: When we want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness,
but fail to listen to voices of difference:

ALL: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

*Rev. Bonnie Tarwater (confession and prayer of assurance) –
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Proper%2025%20B>*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Nancy Stults

Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us!

We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Anna Rosas

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE #647 Give Thanks

Children may now following Anna and Josephine to Sunday School.

THE WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM#450 Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

New Covenant Ruling Elder Drabina Washington

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, And prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, That, hearing, we may also obey your will; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 10-46-52 Drabina Washington

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to

do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

One: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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SERMON

Rev. Daniel Morales

Do You Really Want to See?

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

New Covenant Ruling Elder Cynthia Johnson Stacks

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community we live in, our country, and the world; for all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the church; for all who proclaim the gospel, and for all seek the truth. For the PCUSA, for those at the General Assembly offices, for those in the Synod and Presbytery offices, for sessions and teaching elders. For all who serve God in the church. For our own needs, and for others for whom you have called us to pray. Hear us, Lord for your mercy is great. We thank you, Lord,

for all the blessings of life. We give thanks for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for the promise of your eternal kingdom.

We pray all this in Christ's name, who also taught us to pray in this manner:

For the Lord's Prayer we appreciate the diverse traditions and backgrounds that make up the Riviera community of faith and encourage you to use whatever words for this prayer are meaningful for you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER unison

Cynthia Johnson Stacks

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruling Elder Butch Sorenson

Be in the Know – read the bulletin and see what opportunities for ministry you can connect with, events to participate in, and opportunities to expand your faith journey.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Ruling Elder Bryan Page

The apostle Paul said to the church in Corinth, "God loves it when the giver delights in giving." With songs of joy and thanksgiving in our hearts, let us give to God a portion of what we've been blessed with.

INVITATION TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Bryan Page

We respond to God's call by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. Now is when you can give your financial gifts. If you are a member of another church, please give to them for their ministries. If you are not a member of another church, we invite you to help Riviera continue its path of being a missional church by donating today. In your bulletins and on your screen, you can see the different ways to contribute. Thank you.

The Act of Gratitude

- 1. You may donate today with a credit/debit card at www.rivierachurch.org and click on the GIVE button or use the scan me code with your phone camera.**
- 2. You may leave your donation in the offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary.**
- 3. You may download the free Give+ app (IOS & Android)**
- 4. You may set up online payment via your bank bill pay program.**
- 5. You may also mail in your check to the church at Riviera Presbyterian Church at 5275 Sunset Drive, Miami, FL 33143**



*** DOXOLOGY**

Doxology

R. Avery & D. Marsh

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
here be - low. Praise God ye hosts in heav'n a-bove. Praise
God the tri - ni - ty of love. A - men.
A - men. A - men. A - men.
A - men. A - men. A - men.

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***HYMN #452 Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord**

***BLESSING & CHARGE**

Rev. Daniel Morales

POSTLUDE Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Javmar Perez Contreras, New Covenant Pianist





Today we welcome to the Riviera pulpit, The Rev. Daniel Morales

The Rev. Daniel Morales is a proud Miami native with deep Cuban heritage. His family migrated to the United States 50 years ago, settled and established roots in the city, allowing Danny the unique gift of not just witnessing but also

living the transformation of this city.

A former banker with over 15 years of commercial banking experience, upon obtaining his B.A in Liberal Studies from Florida International University, in 2011 Danny finally responded to God's calling, beginning a seminary journey that started off at St. Thomas University through spring of 2013. Shortly thereafter, Danny transitioned to McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL, where he graduated with a Master of Divinity in 2015. In January of 2018, Danny began serving the congregation of New Covenant Presbyterian Church as their Temporary Supply Pastor. Having been ordained in February of 2018, Danny went on to complete Transitional Ministry Training I & II from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In the years since, Danny has also continued serving both Presbytery and the broader denomination, serving on various committees locally and nationally.

In his spare time, Danny enjoys weightlifting, kayaking, exploring new cuisines as well as revisiting some old favorites too, and he's always up for a good road trip.

Danny resides in the West Kendall area of Miami with his husband Ebert.



PRAYER REQUESTS

You may share any prayer requests or joys below, which will be sent to our pastoral care team. Please place your prayer requests in the offering plate as you exit or email them to: *bfah@me.com*

Name: _____

Prayer Requests _____

This Afternoon



Ukulele Rehearsal
Sunday @ 12 noon
In-Person & Zoom



Youth Reading Group
Voyage of the Dawn Treader
Sundays at 4:00 pm

email Anna for Zoom
information
rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com



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Bible Study Class Sundays at 10:00 am

Zoom Meeting ID 894-7650-2156

Passcode 333227

**Sunday Bible
Study Class**

10:00 am EST

Join in person or on Zoom

Socktober!

Thank you for all those sock donations! Please keep them coming!



And don't forget to donate carry-on style luggage for the luggage drive for foster children.

Spiritual Disciplines



Join your Riviera Family on the 4th Wednesday of every month for a new class on the spiritual disciplines.

Each month Anna will lead everyone in a different way of prayer that you'll be able to practice on your own.

You don't need to come to every class since each spiritual practice is self-contained!

These practices are suited for kiddos and adults with different modifications.

We will be meeting over Zoom, so RSVP by emailing Anna at [**rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com**](mailto:rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com)

The first class begins on October 27 at 7:00 pm.

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Mission Statement

Riviera Presbyterian Church is a spiritual community that accepts and embraces all God's children.

Ministers

Pastor

Parish Associate for Visitation

Parish Associate for Visitation

Director of Music

Youth Education & Outreach

Certified Church Administrator

Nursery Care Giver

Custodian

All the People

Vacant

Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton

Rev. Dr. David Welton

Dr. Walter Busse

Anna Rosas

Barbara Prieto

Josephine Gurri

Mary Lopez

Session	Session	Session
<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Karen Collier	Susan Admire	Laura Fothergill
Barbara Overton	Amparo Hernandez	Elaine Lanaris
Susan Mazzola	Bryan Page	Rey Prieto
Mimi Sutherland	Michele Ready	Alejandra Rondon
		Butch Sorenson