

The Spark

October 2022

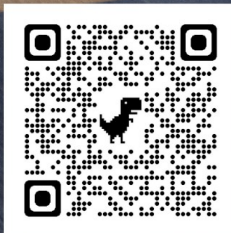
Embodying Love | Demanding Justice | Transforming the World

IT'S THE
Journey

GOD'S PEOPLE ON THE
MOVE

SERMON SERIES

10.9 - 11.20 SUNDAYS
@ 11:00 AM



rivierachurch.org

Worship

- In Person
- Zoom
- YouTube

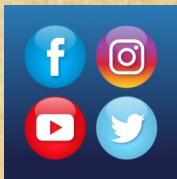
Mission Statement

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

We are a Matthew 25 Church

Pastor's Reflection...

Riviera Presbyterian Church
5275 Sunset Drive
Miami, FL 33143
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11:00am Sunday Worship Service
Office Hours M - F 9:00-5:00
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Connect with us on social media



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Pastor's Reflection

*"If you want to fast, go alone. If you want to go far,
go together." - proverb, origin unknown*

Beloved Friends,

*This fall in worship we are embarking on a journey. We
will explore 'God's People on the Move' stories of
Journey in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.*

*We will look at place, migration, our human relationship
to the land and what happens to us when we are forced
by circumstance or by The Spirit into new and unknown
territory.*

*I invite you to join with us as we travel the road
together and see what adventures The Universe has in
store for us along the way.*

Peace and Blessings for you in this fall season,

Rev. Melanie



Mission News...

When We All Do A Little It Adds To A Lot!

Time to celebrate!

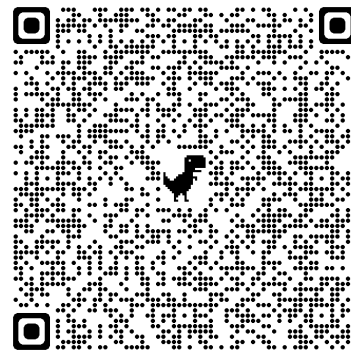
Thanks to shoppers and supporters who purchased Bloomin' 4 Good bouquets during the month of August 2022, Riviera's Food Pantry received \$106.



Peace & Global Witness

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

Donate today



It's amazing what happens when we join together.

Mission News... continues



Interfaith Power & Light

Sign up to talk to voters about voting for the climate! Seven in 10 Americans understand that our climate is changing, and 61% of us think Congress should do more to address it. However, too many Americans of faith and conscience are unlikely to vote in November. Their voices matter, **but we can't make them heard without your help.**

A Riviera partner, Interfaith Power & Light, is reaching out to 500,000 infrequent, climate-alarmed voters of faith in states with a text campaign.

Lots of folks aren't picking up the phone anymore, they aren't opening their emails, or their doors to strangers. **Almost everyone reads their texts!** Peer-to-Peer texting allows you to have real 1-1 conversations about issues that matter with the people you are texting. Each text is sent individually by a volunteer like you from our online system, **not your own phone or phone number.**

Sign up to Get Out the Vote from your comfy chair! [Join a Faith Voter Textbank!](#)



Florida Voting Deadlines

10/11 - Update Your Info or Register to Vote In-Person at Local Election Office or Online By This Date [REGISTER HERE](#)

10/26 - Deadline to Request Mail In Ballot

11/8 - Return Ballot in Person or By Mail By This Date

11/8 - Early Voting at Various Locations By This Date

We believe: "in choosing and doing good, working not only passively but actively. As we are moved by God" (The Second Helvetic Confession-Chapter 9). And we believe we can act now to connect our actions: to create change.

Congregational Care News...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER BABIES



Stephanie G Oct 1	John G Oct 16
James B Oct 2	Emilee G Oct 21
Cris S Oct 3	Vivian G Oct 23
Rey P Oct 6	Ruth A Oct 25
Pam A Oct 12	Bryan P Oct 27
Karen C Oct 15	



If you or a family member are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit please notify the church office or contact a member of the Congregational Care Team, Karen, Mimi, Bonnie, Rosemary or David.

For prayer requests, please email
bfah@me.com



Christian Education News...

Zoom Meeting ID 894-7650-2156

Passcode 333227

**Sunday Bible
Study Class**

10:00 am EST

Join in person or on Zoom

Learn and spiritually grow with us!

Riviera offers a **Hybrid Bible Study Class** to help you grow in your knowledge of God's Word in ways that make a difference in your life.

Whether you're a new believer, a long-time follower of Christ, or just curious to learn more, join us!

