

THIS WEEK AT THREE RIVERS

October 4th - October 11th

Sunday, October 11th

Kids and Youth Sunday School @ 9am

Adult Sunday School @ 9am

Sunday Worship @ 10:00am

Congregational Meeting | Right after worship

Women's Ministry: ACTS Bible Study @ 6pm | Back rooms in the church

C.R.E.W. @ 6pm | Three Rivers Church

Sunday, October 18th

No Sunday School due to Fall Break

Sunday Worship @ 10:00am

Women's Ministry: ACTS Bible Study @ 6pm | TBD

No C.R.E.W. due to Fall Break



THREE RIVERS
Presbyterian Church

Knowing God and Making Him Known



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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Lord's Day Worship
October 11th, 2026

Welcome!

We are so glad you are worshipping with us today. Three Rivers is a community of saved sinners, who have been redeemed by God's amazing grace. If you are visiting with us today, we would love to connect with you. Please scan the QR code to fill out a connect card (or fill out a connect card located in the back of a chair and place it in the basket during the offering). We will reach out to answer any questions you have, provide more information about the church, and add you to our weekly emails.



Worship



Our worship service tells the story of the gospel. A gospel-centered worship service produces a gospel-centered people. If there are elements of the worship service that are unfamiliar to you, that is okay. We encourage folks to worship with us at least four or five times before deciding whether this is the church for you. The more familiar you get with our liturgy (the order of service), the more you will see how it tells the story of God's grace, renews our relationship with him, and transforms us into the image of Christ.

Request Prayer

How can we pray for you? The Apostle Paul says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:4). Our pastor and elders would love to pray for you. Please use this QR code to share your prayer requests with us.



Giving



When we give, we demonstrate our gratitude to God, and we declare that God is more valuable to us than money. Our offerings are an expression of worship to him. You may give by placing your offering in the basket during the service or by scanning this QR code to give online. If you are visiting with us today, there is no obligation to give.

Sermon Questions for Further Study:

1. Paul points to an elder's family life as evidence of his spiritual maturity. What is one way you can more intentionally demonstrate Christlike love, faithfulness, or spiritual leadership in your home this week?
2. Paul warns against arrogance and quick temper. When someone disagrees with you, frustrates you, or challenges your preferences, what tends to be your first reaction, and how could you respond in a way that better reflects Jesus?
3. Paul describes a godly leader as self-controlled and disciplined. What area of your life is most difficult for you to manage with godly discipline, and what practical change could help you grow in that area?
4. Paul teaches that godly leaders should be hospitable and love what is good. Who in your life might need encouragement or practical help right now, and what could you do this week to meet that need?
5. Paul explains that elders must hold firmly to God's Word so they can teach the truth. When you encounter an idea about God or the Christian faith that conflicts with the Bible, how do you determine what is true, and how can you respond with both conviction and love?

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YOU'RE UP! See if you are volunteering at Three Rivers next Sunday.

October 18th, 2026

Audio/Visual: TBD
Greeters: Mary Richardson
Nursery: The Couch Family

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"It is a great comfort to the saints in all their afflictions to know that they have a Redeemer living in heaven."

- Thomas Manton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 46:9-11; 45:22-23

Leader: The Lord says, "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done..."

People: The Lord has spoken and he will bring it to pass; he has purposed, and he will do it.

Leader: Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

People: Every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall swear allegiance to the Lord.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
(LYRICS ON PAGE 4)

The call to worship is God's gracious invitation to worship him. This reminds us that we do not approach God on our own terms. He initiates and we respond. Biblical worship is a dialogue, where God calls his people and we respond in praise, confession, thanksgiving, and trust.

Congregation reads bold print.

We respond to God's call to worship with prayer, invoking his presence and asking for his help to enable us to worship him with reverence, joy and faith.

SONG OF ADORATION
PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

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Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for all we adore Him

SENDING

Now let us go forth in peace as sons and daughters of the King
of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

People: Thanks be to God!

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to
shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his
countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the benediction, God
sends his people into the
world with the assurance that
they belong to him, bear his
name and have been
strengthened for the work to
which he has called them.

SONG OF RESPONSE
BY FAITH

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By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise
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Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

We join with Christians
throughout history and
around the world in reciting
the historic creeds,
confessions, and catechisms
of the Christian faith. The
confession of faith reminds
us of what we believe and
builds us up in the truth.

Confession of sin is the
natural response to being
confronted with the holiness
of God (Isa. 6:5). We confess
our sins because it renews
our relationship with God
and gives us peace through
Jesus (1 John 1:8-9; Ps. 32:3-4).

CONFESSION OF FAITH

WSC Q. 96

Leader: What is the Lord's Supper?

People: The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

James 4:8-10

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

We pause for a moment of private, silent confession.

The assurance of pardon is God's declaration that if we have sincerely confessed our sin, then we have peace with him through Jesus' life, death and resurrection (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 8:1).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken
(LYRICS ON PAGE 7)

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. The Bible is our ultimate rule for faith and practice (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).

READING FROM GOD’S WORD

1 Peter 5:1-11

¹ So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain,

but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE
CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson
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Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore (X2)

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

We give to God his tithes
and our offerings as a
testimony that everything we
have belongs to God and
should be stewarded for his
purposes. By giving
cheerfully and freely we
participate in the expansion
of God’s kingdom work (2
Cor. 9:7; Acts 20:35).

The Lord’s Supper was
instituted by the Lord Jesus
Christ on the night before his
crucifixion. We partake of this
meal in remembrance of
Christ’s death on the cross.
The broken bread and the
cup represent Christ’s
broken body and shed blood
for the sake of our salvation.
However, the Lord’s Supper
is more than a memorial. In it
we also enjoy spiritual
fellowship with Christ himself
who is present through the
Holy Spirit. By partaking of
the bread and the cup, we
not only proclaim our
salvation hope in Christ, but
we also enjoy communion
with him, which nourishes
our faith and enables us to
grow in grace.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

There are four ways to give:

- In the basket during the service
- By mail, to PO Box 451029, Grove OK 74345
- Online at www.3riverspca.com
- Through the Tithe.ly app

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The minister will say: Christ, our Passover lamb, has been
sacrificed for us! Hallelujah!

And the people respond: **Hallelujah!**

*We practice open communion, which means that all believing,
baptized Christians, who are a member or regular attender of this or
another congregation are welcome to receive the bread and the cup.
The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. The bread is gluten free.
We come up the center aisle, receive the elements, take them with us
back to our seats, and then partake all together.*

*If you are not a believer, we are so glad you’re here! But we do ask that
you not partake of the elements, since scripture warns against taking
them in an unworthy manner. Please feel free to stay seated. The pastor
or elders would love to talk to you about what it means to follow Christ.*

SONGS OF RESPONSE

Christ is Mine Forevermore
By Faith
(LYRICS ON PAGES 11-12)

SONG OF ASSURANCE
JESUS I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

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Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I’ve sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own

Man may trouble and distress me,
Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o’er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father’s smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven’s eternal days before thee,
God’s own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days.
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Prayer is an expression of our dependence on God’s grace to supply all our needs.

The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation (WSC Q.89).

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Titus 1:5-9

⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— ⁶ if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. ⁷ For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, ⁸ but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. ⁹ He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

(Notes available on pg. 9)

“Above Reproach” | Rev. Spencer Murphy | Titus 1:5-9

Sermon in a sentence: A healthy church is led by qualified leaders.

I. An elder must be above reproach in his family life (vv.5-6)

II. An elder must be above reproach in his character (vv. 7-8)

III. An elder must be faithful to sound doctrine (v. 9)
