

Embodying Love
Demanding Justice
Transforming the World
With Your Help
May 17, 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 17, 2026 - 9:00 AM
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

GATHERING



**Please stand in body or spirit*

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.

PRELUDE #468 In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Kim Robles

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Stults

(Psalm 68:7-10, 32)

One: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked,

All: the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

One: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

All: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN**

#662 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies (V. 1-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

(silence for personal confession)

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(2 Corinthians 4:14-15)

One: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

All: Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

One: Believe the promise of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

by Benedetto Marcello (1686)

The Glory of the Lord

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kim Robles

SERMON RESPONSE #354 Glory, Glory Hallelujah!

*Glory, Glory Hallelujah! (3x)
God's truth is marching on!*

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

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

- 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 #307 God of Grace and God of Glory

***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**

With abundance upon abundance, Almighty God, you have seen to our needs. We return this portion of our wealth, we offer these prayers, and we remember the gift of time you have given us as tokens of our commitment to know you, to love you,

and to serve you. Bless these gifts, multiply and use them, and may we be blessed ourselves as we see your work in our midst, Amen.

THE SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENT

***CLOSING HYMN**

#258 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (V. 1-5)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kim Robles

POSTLUDE #238 Thine is the Glory (V. 1-3)



For Pentecost, I invite you to come dressed in as much red as you can find in your wardrobe. Let's see how the Spirit burns with fire on Pentecost!

Also, if you speak a language other than English and can be in worship on Sunday, May 24 th, please let me know by today (pastor@ppcusa.org).

I'd like to include different languages from around the world in the Pentecost worship service. —Pastor Kim



As we have done in years past, Riviera will once again be providing Summer Reading books for the first-grade students at Frances S. Tucker Elementary School.

The books will be delivered on Monday, June 1st.

If you picked up a book slip, please return the books to the church by Sunday, May 31st. If you are having books shipped directly to the church, please make sure they arrive by Thursday, May 28th.

If you are unable to purchase or order books, you are still invited to participate by making a contribution to the Frances S. Tucker Elementary School line on our website under GIVE.

Please see Ellen if you have any questions.

Thank you for helping support these students as they begin their summer reading.

Meetings & Events at RPC

Monday, May 18

Tuesday, May 19

6:30 pm - Session Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, May 20

10:45 am - CCC Storytime with Ms. Emma - Spirit Center

6:30 pm - Choir Dinner & Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 21

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

Friday, May 22

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 23

Church Office Closed

Sunday, May 24- Pentecost Sunday - Wear RED

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




GAME NIGHT *Party*

Get ready for a night full of excitement, laughter, and non-stop competition!
Bring your favorite snack to share

Saturday
May 30, 2026

6:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

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Session Class of 2026

Amparo Hernandez
Kathy Stults

Session Class of 2027

Gerardo Avitia
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Michele Ready
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Session Class of 2028

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