

Embodying Love
Demanding Justice
Transforming the World
With Your Help
April 12 2026



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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Mission 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.
- 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

Information for Parents regarding Prayground

We invite our youngest worshipers (2 and up) and their families to join us in the prayground in front of the sanctuary! On the shelf and in the baskets, you will find resources to help your child experience what is happening in worship through play. We encourage you to help your child use these resources to reflect on what is happening in the worship service this morning.

- On top of the shelving, there are worship buddies available if your child needs a lovie to cuddle during the service, a visual schedule to help your child understand what is coming next in church, and a guide with additional information on the resources available for caregivers!

- In the blue baskets on the shelf, you will find a basket of picture books relating to the sermon theme or liturgical season and a basket of fidget toys, breathing exercises, and flip cards. These are great for our younger worshipers who are looking for a quiet activity!

- In the wicker baskets on the bottom shelf, you will find a basket with children's Bibles and a hymnal. There are tabs marking each scripture and hymn being shared in worship today! This is a great activity for older children to practice using the Hymnal and Bible to help them follow along in worship! There is a basket with maracas and streamers available for the kids who cannot read the Hymnal or are uncomfortable singing to make a joyful noise or movement along with the congregation when we worship through music together!

- In the remaining wicker baskets, we will be rotating toys and activities to reflect the sermon theme, liturgical season, or special events in worship. This may look like a play communion set, a nativity set, tracing or coloring sheets, or other tools used in worship!

The kids are welcome to take these resources to the rug, back to their seat, or use them right in front of the shelf! Each child is made uniquely in the image of God and has unique needs! If there are additional aids we can provide to help your family experience worship, please reach out to Emma Cottrell at rivierapresfaithformation@gmail.com. Thank you for joining us this morning!

RIVIERA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 12, 2026- 9:00 AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

**Please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE #236 The Strife Is O'er

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOMING THE LIGHT

WELCOME

Rev. Kim Robles

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The stone has been rolled away.

All: The grave clothes are lying in a heap.

One: The body is gone.

All: Mary's weeping is halted by the man's questions:

One: Why are you crying?

All: Who is it you are looking for?

One: Let us proclaim with Mary:

All: We have seen the risen Lord!

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed!

Hallelujah! Amen.



Please let us know you are worshipping with us today by scanning and completing our online welcome form or by using the Welcome Pad; then please pass the pad to your neighbor.

***OPENING HYMN #245**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

CALL TO CONFESSION

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole. Let us pray:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

We use a lot of words, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God. Amen.

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news we have declared: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE **Rev. Kim Robles**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

One: Now share the peace of Christ with each other.

***GLORIA PATRI** *St. Louis Jesuits Glory to God* by J. Foley

Give glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. earth.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Emma Cottrell

CHILDREN’S RESPONSE #591

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (3x)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

CHORAL ANTHEM Alleluia No.1 / Christ is Risen

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Isaiah 55: 10-11**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20: 19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again,

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kim Robles

SERMON RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***1. Now He is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb
He is risen; He has conquered death,
Opened heaven to all believers.***

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please remember to respect people's privacy and to obtain their permission before using their full name when requesting prayers in this

public format. If you have a prayer request at any time during the week, you can contact Congregational Care at bfah@me.com.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

We appreciate the diverse traditions and backgrounds of the Riviera community 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.

THE OFFERING

CALL TO THE OFFERING

With gladness, let us present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE ACT OF GRATITUDE

The physical act of giving by placing your offering in the plate is a tangible act of gratitude. If your pledge is mailed or sent electronically, you may still participate in this act of gratitude by placing the envelope found inside the bulletin in the offering plate as a symbol of your gratitude and participation in the worship service.



How You Can Give

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PEW ENVELOPE
 You may place your donation in the pew envelope, don't forget to write your name & address
- 
ACH
 You may set up online payment via your bank bill pay program.
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VANCO MOBILE
 You may download the free Vanco app (IOS & Android)
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Please note that our CASH App account is currently offline. We apologize for any inconvenience.

OFFERTORY #250 In the Bulb There is a Flower

***EASTER DOXOLOGY #609** (Sung to #15 All Creatures...)
Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God in Jesus, Risen Son, Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Alleluia! (4x) Allelu... ia!

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Giving God, just as we love you because you first loved us, we give because you first gave to us. Out of gratitude we bring gifts of money to be used for your kingdom work. With these gifts we also pledge our whole selves. We give you our bodies as living temples; may we be your hands and feet. We give you our minds; may our thoughts support others and glorify you. We give you our time; may our presence encourage others. We give you our relationships; may our interactions be a light to the world.

We give you our work; may we always strive to do our best and help others do theirs.

We give you our play; may our leisure bring joy to many.

We give you our hopes and dreams; may our goals reflect your mission.

Use these gifts, great God, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENT

Theology Uncorked

***CLOSING HYMN #238 Thine is the Glory**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kim Robles

POSTLUDE #233 The Day of Resurrection



Join the Bible Study Class in The Spirit Center following today's worship service. All are invited.



Sunday, April 12, at 5:30pm

THEOLOGY
uncorked
Conversations for Inquiring Minds

Join the conversation at
Berries in the Grove
2884 SW 27 AVE

This April at Theology Uncorked, we're leaning into a question many of us carry: ***What do we do with troubling texts in the Bible?*** Rather than avoiding the hard passages, we'll make space to wrestle with them together—with honesty, curiosity, and openness.

This session will be led by Karen Collier and Carol Thompson, who will help guide our conversation.

Bring your questions, your perspectives, and even your doubts—there's room for every voice.

One Great Hour of Sharing — Easter Season Update

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

As we continue in this season of Easter, we celebrate the hope of new life and the ways we share that hope with others through One Great Hour of Sharing.

Our goal is **\$1,000**, and to date, we have received **\$576**. We are getting closer, but we are not there yet.

We have extended the deadline to **April 30**, giving us a little more time to come together and reach our 2026 goal.

Each gift supports ministries that make a real difference—responding to disasters, expanding access to safe and sustainable housing, advocating for fair labor practices, and walking alongside communities in need.

As the net in the Narthex continues to fill, each fish is a visible reminder that every contribution matters. Together, those small acts of generosity become something much larger.

If you have not yet had the chance to give—or feel called to give again—this is an opportunity to be part of what we are building together.

Help us reach our 2026 goal. Let's keep going. Let's fill the net.

Thank you for your generosity and for being part of this shared work of hope.

Meetings & Events at RPC

Monday, April 13

6:30 pm Stewardship/Property/Finance (SPF) Committee Meeting via Zoom

7:30 pm Christian Education/Fellowship Committee Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, April 14

5:00 pm RPC Staff Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 15

10:45 am CCC Storytime with Ms. Emma

6:30 pm Choir Dinner & Rehearsal

Thursday, April 16

7:00 pm - Miami Sound Space Threshold Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm Women's Study Group via Zoom

Friday, April 17 Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 18 Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 19

8:30 am - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

9:00 am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:15 am - Children's Sunday School - Spirit Center

10:00 am - Holy Grounds/Refreshments - Welcome Area/Narthex

10:15 am - Bible Study - Spirit Center



Volunteers will have an opportunity to participate in a coastal cleanup, dune restoration(planting and invasive removal) and trail cleanup.

All of these projects directly affect the local ecosystem within the park. All tools will be provided, parking passes and community service hours letter will be available onsite.

Registration Link: <https://miamidadeparks.com/FL/miami-dade-county-parks-recreation/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTEzMDcwMDU=>

Early registration is highly recommended.

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

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Church Bookkeeper	Carol Naveira
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