

# Welcome to **River Community Church**

## Sunday Morning Worship

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### Order of Worship

October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Rev. JM Owens III - Pastor | Rev. Steve Rhodes - Pastor Emeritus  
Kevin Raske - Music Director

#### Prelude

The Lord Almighty Reigns (Psalm 93)

*Kauflin, Stiff, Althoff*

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Himself

\*Call to Worship

*Psalm 24:1-2*

\*God Omniscient, God All-Knowing

*Boswell*

\*Praising God Who Reigns Above

#### We Come to God

\*Call to Confession

*Psalm 24:3-6*

#### Confessing Our Sins Together

*Select Scriptures*

Leader: Our Lord and King, we come confessing. You hate wickedness and love righteousness. You rule with a scepter of truth and goodness.

**All:** But like Israel before us, we have neglected your Word. Desiring to be like all the other nations, we have turned to our own way.

Leader: Your throne is forever, and your majesty and splendor are over all the earth. But we have pledged allegiance to men, and have sought a ruler after our own image.

**All:** We have fallen short of all your judgments, O God. We have called what is evil, good. We have called what is wicked, a delight. We have called what is foolish, wise.

Leader: We are guilty and deserving of your wrath and judgment. We have done what is evil in your sight.

**All:** Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. Amen.

#### Bringing Our Hearts to God in Prayer

\*Please Stand

#### God Reaffirms His Forgiveness of Our Sins

*Micah 7:18-19*

*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.*

\*His Mercy is More

*Papa, Boswell*

\*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Luther (1529); Arr, by Boswell*

#### We Give Thanks to God

\*Call to Thanksgiving

*Psalm 24:7-10*

#### Giving of Tithes & Offerings

*Children ages 3-5 may be taken to the nursery during the offering.*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Williams (1745); Music by Casella (2002)*

\*Doxology

*Ken (1709)*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### God Speaks to Us

The Word of God Read

*Genesis 2:18-25*

The Word of God Proclaimed

*Rev. JM Owens III*

*"God's Design for Marriage"*

*Genesis: Origins of a Christian Worldview*

Responding to God's Word in Prayer *concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

#### God Feeds Us

Invitation & Exhortation

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread & the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

#### God Blesses Us

\*All Glory Be to Christ

*Kensrue*

\*Benediction

\*Respond with Song All Creatures of Our God & King (Refrain) *St. Francis (1225)*

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Weekly Announcements

October 29<sup>th</sup>–November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Ladies Friendsgiving Fellowship

November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

All the ladies of River are invited for a “Friendsgiving” fellowship meal hosted at the church from 6–8pm on Wednesday, November 15. Dinner will be provided and will include sandwich trays, fruit, cheese, chips, and dessert. Feel free to come and go as you please. Childcare will not be provided. Please email Emily Kosh at [epkosh1@gmail.com](mailto:epkosh1@gmail.com) if you plant to attend.

### Serve Christ by Serving His Church

*Engage with the Ministries of the Church*

Over the past two months, we have highlighted various ministry teams and opportunities to serve our community and congregation. Please check out the bulletin board after service and find a team that you would like to serve with. If you can't decide, or don't know where you are gifted to serve, talk to Pastor Trey about discovering your spiritual gifts. God wants us to be “doers of the word and not hearers only.”

### Operation Christmas Child

*Packed boxes are due November 13.*

Every fall, River participates in the Operation Christmas Child program organized by Samaritan's Purse. We encourage our members and visitors to participate by picking up a shoebox or two (or more!) and filling them with goods and items to go to children in need around the world. These boxes present a unique avenue for sharing the gospel. A guide for packing boxes is available. Some boxes and items are already available for your use in the gathering area. If you do not have time or ability to shop and fill a box, you may contribute financially, which will assist in shipping costs.

### Student Fellowship Tonight

5:30–7:00pm at the Darbannes

Our youth group meets every Sunday evening at the home of Cory & Leslie Darbonne from 5:30 – 7:00pm. All students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us for food, fun, and fellowship. The address is 16372 Joe Sevario in Prairieville.

**Make sure to grab a prayer request/connection card to let us know you're here and how we can be praying for you!**

**For giving options, please visit [rivercommunity.org/give](http://rivercommunity.org/give)**



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