

Embodying Love
Demanding Justice
Transforming the World
With Your Help
April 19 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.
- 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 19, 2026- 9:00 AM
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

GATHERING

**Please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE #260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOMING THE LIGHT

WELCOME

Rev. Kim Robles



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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Annie Castro

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Risen Christ

walk with us.

Be our companion and guide,

be our teacher and friend,

be our host and servant,

bringing your gifts of faith, peace and hope

and deep joy

as always,

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #250**

In the Bulb there is a Flower (Hymn of Promise)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Annie Castro

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Kim Robles

***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 Total Praise

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kim Robles

SERMON RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Give thanks to the Lord who is good. The love of the Lord knows no ending. All in Israel say, “God’s love has no end!”

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 throughout the week, you can contact Congregational Care: 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 OFFERING

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.



PEW ENVELOPE
You may place your donation in the pew envelope, don't forget to write your name & address

How You Can Give

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

VANCO MOBILE
You may download the free Vanco app (iOS & Android)

MAIL CHECK TO US
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Please note that our CASH App account is currently offline. We apologize for any inconvenience.

OFFERTORY Because He Lives

***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 OFFERTORY PRAYER**
O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you – our selves, our time, and our possessions – that through us your grace and favor may be known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

THE SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENT

Beach Cleanup

***CLOSING HYMN #248 Christ is Risen (Ode to Joy)**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kim Robles

POSTLUDE #238 Thine is the Glory

One Great Hour of Sharing — Progress Update

Thank you for your continued generosity.

We're grateful to share that an additional \$45 has been received, bringing our total to \$621 toward our \$1,000 goal.

Each gift continues to move us closer. Each fish added to the net is a visible reminder that what we do together matters.

There is still time to help us reach our goal by April 30. If you haven't yet had the chance to give—or feel called to contribute again—your gift can help carry us across the finish line.

Together, we are making a difference. Let's keep going. Let's fill the net.

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



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

Meetings & Events at RPC

Monday, April 20

CCC Newsletter Submission Deadline

Tuesday, April 21

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

10:45 am CCC Storytime with Ms. Emma

6:30 pm Choir Dinner & Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

4:00 pm CCC Spring Carnival - Courtyard

Saturday, April 25

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Beach Clean Up - Crandon Park

Sunday, April 26

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

**PINECREST & RIVIERA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES**

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

with Miami-Dade Parks



Crandon Park

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2026

from 9am-1pm
Register Here:



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

Ministers	All the People
Pastor	Rev. Kim Robles
Director of Music	Dr. Walter Busse
Director of Faith Formation & Outreach	Emma Cottrell
Certified Church Administrator	Barbara Prieto
Church Bookkeeper	Carol Naveira
Sacred Space Caretaker	Glenda Bertran

Session Class of 2026

Amparo Hernandez
Kathy Stults

Session Class of 2027

Gerardo Avitia
Angela Galbreath
Laura Fothergill
Michele Ready
Cris Sweeny

Session Class of 2028

Kyle Dettloff
Carol Thompson