

OH COME, LET US WORSHIP!



Loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.
Sermon series beginning January 29

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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

JANUARY 22, 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

“Amazing Grace” arr. Haan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT Julian Bacon

REFLECTION

*Apart from biblical illiteracy, there are special reasons for neglect of the Psalms.
The language of poetry doesn't easily connect in a sound bite culture.
The Psalms call for time, not tweets—time to read, ponder, pray, digest.
It's easy to be too busy for the Psalms.*

*Then again, the strong emotions of the Psalms make many modern people uncomfortable—
which is ironic since our culture seems to feed on feelings.*

*On top of everything else, strange to say, the Psalms are just so... well... God intoxicated.
We are fascinated with ourselves; the Psalms are fascinated with God.*

C. Richard Wells

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright!

**Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with
the harp of ten strings!**

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

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.

Community Groups will meet tonight. These small groups meet in area homes at various times on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings monthly. If you'd like to join a Community Group, contact Pastor Drew Turberville (901-570-6055 or dturberville@riveroakspca.org).

Annual Meeting and Meal: The Riveroaks Annual Meeting will start at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 25 in the sanctuary after the church family meal (Chick Fil A), which **starts early at 5:15pm**. We will be voting on the following slate of officer candidates: Allen Arant, for ordination to the office of elder; Elders Josh Brink and John Linn for installation to another term on the session; and Deacons Paul Gentry, Mike Gard, Skip Hannah, Aubrey Jackson, and Peter White for installation to another term on the diaconate. The Session is also pleased to nominate Assistant Pastor Drew Turberville to the congregation for the new call of Associate Pastor. All members 16 years and older are eligible and encouraged to attend and vote. Childcare will be available from nursery to 4th grade; children must be picked up by 7:15pm.

New Sunday Evening Sermon Series: Our upcoming PM Service Sermon Series will be studying the Parables of Jesus. Why did he use these in his teaching? Come Sunday night, January 29 at 6pm in the Sanctuary as Pastor Drew unpacks these marvelous stories.

Bottles for Life: Baby bottles for Life Choices are available in the bassinet by the library. You can fill the bottle with coins, cash or a check made out to Life Choices. Return the bottle to the bassinet or church office by the end of the month. Questions? Contact Linda Hoekstra (901-413-8532).

Ladies' Coffee and Conversation: All ladies are invited to Elizabeth Lee's home (1822 Stillwind Lane) on Saturday, February 4 at 9:30am for coffee and a time of fellowship.

Ladies' Winter Retreat: February 24-25, “Seasons Along Our Journey” featuring guest speaker, Bev Warren, MTW Missionary at The Country Place in Moscow, TN. Register online by February 9: (<https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1580888>) or contact Lisa in the church office.

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.

SERMON NOTES

Psalm 33 (page 463)

XVI. Let The High Praises Of God Be In Our Throats! (from Psalm 149)

Pastor Tommy Lee

A Call To Worship (vv. 1-3)

Our Father Is Powerfully Creative (vv. 4-9)

Our Father Is Completely Triumphant In All Things (vv. 10-12)

Our Father Knows Us And Loves Us Perfectly (vv. 13-15)

† HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 163

"At the Name of Jesus"

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD

Romans 8:28-30

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them.....*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin....Amen!*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:1-5

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

† HYMN OF FAITH

“Jesus I Come”

**Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Elder Brad Harris

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“Festival Piece on *St. Anne*”
arr. Butler/The Adult Choir

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home;

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Amen!

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 33

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

SERMON SERIES: SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

XVI. Let The High Praises Of God Be In Our Throats! (from Psalm 149)

† PSALM OF RESPONSE

“Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord”

Psalm 33

(see insert)

† BENEDICTION

from Psalm 33:20-22

May your soul wait for the Lord, for he is your help and your shield.
May your heart be glad in him, because you trust in his holy name.
And may the steadfast love of the Lord be upon you, even as you hope in him.

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!**

POSTLUDE

"Ellacombe"

arr. Travis