

# Welcome to River Community Church

## Sunday Morning Worship

### Order of Worship

April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

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

### Easter Sunday

#### Prelude

Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen Robinson, Thompson, Papa, Boswell

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### God Gathers Us for Worship

- \*Call to Worship Psalm 46:1–3; Job 19:25
  - Leader: Christ is risen!
  - All: He is risen indeed!
  - Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
  - All: I know that my Redeemer lives! Christ is risen!
  - Leader: He is risen indeed!
- \*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today C. Wesley (1739); Arr. Raske
- \*Prayer of Praise

#### Celebrating the Resurrection

- Reading of the New Testament Luke 24:1–49
- Confession of Faith John 11:25–26; Job 19:25
  - Leader: Christ is risen!
  - All: He is risen indeed!
  - Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, yet he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

\*Please Stand

- All: I know that my Redeemer lives! Christ is risen!
- Leader: He is risen indeed!
- \*Because He Lives Gaither (1971); Arr. Raske
- \*It Was Finished Upon the Cross Hendroff, Robinson, Thompson

#### We Give Thanks

- Children ages 3–5 may be taken to the nursery during the offering.
- Giving of Tithes & Offerings
  - All Must Be Well Words: Peters (1847); Music: Smith (2007)
  - \*Doxology Ken (1709)
  - \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### God Teaches Us

- The Word of God Read Matthew 5:13
- The Word of God Proclaimed Rev. JM Owens III
- "Be Salty"
- The Sermon on the Mount: Life in Christ's Kingdom
- Responding to God's Word in Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer

#### We Fellowship with God and One Another

- Invitation & Exhortation
- Prayer of Consecration
- Confession of Faith
  - I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell<sup>†</sup>, the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>‡</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
- The Bread & the Cup
- Prayer of Dedication

#### God Blesses Us

- \*Lead On, O King Eternal Ke. Getty, Kr. Getty, Myrin, Nockels
- \*Benediction
- \*Respond with Song Threefold Amen

<sup>†</sup>"Hell" refers to the place of the dead, not the place of judgment. <sup>‡</sup>"Catholic" means "universal."

## Elder Office Hours

*1st Thursday of the month: 6:00–7:30pm*

The Elders are available at the church once a month to provide encouragement, counsel, and prayer for the congregation. Other times are available by appointment.

## Weekly Announcements

*April 20<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

### New Adult Sunday School Classes

*Sundays at 9:15am*

#### Fruitful Discipleship – Steve Rhodes, The Grove Community Room

In this class for young and seasoned Christians alike, we will look at the subject of bearing fruit in Christ through the lens of remaining close to Christ in his person, by his Spirit, and through his word. We will look at what fruit we *should* be bearing in our lives, and how we go about producing it. We will also see how maintaining a vital connection with Jesus personally is essential to the fruit-bearing task.

#### 1 & 2 Kings – Rich Michael, Classroom 5

In this exegetical study, we'll explore the wisdom and folly of kings, the faithfulness of prophets, and the ongoing struggle between devotion and idolatry in Israel's history. Witness the splendor of Solomon's reign and the unyielding courage of Elijah as he stands firm against a tide of unbelief. Trace the unfolding pattern of apostasy and repentance that shaped the nation of Israel—and discover how these ancient accounts still speak powerfully into our lives today, pointing us to the Jesus Christ in the midst of today's rampant unbelief.

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### Fourth Friday Men's Lunch

*Join us at Frank's on the 25th*

We invite the men of River to join us this coming Friday at Frank's Restaurant here in Prairieville for lunch and fellowship. We meet at noon and no reservation is required, although we are happy to know if you plan to come.

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### Sunday Night Youth Fellowship

*No Youth Group Tonight*

Sunday Night Youth Fellowship is taking a break tonight for Easter. Next week we will regather for Food, Fun, and Fellowship for grades 6–12 from 5:30–7:00pm, and we will return to the Darbannes'.



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