

# Welcome to **River Community Church**

## Sunday Morning Worship

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### Order of Worship

January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Rev. JM Owens III - Pastor | Rev. Steve Rhodes - Pastor Emeritus

Kevin Raske - Music Director

#### Prelude

Run and Run (Christ is All My Righteousness)

*Papa, Boswell*

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### God Gathers Us for Worship

\*Call to Worship

*Isaiah 12, abridged*

\*Behold Our God

*Baird, Altrogge*

\*Prayer of Praise

#### We Confess and God Comforts

\*Ancient of Days

*Reeves, Farren, Robinson, Thompson*

Confession of Sin

**Almighty God and loving Father, you have called us to glorify your name by loving you and loving one another. We confess that praise is more often on our lips than in our lives. We profess repentance while we resist change. We talk of peace while we slander our neighbor. We sing of love while we curse our enemies. We pray "Thy will be done," while we insist on our own way. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Cleanse and forgive our selfish ways. Help us to be at peace with you and with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Praying to God in Humility

Words of Assurance

*Psalms 32:5-7*

*I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. You are a hiding place for me. You preserve me from trouble. You surround me with songs of deliverance.*

\*Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)

*Papa, Boswell*

\*Please Stand

#### We Give Thanks

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

#### Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Let Me Find Thee

*Neander (1650-1680); Music by: M. Smith; Arr. Raske*

\*Doxology

*Ken (1709)*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### God Teaches Us

The Word of God Read

*1 Timothy 6:11-16*

The Word of God Proclaimed

*Rev. J.M. Owens III*

*"The Christian Man of God"*

*1 Timothy: Building a Biblical Church*

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

#### We Fellowship with God and One Another

Invitation & Exhortation

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.**

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread & the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

#### God Blesses Us

\*Lead On, O King Eternal

*Shutleff (1887); Arr. Raske*

\*Benediction

\*Respond with Song

○ Church, Arise

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride,

Give grace for every hurdle,

That we may run with faith to win the prize

Of a servant good and faithful.

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

### **Elder Office Hours**

*2nd & 4th Thursday: 6:00–7:30pm*

The Elders are available at the church twice a month to provide encouragement, counsel, and prayer. No reservation is necessary.

## **Weekly Announcements**

*January 19<sup>th</sup>–26<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

### **Women's Spring Study**

*Beginning February 5 at 6:00pm*

This spring, Hilary Owens will be leading the women of River through an eight-week study of the book *From Fear to Freedom* by Rose Marie Miller. This study is for all women who ever experience the feeling of not quite "measuring up." Discussions of the chapters will guide participants from approaching life like spiritual "orphans" towards living freely under the care of our forgiving, adopting heavenly Father. If you desire to participate, please let Hilary know so she can order books. Childcare will be provided.

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### **Fourth Friday Men's Lunch**

*Noon at Frank's*

We invite the men of River to join us at Frank's Restaurant here in Prairieville this Friday. We meet at noon. There is no program and no reservation is necessary, but if you would like to attend you can let Paul or Steve know.

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### **Sunday Night Youth Fellowship**

*5:30–7:00 for grades 6–12*

Students in grades 6–12 are welcome to join us every week from 5:30–7:00pm for Food, Fun, and Fellowship. Sunday Night Youth Fellowship is meeting at the home of the Owens tonight, at 1445 Lazy Oaks Drive, Gonzales. Our study is on "What We Believe."



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