Children Sunday School



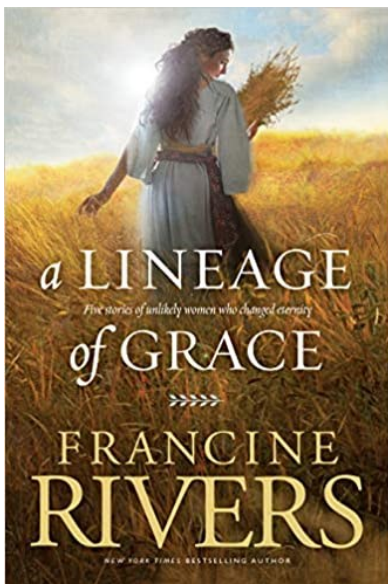
Email rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com

Our **Hybrid Children's Sunday School** runs concurrently with the worship service after the Children's Sermon.

Younger members and guests may leave or log into Zoom to attend Sunday School following the lead of Anna Rosas our Youth Education and Outreach Assistant.

We are using the Follow Me Curriculum from the PC(USA)

Contact Anna via email at rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com for more information



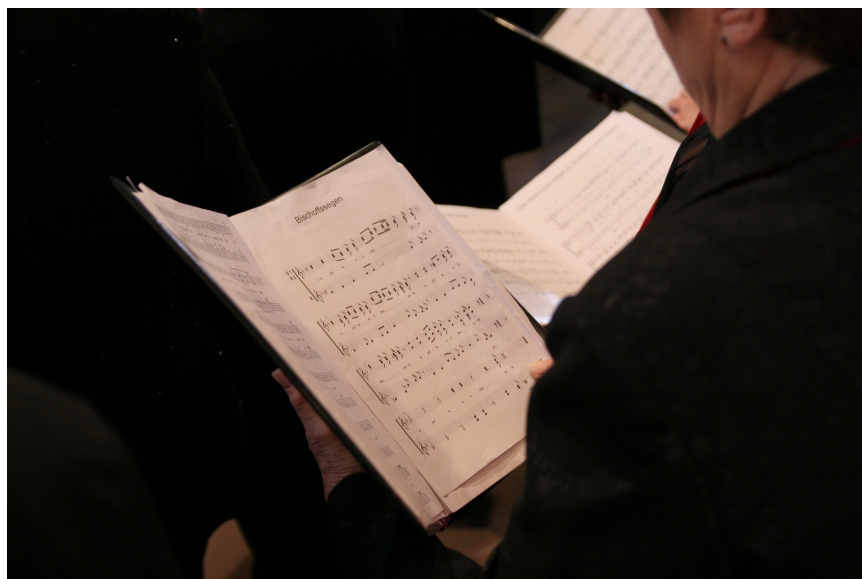
The **Women's Study Group** is reading the book **A Lineage of Grace** by Francine Rivers. Biblical stories of 5 Women in the Lineage of Jesus.

[The book is available on Amazon.](#)

If you have any questions please contact Karen Collier at kc33134@aol.com

Hope you can join us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. We meet on Zoom so you can join from wherever you are!

Worship News...



The Riviera Choir meets for a fellowship meal and rehearsal on Thursdays. Come for appetizers at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm and rehearsal at 7:30pm.

Bring a dish to share if you are able. Email our Music Director, Walter if you are interested in finding out more details. rivierapresmusic@gmail.com

One More Thing...

Dear Church family,

Over the summer I applied and was awarded a generous 1,000 dollar "Faith Formation Leader Sabbath Grant" from the PCUSA's Office of Christian Formation. I am planning on using the funds and my vacation days in mid-October, to walk a small stretch of the Camino Frances in Northern Spain. Then after the walk, I plan on resting my post-hike body for a couple of days and Sabbath in that way.

As you know this pilgrimage is dear to my heart having walked 200 miles of it in 2019. I will be doing a lot of walking, eating tapas, and spending time with God in prayer. When I return, I'll share my experience with you all and share the tie-in it has with my seminary course. Please remember me in your prayers as I hike and pray. I'll be praying for you all as well. I miss you all already!

Grace & Peace,
Anna



Anna on her 1st Camino in 2019



Join us Sunday, Oct. 2
for
The Potluck Lunch
after worship

Let's share a meal and
fellowship.

Bring a dish to share.

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Appointments are
encouraged, please visit
[pneblood.org/donate-
now](http://pneblood.org/donate-now)
and use sponsor code
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Walk-ins Welcome

**You have greater
powers than you
know!**



Youth News
Enter a world where music creates magic
and every song is a spell.

Youth Reading Group
Sunday @ 4:00 pm via Zoom

Reach out to Miss Anna to RSVP
rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com

**Food Pantry Volunteers
Needed**

Contact the church office at
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