

This Week at Riverside

January 2-8, 2022

Today:

10:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday:

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Youth Group (at Harvest)

Thursday:

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

The Session has appointed Al Vander Plaats to fill Rick Petersen's remaining term (through 2023). His testimony is available on the back table.

The **Wednesday evening women's Bible study** begins January 5 and goes through February 23. It will be held every Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm at church. We'll be studying the book of Philippians. Come start your new year with joy and confidence in the Word! RSVP to Christy if you'll be joining.

We will be holding a **"Welcome to Riverside" class** for three Sundays in January. Childcare will be available. Please contact Pastor Isaac if interested.

Help is needed taking down Christmas decorations after worship next Sunday, January 9th.

The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation will be held at **11am on January 16th**. Committees need to submit reports to the office by January 12th.

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January 2, 2022

Worship 10:00 am

Riverside Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise— *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Boldly I Approach

Offering

Doxology

Scripture Reading— Acts 2:36-47

Sermon “‘Devoting’ Ourselves to the Gospel in ‘22”
Guest Pastor: Scott Michael Smith

Apostles' Creed

Communion

Lord's Prayer

Closing Song— *O Praise the Name*

Benediction— Revelation 1:5b-6

Welcome Visitors!

LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE.

Each pew or row of chairs has visitor welcome cards in the pew racks—a place for you to let us know you were here. If you simply sign your name and address, we'll send you a card. If you'd like more information or to be included on our information updates please leave an email address as well. Place these cards in the offering box.

FREE, FREE, FREE!

At Riverside we have a spirit of making things free. It begins with our service. We offer free copies of the service on CD and free Bibles — all can be found just off the sanctuary on our information tables.

RIVERSIDE'S AFFILIATION

Riverside is a member of a wonderful denomination known as the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. For more information about the EPC visit their site at www.EPC.org.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We welcome children in our service, even noisy ones! A cry room is accessible from the back of the sanctuary for parents who wish to sit with a child in a room where they can hear but not be heard.

COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS

Our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan is posted on the wall, and copies are available. In the event of an infection on site, we will make every effort to contact those who were present.

Hearing Assistance - Please feel free to take advantage of our hearing assistance devices. Ask an usher or visit our sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Acts 2:36-47 “Devoting” ourselves to the Gospel in ‘22

The Book of Acts teaches us that we are to be witnesses (See 1:8) by:

- A. _____ing the Gospel out through our lives
- B. _____ing the Gospel with our words

Acts 2:42 teaches us the infant church ‘devoted’ themselves to:

- A. The Apostles _____ (Jesus/Scriptures)
- B. The _____ (Covenant/Community)
- C. The breaking of _____ (Healthy Godly Relationships/Hospitality)
- D. The _____ (Relationship with God/Worship)
- E. Results were.....numerous and miraculous! (vs 43-47)

Tips: How to talk about Jesus more effectively without being “that guy”

- A. Praying more like the early _____
- B. Knowing the _____
 - 1. The Gospel Proper - King, Kingdom, Jesus Died, Jesus Rose Again
 - 2. How to enter the Kingdom of Jesus: Repent, Believe, Follow
- C. Combining our _____ – Make Real Friends
- D. Demonstrating _____ – Coffee, Dinner, Gospel
- E. Listening to their story 1st - _____
- F. Telling our _____, not our testimony
- G. Telling stories _____ Jesus
- H. Becoming a de-facto _____
- I. People in my universe(s) I am praying for daily in 2022
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.