



Welcome! – Riviera Church is an unapologetic 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.

- We celebrate The Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome at the table. Gluten-free option available.
- 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
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 28, 2024**

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# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

WELCOME

Anna E. Rosas



*Please let us know you
worshiped 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.*

*HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787
 M/58C: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979
 Music Desc. © 1979 GIA Publications, Inc.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Carol Thompson

Let us open our hearts to God and neighbor, sharing our brokenness, in faith and confidence, that in God's love all shall be made whole.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol Thompson

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: Hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Carol Thompson

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Anna E. Rosas

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

***GLORIA PATRI #582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE #80**You Shall Go Out with Joy**

-- After the Choral Anthem, children may follow Ms. Carol and Ms. Josephine for Sunday School, childcare, activities, and snacks.

CHORAL ANTHEM**#613 How Majestic is Your Name****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ellen Anderson**

Holy God, on this sacred day, may we be guided by your scriptures: In your word may we find life. In your presence may we find comfort. Open our hearts and our minds to all that you are revealing to us this day and in the days to come. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ellen Anderson**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. 16 This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." 17 Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. 19 Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. 20 But any prophet who speaks in the

name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

Karen Collier

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24 and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! Hem commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” 28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Karen Collier, Elder

What Would Jesus Do?

HYMN OF RESPONSE #626 As the Deer

As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Anna E. Rosas

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.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Anna E. Rosas

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Ellen Anderson

All that we have and all that we are belong to God. Let us now, with joyful and generous hearts, return to God a portion of the gifts we have been given.

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.*



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How You Can Give

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You may set up online payment via your bank bill pay program.

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OFFERTORY #180 Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow, / Praise him all creatures here be - low, / Praise him a - bove ye heav - en - ly host, / Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.'

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here be - low,
Praise him a - bove ye heav - en - ly host,
Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1675-1748, and William Kethe, d. 1593; adapt. by Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Ellen Anderson

Generous God, bless these our gifts of grateful offering. Use them to feed. Use them to heal. Use them to help. Use them to make whole your beloved community. Amen.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

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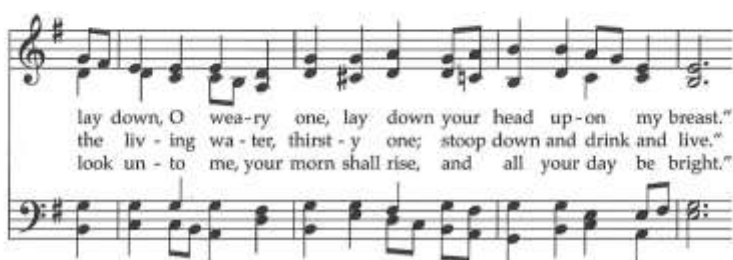
*CLOSING HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

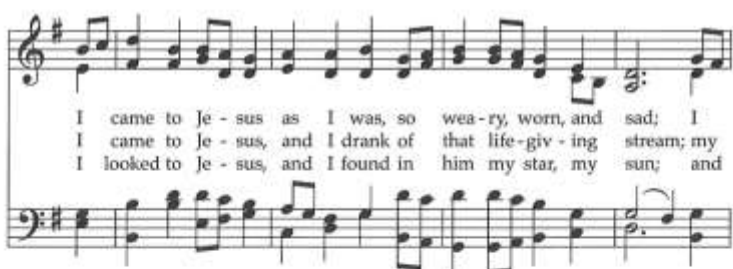
182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



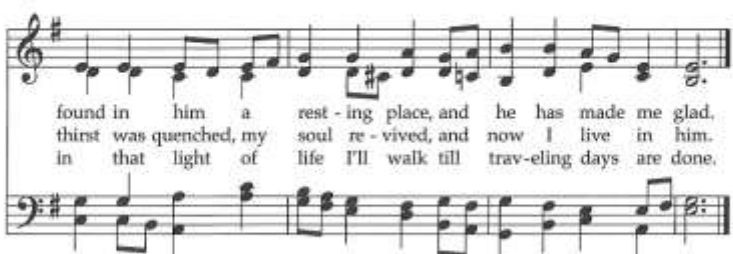
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad,
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav-el-ing days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

TEXT: Martin Bucer, 1846, alt.
MUSIC: English-Country Songs, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1908

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POSTLUDE

Riviera's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11, immediately following the worship service.

**Special First Sunday Potluck
Souper Bowl of Caring!**

Feb 4

Suggested Donations

- \$5.00 pp if you are going to watch the big game.
- \$10.00 pp if you don't know who is playing.
- \$20.00 pp if you only watch for the commercials.

Let's keep Henry's tradition alive by supporting the
Riviera Food Pantry
rivierachurch.org

Sunday, February 4, after worship, please join us for a special First Sunday Potluck Lunch to raise money to help support our Riviera Food Pantry ministry. Bring your favorite soup or your favorite football-watching snack.



Breakfast for Dinner!

Join us for Mardi Gras
Game Night on
Saturday, February 10,
from 5 to 7 pm.
Bring your favorite
breakfast food & games
to share.

**Start your Lenten journey with RPC at our Ash
Wednesday Service, with Communion and
Imposition Ashes, in the sanctuary on Feb. 14 at
7:00 pm. Soup Supper at 6:30 pm.**

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Closing Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Postlude:



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Mission Statement

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

Ministers	All the People
Pastor	Rev. Melanie Marsh
Director of Music	Dr. Walter Busse
Youth Education & Outreach	Anna Rosas
Certified Church Administrator	Barbara Prieto
Nursery Caregiver	Josephine Gurri
Sacred Space Caretaker	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		