

Welcome to **River Community Church**

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

October 1st at 10:30am

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

Prelude

How Rich a Treasure We Possess

Papa, Boswell

Welcome & Announcements

Ministry Highlight

Hospitality Team
Deirdre Michael

God Calls Us to Himself

*Call to Worship

Psalm 24

*Holy

Maher

*Praising God Who Reigns Above

We Come to God

*How Firm a Foundation

Keith (1787); Arr. Raske

*Confessing Our Sins Together

Leader: Brothers and sisters, God's Word tells us that, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

All: **O Lord, be gracious to us; heal our souls, for we have sinned against you!**

Leader: The Lord calls: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

All: **We spend our money for that which is not bread and we labor for that which does not satisfy.**

Leader: "Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food."

All: **We turn our ears away from you. We refuse to come to you. We do not hear, and our souls do not live.**

Leader: "Come to me, and I will make with you an everlasting Covenant—my steadfast, sure love."

All: **O God, you are my God; earnestly I will seek you. Our souls thirst for you.**

Leader: God, be merciful to me, the sinner.

Bringing Our Hearts to God in Prayer *concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

God Reassures Us of His Love

Psalm 103:10–13

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

*Behold Our God

Baird, Baird, Baird, Altrogge

We Give Thanks to God

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

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Neander (1680)

*Doxology

Ken (1709)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God Speaks to Us

The Word of God Read

Genesis 2:15–17

The Word of God Proclaimed

Rev. JM Owens III

"The Tale of Two Trees"

Genesis: Origins of a Christian Worldview

Responding to God's Word in Prayer

God Feeds Us

Invitation & Exhortation

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread & the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

God Blesses Us

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Papa, Boswell, Getty

*Benediction

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

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

*Please Stand

Weekly Announcements

October 1st – 8th, 2023

Congregational Meeting This Evening

Join us at 5:30pm.

The Session has called a congregational meeting this evening to formally introduce the business of leaving the EPC. We need a quorum at this meeting, and so we ask everyone who is able to attend. Visitors are welcome. At this meeting, we will allow for public discussion and the Presbytery will send representatives to speak on behalf of the EPC, but we will not vote. Childcare will be provided.

Prayer Meeting This Afternoon

Join us at 4:00pm.

The first Sunday of every month the congregation gathers for prayer. We invite you to join us this afternoon as we pray through the needs of the congregation, and for the congregational meeting and denominational move before us. If you can spare the additional time before the meeting, we would love to have you!

No Student Fellowship Tonight

Due to the congregational meeting.

The youth group will not meet this evening due to the congregational meeting. Following the meeting, families are invited to join us at Burgersmith for dinner.

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



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