

# Welcome to **River Community Church**

## Sunday Morning Worship

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### Order of Worship

April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

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

#### Prelude

In Tenderness

Gordon, Garvey, Walton

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Himself

##### \*Call to Worship

*John 14:18–21; Job 19:25*

Leader: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

**All: I know that my Redeemer lives! Christ is risen!**

Leader: He is risen indeed! Praise the Lord!

\*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Robinson (1758)*

\*Praising Our Triune God in Prayer

#### We Respond to God's Call

##### Confessing Our Faith Together

*On the Holy Spirit*

**We confess together our faith in the Holy Spirit, who with the Father and Son is equally eternal God, who proceeds from the Father and Son together, and who has been poured into our hearts as the guarantee of eternal life until we take full possession of it at the resurrection. By the will of the Father, he has washed us, regenerated us, and sanctifies us, securing us as adopted sons, through whom we cry "Abba! Father!", who intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. By**

\*Please Stand

the will of the Son, he has given us the gifts and graces of the age to come, that we might use them and be fruitful in the body of Christ, his Holy Temple, the Church. He is, according to Christ's promise, my comforter and my counselor, convicting and convincing me of truth, and righteousness, and judgment according to the Word of God, and this not only for myself, but also for the entirety of Christ's Church, which the Holy Spirit makes one in faith, love, peace, and purity. Amen.

\*Come, Thou Almighty King

*Anonymous (ca. 1757); Arr. Bailey*

Seeking God's Blessing in Prayer *concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

Assurance of God's Grace

*Romans 8:1–4*

\*How Deep the Father's Love for Us

*Townend*

#### We Give Thanks

##### Giving of Tithes & Offerings

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

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

*Strasbourg Psalter (1545)*

\*Doxology

*Ken (1709)*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### God Speaks to Us

The Word of God Read

*Genesis 9:18–28*

The Word of God Proclaimed

*Rev. JM Owens III*

*"Drunken Cursing"*

*Genesis 1–11: 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

#### We Rejoice in God's Blessing

\*Jesus Paid It All

*Hall (1865); Arr. K. Smith*

\*Benediction

\*Respond with Song

To God Be the Glory (Refrain)

*Crosby (1875)*

# Weekly Announcements

April 14<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

## Join us for Sunday School

Every week at 9:15am

River Community Church is a *teaching church*, which means we take understanding God's Word seriously, and with that our doctrinal beliefs and history, and what believing God's Word looks like in daily life. We encourage our entire congregation and all those who want to get a feel for River to join us every week for Sunday school. We offer the following classes:

- **Children's Class: Understanding God's Word**  
Pre-K4 through 5th grade  
Led by Margaret Rhodes and Stephanie Cambre in Room 4
- **Youth Class: Implementing God's Word**  
6th–12th grade  
Led by Kyle Nickerson in Room 3
- **Luke: Gospel Certainty**  
Adult Class  
Led by Rich Michael in Room 5
- **Genesis: Connecting the Dots**  
Adult Class  
Led by Steve Rhodes in the Grove Community Room

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## Sunday Night Youth Fellowship

At Pastor Trey's **TONIGHT** from 5:30–7:00pm

All students in grades 6–12 are invited to join us every Sunday evening for food, fun, and fellowship. This week, we will be meeting at the home of the Owenses; their address is 14458 Lazy Oaks Drive in Gonzales. Currently Pastor Trey is leading a study on "What We Believe."

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## Congregational Meeting & Potluck

Sunday, May 5

Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 5, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of introducing a new set of Bylaws for the congregation (which we have not had before). The Bylaws will be provided in advance of the meeting. We will have a potluck following the meeting, for which all are invited.

**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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