

**To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come—**

**this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.**



THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 19, 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

“O Worship the King”

arr. Forrest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*When ministry becomes performance, then the sanctuary becomes a theater,
the congregation becomes an audience, worship becomes entertainment,
and man’s applause and approval become the measure of success.*

*But when ministry is for the glory of God, his presence moves into the sanctuary.
Even the unsaved visitor will fall down on his face, worship God, and confess that God is among us.*

Warren and David Wiersbe

*...if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all,
he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed,
and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.*

1 Corinthians 14:24,25

GOD CALLS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ephesians 2:12,13; 1 Peter 2:9,10

Remember at one time we were separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ!

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.

The Parables of Jesus: The Two Builders: Hearing and doing take work and discipline. Will we be wise or foolish when we hear the word of the Lord? Come tonight at 6pm as Pastor Drew unpacks the parable of the two builders.

Wednesday Night Ministries and Meal: 5:30-7:15pm, the meal this Wednesday will be lasagna. 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 is for newcomers who want to find out more about Riveroaks or for anyone who wants to consider membership. The class continues this Wednesday night, February 22 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!

Ladies’ Winter Retreat: This Friday and Saturday, February 24-25. All ladies who have registered will receive an email with detailed information this week. Contact Lisa in the church office with any questions. (office@riveroakspca.org; 901-755-7772)

Riveroaks Men’s Ministry Lodge Day! Men, we're meeting at the Recreation Lodge of the Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park on Saturday, March 25. For those who want to arrive early, breakfast will be served at 10:00am, but the big feast begins at 12:00 noon. Come hang out all you want that day, but for sure join us for a group discussion from 1:30 - 2:00pm. Boys 8 and up are welcome! SIGN UP ONLINE BY MARCH 10: (<https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1643787>) or contact Lisa in the church office. (office@riveroakspca.org; 901-755-7772)

Sing With Us! The adult choir is always open to new singers. Practice is on Wednesday evenings, 6:45-7:45pm. You do not need formal training in music to participate.

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.

SERMON NOTES

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (page 227)

II. The Summons From Heaven: Do We Realize Whose Voice This Is?

Pastor Tommy Lee

The Voice Of The One Who Knows Us Completely

The Voice Of The One Who Seeks Us With Love

The Voice Of The One Who Calls Us Into His Kingdom

For 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!

ALL: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people! Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. Praise be to God!

† HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 57

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul!”

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES

READING OF THE WORD

Psalm 139:1-6,23,24

O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.... Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and Merciful Father, you have called us to be your people and have made us one body. Yet we have not lived like we are one body. We have not loved one another as we ought. Selfish ambition has gripped us and we have failed to look out for others' interest above our own. Conceit has gripped us and we have failed to associate with and care for those who are different from ourselves. We have not treated one another as those in whom Christ dwells. Forgive us for our offenses against you and go on to subdue everything in us which is contrary to your purposes. By the power of your Spirit make us a community which shows forth your acceptance, kindness, and love in our relationships, through Christ our Lord....Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin....Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

† **SONG OF FAITH**

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”
(see insert)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Elder Ben Whitten

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”
(arr. Larson/Sandy Hansen, Annie Kistenmacher, & Ginger Smith, ensemble)

GOD SPEAKS

SERMON TEXT

1 Samuel 3:1-10

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

SERMON SERIES: OH COME, LET US WORSHIP

II. The Summons From Heaven: Do We Realize Whose Voice This Is?

THE LORD ADDS TO HIS CHURCH

Diana Andera
(Children: Jude, Nuru,
Terrance)

Matt Bronson
Susan Brown
Vann & Susan Coe
Steve & Jill Creacy
Greg Henderson
Art & Sheila Hunt
Dodie Hunter

Anna Kugler
(Husband: Josh;
Children: Roman,
Lincoln, Jack)
Hunter & Heidi Lee
(Child: Hazen)
James Luvene
Terrance Maloba
Quinn Peebles
Mike & Linda Reimold

Charles & Lauren Rizarri
(Children: Amelia,
Sam, Nora)
Steven & Maggie Rockett
(Children: Olive,
Birdie, Rowan)
Ernie & Flo Seger
Paul & Cyndy Straube
Luis & Circe Zungo

Membership Vows

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

WE PRAY FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS

Elder Pete Hansen

GOD INVITES

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

“Meditation” (from *Thais*)

Massenet

† **HYMN**

“Facing a Task Unfinished”
(see insert)

GOD SENDS

† **BENEDICTION**

Romans 15:5-7

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God!

**O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

POSTLUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Forrest