

Embodying Love
Demanding Justice
Transforming the World
With Your Help
August 16, 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
AUGUST 16, 2026 - 9:00 AM

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 #515 I Come With Joy (Dove of Peace)

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Kim Robles

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Ruth Gonzalez

Reader: We come today into the presence of the Lord, the Son of David.

People of God: Praise be to God!

Reader: We come today into the presence of the one who sees the least of us, who works heavenly miracles here on earth.

People of God: Praise be to God!

Reader: We come today into the presence of the Lord-- some of us with great need, desperate for help, and some of us with great faith, celebrating healing.

People of God: Praise be to God!

***OPENING HYMN**

#444 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (V. 1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reader: For those of us, or whose children, suffer from physical or mental illness.

People of God: Lord, help us!

Reader: For those who suffer because they feel as if they are outsiders, for those who feel lonely.

People of God: Lord, help us!

Reader: For those who are here today needing the Lord to see them.

People of God: Lord, help us!

Reader: Lord, help us! Help us to be faithful to baptismal vows, help us to be a welcoming community, and help us to extend grace to others in the same radical way you have extended grace to us.

(silence for personal confession)

People of God: Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pass the peace with one another.

*GLORIA PATRI

#582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Emma Cottrell

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE MY GOD IS SO BIG

Refrain: My God is so big, so strong and so mighty.

There's nothing my God cannot do. (2x)

***1. God made the trees. God made the seas.
God made the elephants too! (Refrain)***

CHOIR ANTHEM Help Me To Forgive by W. Busse

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 133:1-3

RESPONSE:

ONE: Holy Wisdom,

ALL: Holy Word.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:10-28

RESPONSE:

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kim Robles

SERMON RESPONSE

#740 Lead Me, Guide Me (refrain)

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead 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.

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

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

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

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You can also give your time and talent. If you are interested in serving at RPC, please sign up at the clipboards made available to you.

OFFERTORY #529 Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

*DOXOLOGY

Jamaican Doxology

Trad. Arr. by W. Busse



Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures
here be - low Praise God a - bove ye heaven-ly hosts Praise
Fa - ther, Son_ and Ho - ly - Ghost A - men A - men_
A - men A - men A - men_ A - men A -
men A - men A - men A - men A - men A - men

Public Domain Jamaican Folk Melody

*UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENT

*CLOSING HYMN

#39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (V.1-3)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Kim Robles

POSTLUDE This is a Day of New Beginnings

Meetings & Events at RPC

Sunday, August 16

- 9:00 am - Worship Service
- 9:15 am - Children's Sunday School - Spirit Center
- 10:00 am - Holy Grounds/Refreshment - Sanctuary
- 10:15 am - Hybrid Bible Study - Spirit Center
- 10:30 am - Volunteers Needed to prepare sanctuary for Elections

Monday, August 17

- 12:00 noon - Election Equipment Setup - Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 18

- 5:00 am - Elections - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am - Stewardship Planning Meeting - Spirit Center
- 6:30 pm - Session Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, August 19

- 9:30 am - Election Equipment Pick Up - Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm - Hybrid CCC Board Meeting
- 6:30 pm - Choir Dinner & Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 21 Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 22 Church Office Closed

- 9:00 am - Presbytery Assembly - Vibrancy Center

Sunday, August 23

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



Sunday, August 9 was a day filled with community, connection, and celebration.

From blessing our Child Care Center teachers and staff as they begin a new school year, to sharing a fun evening at a Marlins game with our friends at Pinecrest Presbyterian Church, to supporting YES Institute through Bowling with a Purpose, our church community continues to find meaningful ways to gather, connect, and serve.

These moments remind us that being part of our church family extends beyond Sunday morning—it's about showing up for one another and for our wider community.

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

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Sacred Space Caretaker

All the People
Rev. Kim Robles
Dr. Walter Busse
Emma Cottrell
Barbara Prieto
Carol Naveira
Glenda Bertran

RIVIERA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION

Elders

We value any questions, feedback,
or request for prayer, and
welcome you to reach out to us
directly.

AMPARO (AMPY) HERNANDEZ ('26)
KATHY STULTS ('26)

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