## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH:** What does it mean to be the church? What are its marks and attributes? What is its mission? How does it relate to the state and broader culture? Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for this class, co-taught by pastors and elders.

**THROUGH THE BIBLE CLASS:** Please join us as we ponder God's Word together and journey through Habakkuk, Ezekiel, and Daniel. Co-taught by Dennis Booker, Mark Brink, Jim Gibson, & Phil Hoekstra. We meet in Rms. 116-117 at 9:30am.

**RIVEROAKS COLLEGE&CAREER CLASS:** Romans is Paul's pinnacle letter to the church, and it's all about the gospel and its life-changing implications. Join us in the Parlor at 9:30am. Co-taught by Josh Brink, Daniel Gillespie, Pete Hansen, Morgan Murphy, & Drew Turberville.

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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

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 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**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

JS Bach, arr. Fox

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### REFLECTION

Take heed of drowsiness in hearing; drowsiness shows much irreverence. How lively are many when they are about the world, but in the worship of God how drowsy... In the preaching of the Word, is not the bread of life broken to you; and will a man fall asleep at his food? Which is worse, to stay from a sermon, or sleep at sermon?

## Thomas Watson

All places are places of worship to a Christian. Wherever he is, he ought to be in a worshipping frame of mind.

Charles Spurgeon

## THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:43-45

So he brought his people out with joy,

His chosen ones with singing.

And he gave them the lands of the nations,

And they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,

That they might keep his statutes

And observe his laws.

All: Praise the Lord!

## 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.

If God is Good, Why is There Evil? Join us for our evening service tonight at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Following up on his previous message on the problem of the hiddenness of God, Pastor Kyle Dillon will be giving a talk on one of the most common objections to the Christian faith: the problem of evil. If you want to learn how the Bible helps us deal with this problem, you won't want to miss this.

**Riveroaks Thanksgiving Eve Praise Service:** The Riveroaks family is invited to a service of testimony, praise, and prayer on Wednesday night, November 23 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Former pastor, Billy Spink, will lead this service as we reflect upon God's faithfulness through another challenging year. Please consider sharing a word of testimony to God for his blessings in your life. We also invite you to bring a pie to share with others following the service. We look forward to lifting our hearts and voices in praise to our gracious God!

Please Note: The Riveroaks Weekly will not be published this Thursday, November 24. Happy Thanksgiving!

Riveroaks Women December Fellowship and Cookie Exchange: RRPC Women will be having a cookie exchange on Thursday, December 1 at 7pm at Beth Jackson's home (1210 Autumn Lake Dr). Please bring 4 dozen cookies to share. Send recipes to Holly Walters (hollykaywalters@gmail.com) by November 24.

**Lisa Goins and Paul Gentry** invite the Riveroaks family to join in the celebration of their marriage on Saturday, December 3, 2:00pm, Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church. Reception will immediately follow in the fellowship hall.

**Children's Christmas Program:** Please join us on Wednesday, December 7, as our children (preschool-6th grade) sing about the birth of Jesus. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30pm. The program begins at 6:30pm in the Sactuary followed by a dessert reception in the fellowship hall.

Adult 30/50 Group Christmas Social: All adults in the newly formed 30/50 Group (older than College & Career but younger than the Gathering (empty nesters) Group) are invited to a Christmas social at the Arant's home on Friday, December 9 at 6:30pm. The address is 11221 Glen Birnham, Eads, TN. Please RSVP to Anna Murphy (901-833-2757) with what you would like to bring.

A Service of Lessons and Carols: Please join as the Adult, Youth and Children's Choirs present a Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 11, 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. The service is based on nine lessons and carols historically presented by King's College in Cambridge, England. The scriptures selected and the carols that follow show the narrative of Jesus' birth all through out the Old and New Testament. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful evening as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

## SERMON NOTES

Psalm 100 (page 500) IX. Worthy of Praise Pastor Drew Turberville

His presence

His protection

His provision

† Hymn of Praise, No. 98

"Now Thank We All Our God"

† Prayer of Praise and Adoration

## THE LORD CLEANSES US IN CHRIST

## READING OF THE WORD

Jeremiah 2:4-8

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the clans of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: "What wrong did your fathers find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthlessness, and became worthless? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that none passes through, where no man dwells?' And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and its good things. But when you came in, you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the shepherds transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Holy Father, we have forsaken you, the fountain of living water and hewn out cisterns that can hold no water. We have pursued worthless things and have ourselves become worthless. We desire things that will not satisfy, pursue things that are shadows, and reject the everlasting substance of your nature and character. Give us new eyes to behold your beauty. Fix our hearts on the eternality of your goodness and righteousness. Forgive our waywardness and welcome us home with a fatherly embrace....Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin....Amen!

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

† Song of Faith

"We Will Feast In the House of Zion" (see insert)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Elder Daniel Gillespie

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

"Look at the World"
Rutter/The Junior Choir and The Adult Choir

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see:

All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Ev'rything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty, his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

## THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT Psalm 100

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Pastor Drew Turberville

SERMON SERIES: SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD IX. Worthy of Praise

† PSALM OF RESPONSE, No. 1

"All People that on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)"

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"

Getty/Noelle and Susanna Brink

## † THE APOSTLE'S 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.

† **B**ENEDICTION 1 Corinthians 1:2-3

To those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, be grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

THAXTED

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

#### POSTLUDE

"March Triomphale"

Karg-Elert

\* 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.