



Welcome! – Riviera Church is a progressive-thinking 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 of God's children.

In our worship, education, and mission, we strive that all will know they are loved unconditionally.



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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.*
 - *Child Care –infant through age five- is available. Our childcare attendant, Josephine, will greet you in the Welcome Area/Narthex.*
 - *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, don't hesitate to contact Congregational Care Committee 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 25:31-46 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
Sunday, November 26, 2023
Consecration Sunday

Please note that this service is broadcast via live stream and digitally recorded.
**Please stand in body or spirit*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR & WELCOMING THE
LIGHT OF CHRIST**

PRELUDE UMCH#176 **Majesty**

WELCOME

Rev. Melanie Marsh



Please let us know you worshipped with us today by scanning this QR code and filling out our welcome form online or using the Welcome Pad on the aisle seat. If you are watching online, say "Hello" in the chat.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Melanie Marsh

One: All that we are is a gift from God.

All: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

All that we have is a gift from God.

The world, and those who live in it

There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

For God has founded it on the seas, God established it on the rivers.

Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

Rejoice as we join together in praise to the God of all Creation.

*OPENING HYMN

THE TRIUNE GOD

2 Come, Thou Almighty King

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend:
wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

TEXT: *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757, alt.
MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.

ITALIAN HYMN
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Lisa Torchut

1 Corinthians 4:2 that good stewards must be trustworthy in all things. Acknowledging that in our fear and brokenness, we have neglected and rejected gifts that have been provided by God, let us confess together all the ways that we have fallen short of God's call to us.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lisa Torchut

One: God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving ourselves.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse our miraculous home, the earth.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

Forgive us, O God, and in the love of Christ, have mercy on us.

[Silent Confession]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS **Lisa Torchut**

While God knows all the ways that we fail, God also hears our cries. In our sin, God still reaches out to forgive us, restore us, and make us whole. Rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God's love.

PASSING OF THE PEACE **Rev. Melanie Marsh**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

***GLORIA PATRI #634 To God Be the Glory**

*To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O
come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the
glory: great things he has done!*

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Melanie Marsh

CHILDREN'S REPOSE #647 Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

*Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ the
Son. (2x) Give thanks!*

*--After the Choral Anthem children five and under will
follow Ms. Josephine and children six and older will follow
Ms. Carol to Sunday School.*

CHORAL ANTHEM He Is King of King

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lisa Torchut

Open our hearts and minds, O God, as the scriptures are read and the message is proclaimed. Help us to hear with anticipation what you have to say and give us a sense of urgency to share it with others. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:25-33

Lisa Torchut

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet our Creator in Heaven feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed The Holy One knows that you need all these things. But strive first for God’s kingdom, and God’s justice, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-15

Rev. Melanie Marsh

13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to the Holy One in heaven.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Rev. Melanie Marsh

HYMN OF RESPONSE #70

What Does the Lord Require of You?

1. What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

2. Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

3. To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Melanie Marsh

If you are attending in person, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by raising your hand, and a member of our worship team will bring the microphone to you. Remember to bring the microphone close to your mouth; do not hold it down by your chest.

Please remember to guard people's privacy and ensure you have their permission to use their full name when requesting prayers in this public format.

If you are watching on Zoom, we invite you to raise your hand and unmute yourself when your name is called. If you are watching our live stream or on-demand, you may enter your joys and concerns in the comments, and they will be sent to our active prayer group or email our prayer coordinator directly at bfah@me.com.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Melanie Marsh

God of hope, there are many in our midst and in our community who are hurting. There are those in our midst and in our community who are suffering from physical ailments. There are those who are suffering from loss of loved ones. There are those who are suffering from mental, spiritual, and emotional distress. There are those who are having marital issues or family problems or loneliness. There are those who are suffering from financial difficulties or job problems. There are those who are suffering in so many other ways. Hear us now as we lift up to you all those whose needs and names are spoken, held in our hearts, or known only to you:

[Prayer Requests]

In the midst of all life's cares, O God, you offer us joy and hope. You have provided us with a multitude of resources. Give us the guidance to use those resources in order to share your hope with those in need: Food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothes to the naked, and care to the sick and imprisoned so that through the gifts you have provided we may

bring your joy to the world. We pray all these things in the name of Christ, who lived among us and loved us, and who taught us to pray, saying...

