

# Welcome to **River Community Church**

## Sunday Morning Worship

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### Order of Worship

September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Rev. JM Owens III - Pastor | Rev. Steve Rhodes - Pastor Emeritus  
Kevin Raske - Music Director | Kyle Nickerson - Worship Leader

#### Prelude

○ Worship the King *Grant (1833)*

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Ministry Highlight

Kitchen & Communion Team  
Laura Baragona

#### God Calls Us to Himself

\*Call to Worship *Psalm 148*  
\*From All That Dwell Below the Skies *Watts (1719); Arr. by K. Smith*  
\*Praising God Who Reigns Above

#### We Come to God

\*Hallelujah! What a Savior *Bliss (1875); Arr. by K. Smith*  
\*In Christ Alone *Getty, Townend*  
\*Confessing Our Faith Together *1 Cor. 15:3-4 with Rom. 4:25*

Leader: What is the Gospel?

**All:** The Gospel has been given unto us: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures for our Justification.

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

#### We Give Thanks to God

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

#### Giving of Tithes & Offerings

○ Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us *Head (1914)*  
\*Doxology *Ken (1709)*  
\*Please Stand

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### God Speaks to Us

The Word of God Read *Genesis 2:4-25*  
The Word of God Proclaimed *Rev. JM Owens III*  
*"The Garden-Temple of Eden"*  
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

\*God Omniscient, God All-Knowing *Boswell*  
\*Benediction  
\*Respond with Song All Creatures of Our God & King (Refrain) *St. Francis (1225)*  
○ praise Him! ○ praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Weekly Announcements

September 24<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

## Church Potluck

*Join us following worship!*

We invite our entire church family and all of our guests to join us immediately following the service for a potluck dinner. If you are available to help set-up or clean-up, please see Margaret Rhodes or Lola Summers. If you did not bring anything, that doesn't matter; we'd still love to fellowship with you!

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## Congregational Meeting: October 1st

*This meeting is NEXT Sunday evening.*

The Session has called a congregational meeting for 5:30pm on Sunday, October 1st to formally introduce the business of leaving the EPC. Our Book of Order requires us to have two separate congregational meetings: one to discuss the motion and a second to vote on the motion. A quorum is required at each. At this meeting, we will allow for public discussion and the Presbytery will send representatives to speak on behalf of the EPC. We will then set a date for the vote. Childcare will be provided.

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## Student Fellowship Tonight

*Wear your swimsuit to the Darbonnes' tonight!*

Youth group this evening will return to the Darbonnes' home at 16372 Joe Sevario in Prairieville, during which we will have a season's-end pool party! Students in grades 6–12 are invited from 5:30 to 7:00 for Food, Fun, and Fellowship. Pastor Trey leads the study on the life of Abraham. Swimsuits should be modest.

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## Men's Growth Opportunities

*Talk to our pastors and elders!*

At River, we recognize that working husbands and fathers have busy schedules, and your regular participation in Sunday school and worship is important to us! If you are seeking additional opportunities for growth and fellowship outside of Sundays, talk to our pastors or elders. We would love to schedule time to fellowship and meet with you individually for lunch or personal discipleship. One-on-one fellowship is our best avenue for deep men's ministry.

**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](https://rivercommunity.org/give)**



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