

Embodying Love
Demanding Justice
Transforming the World
With Your Help
August 23, 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 23, 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 #837 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Kim Robles

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Laura Fothergill

Reader: Life can sometimes be very difficult.

People of God: We look around and wonder where God is.

Reader: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

People of God: God surrounds us with love and courage.

Reader: Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

People of God: Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

#65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (v. 1-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are far too many times, O Lord, when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others because it just wasn't convenient for us to help. We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts. Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion in the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us. Remind us that we are residents of a global community. Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless. With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ, direct our lives in compassionate service to others. In Jesus' name, we pray.

(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

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

#853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

CHOIR ANTHEM Here I Am, Lord

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-8

RESPONSE:

ONE: Holy Wisdom,

ALL: Holy Word.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

RESPONSE:

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kim Robles

SERMON RESPONSE

#769 For Everyone Born

4. For everyone born a place at the table.

To live without fear and simply to be.

**To work, to speak out, to witness and
worship.**

For everyone born a right to be free.

(refrain) **And God will delight when we are
creators of justice and joy, compassion and
peace. Yes, God will delight when we are
creators of justice, justice and joy!**

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 the words for the Lord's Prayer that 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)

 **MAIL CHECK TO US**
Riviera Presbyterian Church 5275 Sunset Drive, Miami, FL 33143

 **PEW ENVELOPE**
You may place your donation in the pew envelope, don't forget to write your name & address

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OFFERTORY

I am Thine, O Lord

*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

O God of all bounty, from your hand we have freely received. Accept these offerings of your people as expressions of our thanks. Lovingly remember those who have given, enrich the lives of those for whom these gifts were intended, and use these gifts to promote goodwill and to bring your kingdom, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENT

*CLOSING HYMN

#538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (V.2)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE God Will Take Care of You

**RIVIERA
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CHURCH**
PRESENTS

RALLY DAY

AT RPC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
9:00AM - 11:00AM

Make time for
family,
create memories,
and connect with
your community.

Event Highlights

WORSHIP
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
EXCITING CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
TIME IN FELLOWSHIP
BLOOD DRIVE

Join Us for a
Spectacular
Fun Day!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: RIVIERACHURCH@GMAIL.COM



Meetings & Events at RPC

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

Monday, August 24

Tuesday, August 25

4:30 pm - Staff Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

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

Friday, August 28 Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 29 Church Office Closed

Sunday, August 30

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

2:00 pm - Memorial Service for Sandy Barrow - reception to follow

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

Ministers
Pastor
Director of Music
Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Certified Church Administrator
Church Bookkeeper
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)

ANGELA GALBREATH ('27)
CRIS SWEENEY ('27)
GERARDO AVITIA ('27)
LAURA FOTHERGILL ('27)
MICHELE READY ('27)

KYLE DETTLOFF ('28)