ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 22, 2026

9:30 & 11:00A.M.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

The bells ring three times to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Riverchase Chancel Ringers; Jessica Kaufhold, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP (SUNG) Daniel deShazo

Leader: When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart. When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart.

People: When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart. When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart.

† **HYMN NO. 514** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* WEBB

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed Rev. Nancy Harper

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;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

† **GLORIA PATRI** GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

WELCOME Rev. Tony Johnson

MEET & GREET Rev. Tony Johnson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

Children's Church (11:00 only): Children ages 3 years old – 1st grade are invited at this time to go with our Children's Ministry leader to Room 160. Please make sure your children are wearing their name tags. We will not have Children's Church on the 1st Sunday of the month.

ANTHEM *Toccata on King's Weston* arr. Matthew Compton
Riverchase Chancel Ringers; Jessica Kaufhold, Director

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP VOWS (9:30)
Taylor, Joe, and Russell Nieder

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Leader: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *Joe and Russell,* now before you in your care?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that *Joe and Russell,* surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

(SUNG RESPONSE)
Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

PASTORAL PRAYER (9:30) Rev. Reid Turner
(11:00) Rev. Nancy Harper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 451 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
(Please Remain Seated)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart:
naught be all else to me; save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tony Johnson

OFFERTORY *If You Search With All Your Heart* Craig Courtney

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

† **DOXOLOGY** HAMBURG

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Tony Johnson

SERMON Where Should You Start? Rev. Tony Johnson
Big Faith Starts with Simple Words
Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13
Pew Bible: NT 6

† **HYMN NO.297** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

During this hymn, we invite you to be in a time of prayer. If so led, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to pray.

† **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

† **BENEDICTION** Rev. Tony Johnson

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

† **POSTLUDE** *The God of Abraham Praise* arr. Michael Burkhardt

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† Congregation stands, **Bold** congregation read aloud, ***Bold Italic*** congregation sings.

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Musicians
Daniel deShazo, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Walt Rogers, Organ
Kathy Wallace, Piano
Sanctuary Choir
Riverchase Chancel Ringers; Jessica Kaufhold, Director

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of all our friends, staff and Ministers at RUMC
David and Kay Taggart

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This week's Lickin' Good Donuts are given anonymously for the Joy of Christ.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Glenn and Amy Morgan and family on the death of Glenn's 101-year-old mother, Elease McGowan Morgan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For all upcoming events please visit our website
www.riverchaseumc.org/news/

John Ray's Celebration of Life

Saturday, February 28 at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary, with visitation to follow.

Riverchase Men's 2026 Kickoff

Date: February 24

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Brock's Gap Brewery

Board of Stewards Meeting

There will be a Board of Stewards meeting on Thursday, February 26 at 6:00PM in the office Upper Room

For a current list of all prayer concerns visit
www.riverchaseumc.org/prayers/

WELCOME

We're so glad that you've chosen Riverchase UMC today where our mission is to Share the Joy of Christ. If you'd like to know more about Riverchase UMC, we invite you to visit our website at Riverchaseumc.org or email Ruth Howald at RuthH@riverchaseumc.org. If you'd prefer to talk to someone then feel free to call the church office at 205-987-4030.

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NURSERY

Beginning with our youngest friends, at 6 weeks old, and ending with 2-year olds, we begin laying the foundations of faith with song, dance, bubbles, laughter, and love! Our nursery workers are happy to provide a safe, loving, and secure nursery for your child from 9:30 AM - 12:15 PM.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:30AM, children (3K to 5th grade) explore the Bible through interactive lessons, stories, crafts, games, and hands-on learning in Riverchase's Sunday School classes for children. These engaging lessons assist parents in providing a foundation of faith.

Parents must check children in and out of classrooms. Look for our Children's Ministry Assistants on Sunday morning to help you find your child's classroom.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9:20-9:30 AM - Drop off in Sunday School Classroom
9:35 AM - All classes gather in the Children's Worship Center for Large Group
10:00 AM - All classes return to their classrooms for Small Group
10:30 AM - Pick up in Sunday School Classroom

WAYS TO GIVE

Automatic Bank Draft:
Set up a monthly recurring ACH gift with the church office or use services provided by your bank for automated giving.

Online Giving:
Use our website riverchaseumc.org/give to set up a one-time or recurring payment from your bank account, credit card or debit card.

Cash or Check:
You may place your cash or check in the offering plates as they are passed or mail to the church office.

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Our mission is to make disciples by Sharing the Joy of Christ!

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