

Welcome to **River Community Church**

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

July 7th at 10:30am

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

- *Call to Worship *Psalm 106:1-5*
- *Give to Our God Immortal Praise *Isaac Watts (1719)*
- *Glorifying God in Prayer

We Bring Ourselves to God

Confessing Our Sins Together *Based on the Beatitudes*

- Leader: We confess we are not poor in spirit.
People: **We think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think.**
- Leader: We confess we do not mourn our sin.
People: **We have named the name of the Lord and not departed from iniquity.**
- Leader: We confess that we are not meek.
People: **We are boastful, arrogant, and rude, insisting on our own way.**
- Leader: We confess our lack of hunger and thirst for righteousness.
People: **We have lost our first love.**
- Leader: We confess we are not pure in heart.
People: **We have been lured away by our own desires.**
- Leader: We confess we have not been peacemakers.
People: **We have loved strife and not what makes for peace.**
- Leader: For this reason, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, Lord Jesus Christ.
People: **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we can delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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

- *There Is a Fountain *Cowper (1772), Arr. Raske*
- *God Reassures Us of His Grace *Titus 2: 11 – 14*
The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works

We Give Thanks

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

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Instrumental Offertory

- *Doxology *Ken (1709)*
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving

God Speaks to Us

- The Word of God Read *Luke 21:1-4*
- The Word of God Proclaimed *Rev. JM Owens III*
"Going All-In"
God In Your Wallet

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

- *Be Thou My Vision *Irish Hymn (c. 8th century)*
- *Benediction
- *Respond with Song *Threefold Amen*

*Please Stand

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

July 7th–14th, 2024

Pastor's Book Club

Next Discussion: July 24

Join us in July for our discussion of the book *Curious: A Foster Mom's Discovery of an Unexpected Solution to Drugs and Addiction* by Christina Dent. In this book, Dent shares her story as a foster-mom of seeing first-hand the harms of addiction and the criminalization of addiction. *Curious* tells the story of how her interest in the best way to reduce harm from drugs. This book is 233 pages long; a limited number of free copies are available to those committed to reading it.

As an added bonus, the author herself will be joining us for our discussion on July 24th. Christina is a friend and fellow alumnus of Belhaven University with Pastor Trey. The discussion will be held at the home of Lola Summers.

Sunday Night Youth Fellowship

Food, Fun, and Fellowship for 6th–12th Grades

Youth are invited to join us this evening at the Darbonnes for food, fun, and fellowship. Until school resumes, we meet from 5:30–7:30pm. Pastor Trey is leading the youth through a study on "What We Believe." You can find the Darbonnes at 16372 Joe Sevario in Prairieville.

New Sermon Series Beginning July 28

1 Timothy: Building a Biblical Church

The Christian Church is the Body and Bride of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and the Father's Vineyard, the planting of the Lord. As such, the Church is a living, breathing, organic thing. It is a relational thing. And, it is a structural thing. As we seek to build together a church that is pleasing to the Lord and faithful to his word, we should take a look at 1 Timothy. Here we will find all the basic building blocks—or fertilizer—or principles of family-life to help us develop our church into a mature, healthy family of faith.

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