

Embodying Love
Demanding Justice
Transforming the World
With Your Help
May 24, 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 24, 2026 - 9:00 AM
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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 using the Welcome Pad, then pass the pad to your neighbor.

CHOIR PENTECOSTAL SPOKEN INTROIT

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Kim Robles

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Mazzola
(Acts 2:1-4)**

One: All together in one place;

All: they heard the rush of a violent wind;

One: it filled the entire house.

All: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;

One: they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

***OPENING HYMN**

#289 On Pentecost They Gathered (V. 1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for

all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as a beloved community. Let your Spirit fill us, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ's body, not in fits and starts but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your peaceable kin-dom. Amen.

(silence for personal confession)

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Acts 2:21)
"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

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 #300

*We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our Love,
by our Love.
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our Love!*

CHORAL ANTHEM **Anthem for Pentecost** by H. Hopson

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:28-29, 32a

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy,**

**and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.**

**Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.**

**And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.**

**The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and
glorious day.**

**Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”**

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kim Robles

SERMON RESPONSE #286

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God.

***Fill me with life anew. That I may love what Thou
dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.***

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
- ACH**
You may set up online payment via your bank bill pay program
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OFFERTORY

Spirit Song

***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**

You give with open hands, Most Generous God, sharing gifts as seed to sow. We gather these offerings, asking only that they might take root and flourish — to tend your Kin-dom, to nurture your beloved community. Let our acts be not merely ritual but a commitment: a shaping of the world in your image, one generous gesture at a time. Amen.

THE SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ellen Anderson

***CLOSING HYMN #66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

Rev. Kim Robles

POSTLUDE

God Bless America





As we have done in past years, Riviera will once again provide 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 25

Church Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

4:30 pm - RPC Staff Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, May 27

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

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

Thursday, May 28

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

Friday, May 29

Church Office Closed

5:00 pm CCC PreK Graduation - Sanctuary

Saturday, May 30

Church Office Closed

6:30 pm RPC Game Night - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 7

8:30 am - Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

9:00 am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00 am - First Sunday Potluck Brunch - Fellowship Hall

10:15 am - Bible Study - The Spirit Center

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