

Embodying Love
Demanding Justice
Transforming the World
With Your Help
May 3, 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
MAY 3, 2026 - 9:00 AM
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

GATHERING

**Please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE #630 Fairest Lord Jesus

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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.

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

**Come and worship,
all you who love and serve our God —
who surrounds us with unfailing love,
and answers us when we call;
who cares for the humble and lowly,
and never abandons those in need.
This is our God,
worthy of our worship and praise!**

***OPENING HYMN**

#661 His Eye Is on the Sparrow (V.1,2)

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Eternal God,
we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient
church:

we have not done your will;
we have broken your law.

**ALL: Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul and with
all your mind"
and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

We have rebelled against your love;
we have not loved our neighbors;
we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(silence for personal 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.

1-5 (Repeat 1st/5th times) to Verses Final

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Emma Cottrell

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE #591

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

CHORAL ANTHEM The Storm is Passing Over

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-14

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kim Robles

SERMON RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. "I am the Way," says the Lord. "The Truth and the Life Everlasting. It's impossible, to see God, except through me."

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS

The congregation will come forward in two lines, pull off a piece of bread, and dip it into the cups of wine or white grape juice. There is a third station with gluten-free elements.

COMMUNION MUSIC #625 How Great Thou Art

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

-  **QR CODE**
Scan the QR code to make a donation.
-  **PEW ENVELOPE**
You may place your donation in the pew envelope, don't forget to write your name & address www.rivierachurch.org
-  **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

#820 Nothing Can Trouble (Nada te Turbe)

***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**

Dear God, wherever we look, from next door to a world away, we see the places where your creation groans. May these gifts be a faithful response to those cries. Amen.

THE SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ellen Anderson

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at
Frances Tucker Elementary

***CLOSING HYMN**

#275 A Mighty Fortress is our God (V. 1,2)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kim Robles

POSTLUDE Victory in Jesus

One Great Hour of Sharing – Goal Reached

With gratitude and joy, we share that we have reached our goal of \$1,000 for this year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation—and a final gift from a member who contributed the remaining balance—we were able to fully meet our goal and fill the net.

Each fish added along the way represented a shared commitment to caring for others. Together, those gifts will support ministries that respond to disaster, expand access to housing, advocate for fair labor practices, and walk alongside communities in need.

Thank you to everyone who gave, encouraged, and participated. What we accomplished together will make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

We are the Church, together.

Meetings & Events at RPC

Monday, May 4

7:00 am Francis Tucker Elementary Teacher Appreciation
Breakfast

Wednesday, May 6

10:45 am - CCC Storytime with Ms. Emma - Spirit Center
6:30 pm - Choir Dinner & Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 7

7:00 pm - Miami Sound Space Threshold Choir Rehearsal -
Fellowship Hall
TBD - Worship Committee Meeting

Friday, May 8

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 9

Church Office Closed

10:00 am Asociacion de Orquideologia de America Meeting -
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 10

8:30 am - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:00 am - Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:15 am - Children's Sunday School - The Spirit Center
10:00 am - Holy Grounds/Refreshments - Welcome Area
10:15 am - Bible Study - The Spirit Center

*There will be no Theology Uncorked on Sunday, May 10.
We will resume on Sunday, June 14; same time, same place.
5:30 pm at Berries in the Grove - 2884 SW 27 Ave.*

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EASTERTIDE DRIVE

As we celebrate the gift of new life, help women in our community with a new start! To support our friends at LEAP, we will be collecting the following items:

- Full-size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash
- Loofahs and washcloths
- Full-size lotion
- Hair ties and brushes
- Full-size deodorant
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Pads and Tampons
- Body wipes and baby wipes
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Bras, socks, and underwear (S/M/L/XL)



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

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Certified Church Administrator	Barbara Prieto
Church Bookkeeper	Carol Naveira
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Michele Ready
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