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER unison

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

Butch Sorenson

CONSECRATION OF GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Leader: Luke 12:48 reminds us "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." Today, we celebrate all the ways that we have answered the call to be faithful stewards of the time, talent, and money that God has provided. And we pray that in the year to come, God will bless all of our gifts, use all of our talents, multiply all of our work and resources that we might continue to share God's infinite love in our community and beyond.

THE ACT OF GRATITUDE

The physical act of giving by placing your offering in the offering plate is a tangible act of gratitude. However, if your pledge is mailed or sent electronically, you may still participate in this act of gratitude by placing the envelope inside the bulletin into the offering plate to symbolize your gratitude and participation in the worship service.

- You may leave your donation in the offering plate.
- You may donate today with a credit/debit card at www.rivierachurch.org, click the GIVE button, or use the scan me QRcode with your phone camera.
- You may download the free Vanco Mobile app (IOS & Android) to set up recurring donations or online payment via your bank bill pay program.
- You may also mail in your check to the church at Riviera Presbyterian Church at 5275 Sunset Drive, Miami, FL 33143



OFFERTORY #268 Crown Him With Many Crowns

As worshipers come forward to present their 2024 pledges, weekly offerings, tithes, and other gifts to the church, each person is invited to take a candle from the communion table and then form a circle around the outer edges of the sanctuary.

Doxology

R. Avery & D. Marsh

Praise God from whom all blessings 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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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lisa Torchut

Loving God, everything we have and everything that we are is a gift from you. You call us to be stewards of this gift. As caretakers of all that you have provided, we give back now. We dedicate these gifts to you. Bless these tithes and offerings. Help us to always use your gifts wisely. Lead us as we share them generously with others. Help us, in our faithful stewardship to be the love of Christ to all the world. It is in your holy name that we dedicate these gifts, and that we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

749 Come! Live in the Light! We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
vio - lence will be no more.
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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WE ARE CALLED
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BENEDICTION

Rev. Melanie Marsh

POSTLUDE #269 Come Lead On O King Eternal



We'd love for you to join us for a scrumptious pasta meal to celebrate your generosity after the worship service in Fellowship Hall.

We hope you come with an empty stomach and leave feeling full of love from your Riviera congregation. Can't wait to see you there!



2024 Pledge Card

In support of its 2024 operating expenditures, I/we pledge to Riviera Presbyterian Church the total sum of: \$_____

I will give this pledge _____ weekly, _____ monthly
_____ other

Please print:

Name: _____

Email: _____

You may also pledge online at:

<https://rivierachurch.org/2024-pledge/>

Our Members/Friends goal is \$140,000.



You are invited to join us in celebrating the joyous spirit of Christmas on Sunday, December 3rd, at our monthly First Sunday Potluck Lunch.

This event is a special occasion for our church community to come together and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. It is a time to reflect on the blessings we have received throughout the year and express gratitude for the love and unity that binds us. As we gather in fellowship, let us embrace the spirit of giving and share in this festive season's joy.

Bring your favorite Christmas dish to share with your Riviera church family. There will also be Christmas craft activities for the children.

Holiday Open House - Join Rev. Melanie and family for a Holiday Open House at their home on Friday, December 8th, from 6-9pm.

Bring your favorite holiday treat or drink to share and enjoy some laughter, light, and cheer with us! All are welcome. Come when you can, leave when you have to.

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Mission Statement

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

Ministers

Pastor

Director of Music

Youth Education & Outreach

Certified Church Administrator

Nursery Caregiver

Sacred Space Caretaker

All the People

Rev. Melanie Marsh

Dr. Walter Busse

Anna Rosas

Barbara Prieto

Josephine Gurri

Glenda Bertran

Session	Session	Session
<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Laura Fothergill	Karen Collier	Amparo Hernandez
Rey Prieto	Susan Mazzola	Kathy Stults
Alejandra Rondon		Lisa Torchut
Butch Sorenson		
Cris Sweeny		