

Embodying Love
Demanding Justice
Transforming the World
With Your Help
April 26 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)

**RIVIERA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 26, 2026- 9:00 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

GATHERING

**Please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd by W. Busse

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.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Awaken from your slumber,
and bring your fears and anxieties
into the presence of the Lord our God.
Hear the call of our Shepherd,
and allow His voice
to lead from selfish ambition
to the feast of grace.
May the light of Christ
shine into the hidden darkness of our lives
and restore us
for the service of the Lord.

ALL: Come, let us worship God. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

#803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

CALL TO CONFESSION

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 Brother James' Air (Psalm 23)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 23:1-6

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 10:1-10

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kim Robles

SERMON RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. *“The sheep of my flock,” says the Lord, “hearing my voice, will listen. They will follow me, for I know them. They are mine.”*

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 THE 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.



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)
- PEW ENVELOPE**
You may place your donation in the pew envelope, don't forget to write your name & address
- MAIL CHECK TO US**
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Please note that our CASH App account is currently offline. We apologize for any inconvenience.

OFFERTORY

#801 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

***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**

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give them with a ready mind, willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

THE SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Sunday Brunch

***CLOSING HYMN**

#187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (V. 1,2,4)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kim Robles

POSTLUDE Sheep May Safely Graze by J.S. Bach

One Great Hour of Sharing — Final Push

Thank you for your continued generosity.

We're grateful to share that an additional \$35 has been received, bringing our total to \$656 toward our \$1,000 goal.

We are only a few days away from April 30, and the finish line is in sight.

Each fish added to the net is a reminder that every gift matters. Together, those individual acts of generosity become something much greater—bringing hope, support, and care to communities in need.

If you have not yet given, or are able to give again, now is the time. Help us reach our goal and fully fill the net.

Let's finish strong—together.

Meetings & Events at RPC

Monday, April 27

7:30 pm Congregational Care Committee Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, April 28

5:00 pm RPC Staff Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 29

10:45 am CCC Storytime with Ms. Emma

6:30 pm Choir Dinner & Rehearsal

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

Church Office Closed

8:00 am The Melissa Institute Annual Conference via Zoom

9:00 am Embroidery Guild Meeting - Spirit Center

Saturday, May 2 Church Office Closed

Sunday, May 3

8:30 am - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

9:00 am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

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

10:00 am - Brunch - Fellowship Hall

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Blood Drive – Big Red Bus

10:15 am - Bible Study - Spirit Center

Hi Members and Friends of Riviera,

As we continue marking The Melissa Institute's 30th anniversary year, I am pleased to inform you of our milestone 30th Annual Conference, ***From Prevention to Healing: Research-Based Solutions to Address the Youth Mental Health Crisis in America***, to be held virtually on Friday, May 1, 2026.

This year's conference brings together a distinguished group of scholars from The Melissa Institute's Scientific Board, including **Wendy K. Silverman, Mitch Prinstein, Annette M. La Greca, and Sherry Hamby**, with integrative discussions led by Donald Meichenbaum and myself.

The conference will focus on evidence-based strategies to address anxiety, depression, trauma-related distress, and suicide risk among youth, while also highlighting the roles of digital media, social connectedness, and resilience in shaping mental health outcomes. Consistent with the Institute's mission, the program emphasizes translating research into practical tools that can be applied in clinical, educational, and community settings.

We would be honored by your participation and grateful for your support in helping us extend the reach of this important work. As with all TMI educational events, the conference is offered **at no cost to participants**.

I kindly ask that you consider:

- Joining us for the conference as a registered participant.
- Sharing information about the event with your professional networks, colleagues, and collaborators
- Encouraging church members, RPC affiliated schools, and community partners to attend

Conference Information and Registration:

- Conference Description, Agenda, and Bios: <https://melissainstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/30th-Annual-Conference-Booklet.pdf>
- Event Information, CE Credits and CE Payment: <https://melissainstitute.org/30thannualconference/>
- Direct link to Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HMNixtgXR8SPpMVjRiuvXA#/registration

Additional Valuable Resources:

- Research References Provided by Conference Faculty:
<https://melissainstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/TMI-30th-Annual-Conference-List-of-References.pdf>
- TMI's 30th Anniversary Report to the Community:
<https://melissainstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Digital-Report-to-the-Community-30th-Anniversary.pdf>

The Melissa Institute relies on engaged colleagues like you to ensure that research-based knowledge informs practice and reaches those who need it most.

And if you know of doctoral students conducting research on violence-related topics, I would be grateful if you could share this unique funding opportunity with them: the Belfer-Aptman Dissertation Scholarship (deadline April 30): <https://melissainstitute.org/scholarships/>.

Thank you for your leadership, partnership, and commitment to create a safer and kinder world for everyone.

Warm regards,

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Etiony Aldarondo, Ph.D.
Executive Director
The Melissa Institute

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

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Pastor	Rev. Kim Robles
Director of Music	Dr. Walter Busse
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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

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Carol Thompson