

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

RIVEROAKS COLLEGE & CAREER CLASS: Pastor Kyle Dillon and Elder Daniel Gillespie will conclude the study of Romans (chapters 12-16), and then begin a study of Edmund Clowney's book *The Church*, in which we will address such questions as the church's mission, leadership, gifts, and more. Come join us!

THROUGH THE BIBLE CLASS: "In the divine Scriptures, there are shallows and there are deeps; shallows where the lamb may wade, and deeps where the elephant may swim" (John Owen). A rotation of five teachers lead stimulating discussions while our journey continues, as Israel returns to Jerusalem after the exile.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH CLASS: This confession faithfully summarizes the major doctrines and principles of Scripture, and does so in a concise manner utilizing an amazing economy of language. A rotation of four teachers take us through the Scriptures as we seek good gospel and doctrinal maturity.

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School - 9:30am
Morning Worship - 10:45pm
Evening Worship (1st and 3rd Sundays) - 6:00pm
Community Groups (2nd & 4th Sunday evenings) - times vary



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THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 5, 2023

10:45AM

TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus!
Thank you for joining us today; may the Lord richly bless you.

† Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

“Rhosymedre”

R. Vaughan Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

“Praise to the Lord”

(arr. Ames/The Belmont Chorale)

So, by the very nature of singing together and by virtue of what we sing together, the singing church reflects the Body of Christ knit together. We become like what we worship, and I would venture to say how we worship. In the same manner that we as Christians struggle with proclivities towards being overly emotional or rational, or individualistic, or trying to earn our salvation by works, or being of this world, our music in worship can also fall prey to overwrought emotional manipulation, esoteric musical expression, personal preference and lyrics focused on self, dated music (whether from the 1780's or the 1980's), or music lacking in fortitude.

One antidote is to include the singing of the Psalms—historically a hymnbook of the church.

Gregory Wilbur

...be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart...

Ephesians 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Riveroaks! We are delighted you have joined us for worship this morning. We would love to get to know you and serve you anyway we can. Please consider filling out a visitor's card and putting it in the offering plate or scanning the QR code to access our online visitor form.

“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake” (2 Corinthians 4:5).

The Riveroaks Weekly email is published each Thursday. To sign up, contact office@riveroakspca.org.

ROCC Lunch Today! Riveroaks College & Career (ROCC) will have lunch at Pastor Lee's home today immediately following the morning service. (1822 Stillwind Lane Collierville, TN 38017-3697) All College and Career folks are invited to attend!

The Parables of Jesus: The Friend at Midnight: Why does God make us wait when he could answer our prayers instantly? What should we do when our prayers go persistently unanswered? Join us for our evening worship service tonight at 6pm, as Pastor Kyle unpacks Jesus' words in Luke 11.

Wednesday Night Ministries and Meal: 5:30-7:15pm, the meal this Wednesday will be Chicken Alfredo. Ministries starting at 6:15pm include Heart & Soul (Choir and Catechism Ministry for ages 3 years-6th grade) and RSM (Middle and High School Student Ministry). An Adult Bible Study begins at 6:25pm and Adult Choir begins at 6:50pm.

Welcome Class: The Welcome to Riveroaks Class continues this Wednesday night, March 8, and will meet each Wednesday night through March 29 (skipping March 15, Spring Break). We start at 6:15 PM in Room 117. See Tommy with any questions!

Frontline Prayer: Every member is heartily encouraged to attend the second of six significant church-wide prayer meetings at Riveroaks this year! Sunday night, March 19, in the sanctuary, at 6:00pm. This is a "Frontline" prayer meeting, not a "maintenance" prayer meeting. Come join us!

MEN! As a part of resurrecting the Men's Ministry at Riveroaks, we are wanting to establish a Men's Ministry email list—that includes both members and regular attenders. If you would like to be on this email list, please send an email to office@riveroakspca.org letting us know.

Riveroaks Men's Ministry Lodge Day! Saturday, March 25 at the Recreation Lodge of the Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park. 10:00am Breakfast and lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by a group discussion from 1:30 - 2:00pm. Boys 8 and up are welcome! SIGN UP BY MARCH 10: Contact the church office (office@riveroakspca.org) or sign up online (<https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1643787>).

Middle and High School RYM Florida: RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries) Florida is a week-long retreat at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. Our students will worship, attend elective classes, and have a lot of fun at the beach! Middle School: June 26-30; High School: July 10-15. <https://www.riveroakspca.org/student-ministries>

The Belmont Chorale is the flagship classical ensemble at Belmont University under the direction of Dr. Jeffery Ames. Over the course of a long weekend, Chorale will fellowship with three high schools in Birmingham and two high schools in Memphis, be involved in a service-learning project with Memphis Athletics Ministries and enjoy the Memphis sights and local hospitality. It is a privilege to worship with Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church this morning.

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.

SERMON NOTES

Psalm 150 (page 526)
IV. Let Me Sing For My Beloved
Pastor Tommy Lee

Some Thoughts About Expression & Formation

Bringing The Full Range Of Your Soul...

With The Full Range Of Musical Beauty...

To The Full Range Of Your God!

GOD CALLS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

Who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place,

And bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

He who made heaven and earth!

† HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 57

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES

READING OF THE WORD

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear Jesus, you answered in love the thief crucified beside you. Answer me, I pray. You remembered him; remember me this day. I, too, have been a rebel from birth. In my coveting I have stolen, and in my anger I have murdered. I deserve punishment no less than that dying thief. Remember me in your mercy so that I may know and faithfully express your love, and live forever with youSilent & Personalized Confession of Sin....Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Ephesians 2

You were dead in trespasses and sins.... But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Jack Gentry Kugler
Covenant Child of Josh and Anna Kugler

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleaning blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with him and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Solemn Vows - Congregation

Do you, members of this congregation, and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

We do.

Solemn Words to the Children

Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Jack

Elder Paul Vander Zwaag

† SONG OF FAITH

"He Will Hold Me Fast"
(Getty/see insert)

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

"I Don' Feel No Ways Tired"
(arr. Stacey V. Gibbs/The Belmont Chorale)

GOD SPEAKS

SERMON TEXT

PSALM 150

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

SERMON SERIES: OH COME, LET US WORSHIP

IV. Let Me Sing For My Beloved

† HYMN No. 508

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

GOD INVITES

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"Spirit of the Living God"

arr. Brian Williams/The Belmont Chorale

† WE CONFESS OUR FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GOD SENDS

† BENEDICTION

Psalm 134:3

May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

† RESPONSE

"His Light Still Shines"
(Hogan/The Belmont Chorale)

POSTLUDE

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

arr. Cherwien

* The Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of Christian belief. As early as the second century it served as a baptismal confession. It developed and reached its current form by the ninth century. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. The word "catholic" means universal.